



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston



The Parish Press

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Let Us Worship

*Let us worship with our eyes and ears and fingertips:
Let us love the world through heart and mind and body.*

*We feed our eyes upon the mystery and revelation in
the faces of our brothers and sisters.*

*We seek to know the wistfulness of the very young and
the very old, the wistfulness of people in all times
of life.*

*We seek to understand the shyness behind arrogance,
the fear behind pride, the tenderness behind
clumsy strength, the anguish behind cruelty.*

*All life flows into a great common life, if we will only
open our eyes to our companions.*

*Let us worship, not in bowing down, not with closed
eyes and stopped ears.*

*Let us worship with the opening of all the windows of
our beings, with the full outstretching of our spirits.*

*Life comes with singing and laughter, with tears and
confiding, with a rising wave too great to be held in
the mind and heart and body, to those who have
fallen in love with life.*

Let us worship, and let us learn to love.

by Kenneth L. Patton

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9-10 *Field Day*
9 am to 4 pm
- 9-11 *Church & Sunday School begin*
- 9-25 *Annual Meeting*
11 am
- 10-2 *Food Collection Begins*
- 10-21 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 10-22 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale*
9 am to 2 pm
- 11-5 *Vendor Fair: 9 am to 1 pm*
- 11-20 *Thanksgiving Farmer's Market*
Williamsville Chapel
12 noon to 3 pm
Food Collection Ends
- 11-24 to 26 *Laurel Wreath Making*
9 am to 4 pm
- 12-2 *Gingerbread Fair Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 12-3 *Gingerbread Fair*
9 am to 3 pm
- 12-4 *Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet*
5:30 pm
- 12-18 *Children's Play & Party*
10 am
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve Service*
5 pm

RE Director: Nancy Hubbard

Church 10:00 am
Sunday School 9:00 am

How to contact us:

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Church Phone:
978-928-5822



Websites:
www.hubbardstonunitarian.org
www.uua.org
www.cbd.uua.org

A Note From Our RE Director - This year we have a very small expected enrollment in the Sunday School Program. If you are intending to join us, please, please contact me so we can work something out. I am in the process of meeting with the parents and coming up with some alternative ideas – something on the lines of a youth group, that encompasses life lessons, community fun and a civic service side of things. We will be creating a schedule that works around the kid's activities, but still allows us to get together at least once or twice a month. Believe me, whatever it will be – it will be FUN!! We will still meet on the first scheduled Sunday School Day, in hopes that others will join us and help us make a plan together. See you there!!! *Nancy*

The Annual Community Giving Campaign for the 2011-2012 Church year is now underway – This annual appeal helps to determine the programs and projects this Church will be able to offer in the next fiscal year. Please return your community gift or pledge forms as soon as possible. We are very grateful for the financial support received during this campaign. With your help we are able to continue our ministry, Sunday School, community involvement, and preserve our building. You may mail your tax deductible contributions to the Church at P.O. Box 509. For further information on giving and membership, please contact any Parish Committee Member.

Visit our Booth at Field Day – Saturday, September 10th we will have a table at the Annual Lion's Club Field Day from 9 am – 3 pm at Curtis Field on Rt. 68. The "Basket Square" Country Quilt will be on display and chances may be purchased. The quilt will be raffled off at the Gingerbread Fair on December 4th. Available for purchase are homemade jams and jellies, hand packed spices, knitted goods and the Fall 2011 Round of 1-20 Club tickets. Be sure to pick up a copy of our Church 2011-12 schedule of events. Information on Sunday School will also be available. Again this year the Church will be sponsoring a baby contest beginning at 10 am.

Sunday School & Sunday Services Resume – Sunday September 11th, services will resume at 10 am and Sunday School at 9 am. Sunday services include singing, children's story, prayer, sharing of joys & sorrows, visiting guest ministers and speakers. Our Sunday School includes traditional Bible stories, beliefs, plays, and fun in a religious educational format. Nancy Hubbard is our Religious Education Director and you may reach her at 978-928-5964. We welcome her back this year, and thank her for her devotion to our children and this program.

Annual Meeting – September 25th – The Annual meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, September 25th, directly after church. The agenda includes election of officers, presentation of annual reports, membership review, ministerial concerns and new and old business.

Please try to attend this meeting. It is an important part of our Church government.

Prepare for Fair Meeting – Lots of planning goes into our Gingerbread Fair to be held on Saturday, December 3rd. The pre-fair meeting will be held on Wednesday October 5th at 7 pm in the vestry. Fair chairs will be chosen, people may volunteer to staff tables, set up and clean up and sign up for other tasks needed to be done that day.

Fall Indoor Yard Sale – Saturday, October 22nd is our Fall Indoor Yard Sale at 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Donations for the Chinese Auction Table are always welcome. You can find treasures at every table: white elephant, books & puzzles, toys & games, clothing, jams & jellies, knitting and chances for the "Basket Square" Country Quilt will be sold. The Spice Shoppe will be open. Our famous Church Lady Luncheon of soup, sandwiches and homemade baked goods will be served all day. This is a great place to get your Halloween duds. Donations of gently used items for all other tables can be dropped off on Friday night, October 21ST from 7 – 9 pm.

Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series – Beginning for a fifth year and back by popular demand, is our series of musical presentations on the second Sunday of the month taking place during our Church service at 10 am. Each musician or group will perform for about 20 minutes as part of the worship service. This is a nondenominational service. Please contact Carol Whitney if you would like to do a performance or know someone else that would like to perform.



- Oct 16th** *Thomas DiBuono, Guitarist/Vocalist*
- Nov 13th** *Gayle Picard, Guitarist/Vocalist*
- Dec 4th** *Pioneer Valley Brass, Vesper Service*
- Jan 8th** *Fiddler's Garden, Violin, Guitar, Vocals*
- Feb 12th** *Resurrection Brass, Brass Quintet*
- Mar 11th** *Chair City Pipers, Acapella*

All Second Sunday Visiting Musician programs are at 10 am except Dec. 4th which is at 5:30 pm.

Halloween Sunday, October 30th – Nancy Hubbard and Carol Kelley will be giving a special Halloween Sunday School and Church Service, so make this your first early morning Trick or Treat stop. For the evening be sure you put the Church on the list for one of your Trick or Treat stops. Please contact the Hubbardston Police Department closer to the date for the exact time of Trick or Treat. Church members, again this year, will be passing out candy from the Church. We are always looking for candy donations. About 400 Trick or Treaters come each year. Our Sunday School kids will be collecting for UNICEF. Donations are always welcome.

Vendor Fair – The Church will be hosting the Vendor Fair Saturday, November, 5th from 9 am – 1 pm for the fourth year. It is an “At Home Party” shopping extravaganza. Vendor space is available. Please contact Stephanie LeBlanc at 978-928-1160 or e-mail her at sleblanc_pc@hotmail.com to reserve your space. Our famous “Church Lady Luncheon” of soup, sandwiches and homemade baked goodies will be served all day. Anyone attending is encouraged to bring a non perishable food item and drop it in the box in the entryway for our Community Food Collection.

Thanksgiving Farmer’s Market – Sunday, November 20th from 12 noon – 3 pm. The Hubbardston Historical Society will hold its fifth annual market at the historic Williamsville Chapel on Burnshirt Road. Locally grown foods to grace your Thanksgiving table will be sold, including fresh organically grown vegetables, baked goods and treats. Come early!! The Church will have a table with jams & jellies and seasonal decorations made from locally grown earth products.

A Great Day at Roger Williams Zoo - The Sunday School and Church members enjoyed a full day on May 7th, 2011 at the zoo. Lots to see, ate picnic lunches together, and most of all visiting with each other and watching our younger children mingle around. Does anyone have any suggestions for next year?

Fall 2011 Round of 1-20 TICKETS ON SALE NOW – Each ticket is \$20. Weekly drawings for \$50 will be drawn for 12 weeks. The drawings are held on Sunday at the Church. In addition to the 12 weekly drawings, there are 4 drawings done the final week for: 1st Prize – \$150, 2nd Prize – \$100, 3rd Prize – \$100 and 4th Prize – \$50. The winners for the Spring 2011 round were: \$50 - Linda Glancey, Robert Everett, Val Robinson, Lorna Rivers, Dan McHugh, Bill & Betty Bumpus, Jim Dunbar, Asta Anderson, Joan Johnson, Dave Kenney, Vickie Blakely and Nancy Hubbard. The final \$50 winner was Sue Vaida. The final \$100 winners were Lori Prentiss & Bette Prentiss. The final \$150 winner was Johanna Henning. Thank you all for your continued support. We will be selling tickets at Field Day on Sept 10th or contact Barbara (978-928-4475) to purchase a ticket. This money benefits our Restoration and Renovation fund.

Take Me Out To The Ball Game Winner! – The lucky winner of this year’s Red Sox ticket raffle was the Brekka family from Hubbardston. We drew the winning ticket on May 15th, 2011 for 2 people to attend the game at Fenway Park. We know they enjoyed the Red Sox vs. Brewers game on June 18th at 7 pm. The score was 4 to 2, a win for the Brewers. Despite the loss the Brekka family had a good time.



Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free Concert – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer

Valley Brass Quintet on Sunday December 4th at 5:30 pm. The quintet includes trumpets, horns, trombones and a tuba. The concert includes an array of our favorite holiday songs. These services are given to any church desiring a musical service of high quality at the vesper hour. This musical organization was formed when the towns of the Quabbin Reservoir were flooded. The First Universalist Parish of Dana established a trust fund to keep the memory of North Dana and their church alive. Light refreshments to follow.

Flowers for Sunday Services – Placing flowers in the Sanctuary, on the altar, is a unique and tender way to celebrate a special occasion, mark an important milestone or remember a loved one. If you and your family would like to provide flowers for a Sunday Service, please call the Church and leave a message with your name, date of service and the occasion or mark the flower calendar on the downstairs bulletin board.

“Basket Square” Country Quilt – This year’s quilt has again been made by Carol Whitney. It is a traditional “Basket Square” Country quilt that will be raffled off at the 2011 Gingerbread Fair December 3rd. It is 85” x 85”, hand quilted and pieced in shades of blues, reds, greens and browns with tan background pieces. This quilt is finished with a bold picture frame border. The backing is a neutral slate blue. The pattern is one that was used by the “Underground Railroad” in the 1800’s. The colors and block placement make it complimentary to any décor. You may see it and purchase tickets at Field Day and our other fall events, from Church members or the Parish Committee. We will be enclosing tickets in our next issue of the *Parish Press*. This is a must see, one of a kind quilt. Chances for the quilt are \$2/1 and \$5/3.

Wish List at the Church – Please contact the Parish Committee if you are able to help with this.

ITEM	#	COST	TOTAL
Folding Tables	10	65	650
Fire Proof File cab..	1	1000	1000
Building Drainage			Unknown
Sanctuary Fire Sensors			Unknown
Volunteers			Priceless
Lawn Mower	1	400	400
Entrance way carpeting			750
Jelly Jars (8 oz.)	30 cs	7	210

Community Food Collection - Beginning Sunday, October 2nd and ending Sunday November 20th, the Church will be collecting food to be given out to Hubbardston families in need. You may drop off your canned and non-perishable foods any time the Church is open, or call 978-928-5822 to make arrangements. Donations of frozen turkeys to complete the Thanksgiving meal are also accepted. Please call the Church to make arrangements for freezer space.

Jams & Jellies – Church ladies: Barbara Hubbard, June Hubbard-Ward, Abby Taylor and Mary Taylor have been busy picking and processing all kinds of native fruit to make delicious jams & jellies. Grape, Elderberry, Crabapple, Currant, Blackberry, Raspberry, Black Raspberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, Gooseberry, Pear, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Rhubarb and Peach are on the list of favorites. Please recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars by returning them to the Church. Special thanks go out to all our neighbors and friends that have let the ladies pick at all their secret patches and to all who donated jars and ingredients.

New Members – The more the merrier so they say. If you or your friends have not joined or may be interested in joining our diverse religious community, please get in touch with a member of the Parish Committee.

Looking for your e-mails – Please send your email address to cwdoane@charter.net. We want to continue to provide you with any new events that have not been listed in our 2011-12 schedules. You may also visit us at our web site at www.hubbardstonunitarian.org and on facebook.

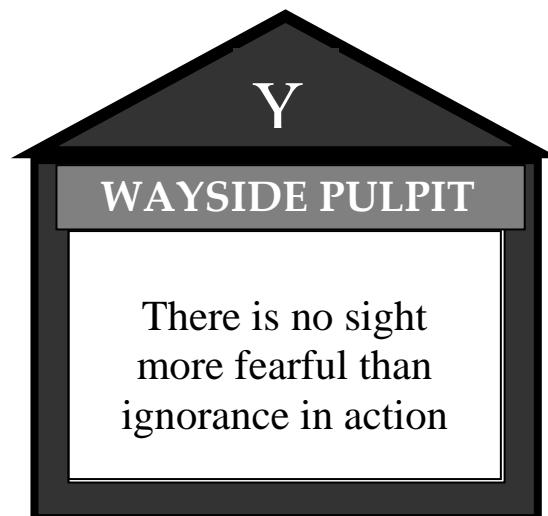
Parish Committee – The Parish Committee continues to be very busy. They meet every Wednesday at 4 pm at the Church and have been working out the details of the many issues that the Church has to deal with. If you need to contact any of them please refer to the following list or come to a meeting. This committee is looking for one more member.

Carol Whitney: Pres.	978-928-3748
Barbara Hubbard: Treas.	978-928-4475
Cyndy Washburn-Doane: VP	978-928-4866
Mary Taylor: Clerk	978-928-4289

Fuel Assistance – With the high cost of fuel oil, many folks could use help paying their fuel bill. The fuel assistance office for North Central Massachusetts is located at 473 Main St, 3rd Floor, Fitchburg, MA. For eligibility information call: 978-342-4520

Knitting Night - Over the years I have been asked many times from lots of different people if I could teach them to knit – NOW is your chance. I am going to be available on Wednesday evenings at the church for that very purpose. Let's start on Wed., September 14th at 7 pm. If you already know how to knit, would like to get better at it, need help fixing something or figuring out a pattern – I can help you, too. If you are a beginner, you should come with a pair of size 8 straight knitting needles and a skein of light colored yarn – Red Heart is a good brand to learn with. Light colored yarn makes it easier to see what you are doing, but I wouldn't use white – it gets dirty easy. If you just want to come up and knit and visit, please join us. Depending on the level of interest, we could meet every week or every other – it will depend on the group. If you are interested or have any questions, please e-mail me at hopkinson34@charter.net or call 928-5964. Nancy

Church Pianist Wanted - The First Parish Unitarian Church is looking for a person to play our grand piano for our Sunday morning service at 10 am plus Christmas Eve. The applicant must be able to sight-read. This paid position is great for High School students, retirees or someone who just likes to play the piano. The position will begin on September 11, 2011. Please send letters of interest to: The First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston, P.O. Box 509, Hubbardston MA 01452





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Coming Events 2011 – 2012

September 10 th , Saturday	Field Day, Rt. 68	9 am – 4 pm
September 11 th , Sunday	Sunday School begins Church Services resume	9 am 10 am
September 25 th , Sunday	Annual Meeting	11 am
October 2 nd , Sunday	Food collection begins	9 am
October 22 nd , Saturday	Fall Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
November 5 th , Saturday	Vendor Fair	9 am – 1 pm
November 20 th , Sunday	Thanksgiving Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel Food Collection ends	12 noon – 3 pm
December 3 rd , Saturday	Gingerbread Fair	9 am – 3 pm
December 4 th , Sunday	Dana Brass Concert	5:30 pm
December 18 th , Sunday	Children's Christmas Play & Party	10 am
December 24 th , Saturday	Christmas Eve Service	5 pm
February 12 th , Sunday	Valentine Card Making	11:30 am
April 8 th , Sunday	Easter Service	10 am
April 21 st , Saturday	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
May 6 th , Sunday	Recognition Service	10 am
May 20 th , Sunday	Children's Sunday Potluck Brunch	10 am 11 am
June TBA	Town wide Yard Sale	8 am – 2 pm

For additional events go to our website hubbardstonunitarian.org or watch local papers and cable TV

“Prepare for Fair” workshop dates

October 21 st , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 pm – 9 pm
November 16 th , Wednesday	Berry Bowl Making	6 pm
November 20 th , Sunday	Cemetery Basket Assembly	12 noon
November 24-26, Fri/Sat/Sun	Laurel Wreath Making	9 am – 3 pm
December 2 nd , Friday	Gingerbread Fair Set up	7 – 9 pm
April 4 th , Wednesday	Sanctuary cleaning	6 pm
April 20 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm



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2011/2012 RELIGIOUS ED/CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER		11	18	25	
		Sunday School Church	Sunday School Church	Sunday School Church Annual Meeting	
OCTOBER	2	9	16	23	30
	Sunday School Church	No Church Columbus Day	SSVM Tom DiBuono Coffee Hour	Sunday School Church	Sunday School Church Lay Service
NOVEMBER	6	13	20	27	
	Sunday School Church	SSVM Gail Picard Coffee Hour	Church Potluck	No Church Thanksgiving Holiday	
DECEMBER	4	11	18	25	
	Sunday School No Church Dana Brass 5:30 pm	Sunday School Church	Children's Play & Party 24 Christ. Eve 5:00 PM	No Church Merry Christmas	
JANUARY	1	8	15	22	29
	No Church Happy New Year	SSVM Fiddler's Garden Coffee Hour	Church Potluck	Sunday School Church	Sunday School Church
FEBRUARY	5	12	19	26	
	Sunday School Church	SSVM Resurrection Brass Coffee Hour	No Church Presidents Week/ Vacation	Sunday School Church	
MARCH	4	11	18	25	
	Sunday School Church	SSVM Chair City Pipers Coffee Hour	Sunday School Church	Sunday School Church	
APRIL	1	8	15	22	29
	Sunday School Palm Sunday Church	Easter Coffee Hour	No Church Patriots Day/ Vacation	Sunday School Church	Sunday School Church
MAY	6	13	20		
	Sunday School Church Recognition Serv	Sunday School Church Mother's Day	Children's Day Potluck		

NOTES:

Church is at 10 am and Sunday School is at 9 am.

SSVMS is Second Sunday Visiting Musician Series which will be held at 10 am

Potlucks will be brunch at 11 am if no other time is noted.

