



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston



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“A Day”

Do we really apprehend what a day is? Do we feel its importance? Do we know its capacity?

It has risen upon us from the great depth of eternity, girt round with wonder; emerging from the womb of darkness; a new creation of Life and Light spoken into being by the word of God.

In itself one entire and perfect sphere of space and time, filled and emptied of the sun.

Every past generation is represented in it—it is the flowering of all history.

And in so much it is richer and better than all other days which have preceded it.

And we have been recreated to new opportunities with new powers;

Called to this utmost promontory of actual time, this centre of all converging life.

And it is for to-day’s work we have been endowed—it is for this that we are pressed and surrounded with these facilities.

The sum of our entire being is concentrated here and to-day is all the time we absolutely have. Celebrate today.

-Naomi King

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9-6 *Field Day*
9 am to 4 pm
- 9-7 *Church begins*
- 9-28 *Annual Meeting*
11 am
- 10-5 *Food Collection Begins*
- 10-24 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 10-25 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale*
9 am to 2 pm
- 11-23 *Thanksgiving Farmer’s Market*
Williamsville Chapel
12 noon to 3 pm
Food Collection Ends
- 11-28 to 11-30 *Laurel Wreath Making*
9 am to 4 pm
- 12-5 *Gingerbread Fair Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 12-6 *Gingerbread Fair*
9 am to 3 pm
- 12-13 *Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet*
5:30 pm
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve Service*
5 pm

Pianist: Hallie Martin

Church 10:00 am

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The Annual Community Giving Campaign for the 2014-2015 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, 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 6th 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 "Bow Tie" Country Quilt will be on display and chances may be purchased. The quilt will be raffled off at the Gingerbread Fair on December 6th. We will also be selling tickets for our cord wood raffle that will be drawn on October 25th, at 2 pm, at the end of the Fall In Door Yard Sale. Available for purchase are homemade jams and jellies, hand packed spices, knitted goods and the Fall 2014 Round of 1-20 Club tickets. Be sure to pick up a copy of our Church 2014-15 Schedule of events. Again this year the Church will be sponsoring a Baby Contest beginning at 10 am, near the Bandstand.

Baby Contest – Calling all babies from infant to 2 years old – At 10 am on Field Day September 6th, we will be holding a Baby Contest near the Bandstand. The categories are King, Queen, youngest, biggest blue eyes, biggest green eyes, biggest brown eyes, fastest crawler, baldest, best smile, shyest, curliest hair, rosiest cheeks, shyest and sleepest. Judges will be Jennifer Gaucher (R) and Matthew Castriotta (D) who are both running for the open State Representative seat. Prizes will be awarded to the King and Queen. Certificates will be given for each of the categories. There is no entrance fee.

Sunday Services Resume – Sunday September 7th, services will resume at 10 AM. Sunday services include singing, prayer, sharing of joys & sorrows, visiting guest ministers and speakers.

Annual Meeting – September 28th – The Annual meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, September 28th, 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. This is the most important meeting for our Church governance. It will also be a Pot Luck Sunday.

Pulpit Speakers – The First Parish Unitarian Church has many similarities to other small New England churches. We are a very old, small congregation in size,

very active in keeping our services available to everyone, and we have no settled minister. This fact allows us to have an eclectic selection of speakers in the pulpit. This Church calendar year we continue this selection with a grouping of semi-retired ordained ministers, Masters of Divinity, Students of Divinity, and Lay persons. Not to leave out our Second Sunday Visiting Musician Series where music is the sermon. Our speakers reflect on many topics. Topics are drawn from the news, seasonal importance, personal, and biblical inspiration that will encourage us to look inward and outside of ourselves in our daily lives. The popularity of this is reflected by our increased attendance. What follows is the schedule of the first few months of Pulpit Speakers. Come join us, not just on Christmas and Easter but all year long.

Sept.	7th	<i>Lisa Kirk</i>
	21st	<i>Rev. Eliza Blanchard</i>
	28th	<i>Elizabeth Siwo-Okundi</i>
Oct.	5th	<i>Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau</i>
	19th	<i>Elizabeth Siwo-Okundi</i>
	26th	<i>Lisa Kirk</i>
Nov.	2nd	<i>Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau</i>
	9th	<i>Veteran's Day Lay Service</i>
	16th	<i>Andrew Tripp</i>
	23rd	<i>Rev. Eliza Blanchard</i>

Pianist – We are welcoming a new Pianist this year. Her name is Hallie Martin. She is a sophomore at Wachusett Regional High School and a student of our former pianist, Chris Bergquist.

Prepare for Fair Meeting – Lots of planning goes into our Gingerbread Fair to be held on Saturday, December 6th. The pre-fair meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20th directly after Church 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.

Cord of Wood Raffle – The Church is continuing our cord of wood raffle. The drawing will be held at the Fall In-Door Yard Sale on October 25th at 2 pm. We have enclosed 4 tickets for the cord wood raffle. Chances are \$3/1 and \$10/4. Please return the sold ticket stubs or mail them to P.O. Box 509 before October 25th.

Fall Indoor Yard Sale – Saturday, October 25th is our Fall Indoor Yard Sale from 9 am – 2 pm. Donations for the Chinese Auction Table are always welcome. Donations: Each item must be in good condition, clothing, books, CDs, puzzles, household & kitchen items, linens, toys, decorative items, sporting items, collectibles and jewelry. We will be accepting donations on Friday night, October 24th from 7 – 9 pm and let the sorting begin! Please: no car seats, cribs, PCs or outdated electronics. We will have for sale our huge array of jams & jellies, knitting, spices and chances for

the "Bow Tie" Country Quilt will be sold. The quilt raffle will be drawn at the Gingerbread Fair. Also, our cord wood raffle which will be drawn that day at 2 pm. This will be your last chance to get in on the cord wood raffle. 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. Indoor Yard Sale activities are a good opportunity for inter-generational fellowship. It is a great time to fulfill community service requirement. Please call Carol at 978-928-3748 to arrange times. JOIN US! We have a lot of fun! We don't mind if you just "walk in" as we are always happy to see a new face. Any length of time you can help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work for all.

Trick or Treat at the Church Friday, October 31st. 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 will be passing out candy at the Church. We are always looking for candy donations. About 400 Trick or Treaters come to our front door each year.

Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series – Beginning for a seventh 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. All Second Sunday Visiting Musician programs are at 10 AM except Dec. 13th which is at 5:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Farmer's Market – Sunday, November 24th from 12 noon – 3 pm The Hubbardston Historical Society will hold its 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, tickets for our "Bow Tie" country quilt raffle and seasonal decorations made from locally grown earth products.

"Bow Tie" Country Quilt – The Bow Tie Quilt was the seventh quilt displayed on the fence to teach slaves how to escape to freedom. It was a directive for them to dress in a formal manner. The triangular quadrants on the Bow Tie block indicate morning, midday, evening, and night. It is also known as Broken Dishes. When the pattern is turned on its side, an hourglass is created, which is a symbol of time well managed. It also implies you are among friends.

This colorful quilt is done in shades of red, brown, green, and blue, with tan background pieces. The

simple hand quilting sets off the overall pattern of the Bow Ties. The backing material and binding are done in tans to compliment the colors of the top of the quilt. This 84" x 96" quilt is just right for any home and is an heirloom for the future.

Tickets may be purchased at Field Day, Fall Indoor Yard Sale, and the Gingerbread Fair. The tickets are \$3.00 for one and \$10.00 for four. The drawing of the winning ticket will be Dec. 6, The Gingerbread Fair.

Spring 1-20 Club Winners – Spring 2014 \$50 winners were:

1. Linda LaMontagne & William Heald
2. Anne Robinson
3. Dot Suojanen
4. Robert Everett
5. Carol Saulnier
6. Dennis O'Donnell
7. Fred Flood
8. Sherry Prescott
9. John MacWilliams
10. Joan Johnson
11. Sue Vaida
12. Roberta Kenda

The final \$50 winner was Fred Flood. The final \$100 winners were Mariann Ward and Dot Suojanen. The final \$150 winner was Dennis O'Donnell. Thank you all for your continued support.

Fall 2014 Round of 1-20 TICKETS ON SALE NOW – Each ticket is \$20. One winner of \$50 will be drawn for each of 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. We will be selling ticket at Field Day or you may contact Barbara Hubbard to purchase a ticket. This money benefits our Restoration and Renovation Fund. This fund was used to make needed repairs to the sanctuary floor over the summer.

Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free Concert – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Saturday December 13th 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.

Community Food Collection – Beginning Sunday, October 5th and ending Sunday, November 23rd, the Church will be collecting food to be given out to Hubbardston families in need. You may drop off your canned and/or 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.

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Newer Upright Freezer	1	??	???
Building Drainage		Unknown	
Sanctuary Fire Sensors		Unknown	
Volunteers		Priceless	
Entrance way carpeting			750
Jelly Jars (8 oz.)	30 cs	8	240

Jams & Jellies – Church ladies: Barbara Hubbard, June Hubbard-Ward, Carol Hubbard-Kelley, Rose Kelley, Brianna Whitney, Betty Bumpus 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, Pear, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Rhubarb and Peach are on the list of favorites. Carol Whitney, Brianna Whitney, June Hubbard-Ward, Carol Hubbard-Kelley and Mary Taylor alternate weeks selling the product each Friday from 3-6:30 PM at the Westminster Farmer’s Market on Academy Hill. Please recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars by returning them to the Church. Special thanks go out to all of our neighbors and friends that have let the ladies pick at all their secret patches and to all who donated jars and ingredients.

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 Club – Wednesday evenings at 7 pm there is a drop-in knitting group at the Church. If you have a project you need help with, would like to try something a little more complicated than what you usually knit, or want to try to knit for the first time, come on by. We are currently a lively group of 6, ranging in age from 14 to 60. We laugh, visit and plan projects. We will meet each week as long as there is interest; even in the summer, with maybe a change of venue once in a while. You can contact Nancy Hubbard at hopkinson34@charter.net or by phone at 978-928-5964. Happy Knitting!

Order of Service – If you want any information in our order of service, please get that information to Carol at caroljwhitney@charter.net or 978-928-3748 by Tuesday of the week you want something posted.

Joys & Concerns – The Church community lost a friend when “Freddy” Kenda passed away recently. Freddy leaves his devoted wife Roberta, daughter Allison and sons Bob and Gary.

Gingerbread Fair – Always the first Saturday in December – This year the fair is Saturday, December 6th from 9 am – 3 pm. Raffles, Auctions, wreaths, holiday baskets, crafts, baked goods, candy are just some of the tables this year. A Swedish meatball luncheon will be served beginning at 11 am. Look for the Holiday Parish Press for more information.

Change Your Address – If you change your address, either U.S. Mail or email, please let us know. You may email Mary at Mjt0123@charter.net or send a written note to the Church at P.O. Box 509, Hubbardston MA 01452. Thank you.

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
Carol Hubbard-Kelley: VP	978-928-4473
Mary Taylor: Clerk	978-928-4289



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Coming Events 2014 – 2015

September 6 th , Saturday	Field Day, Rt. 68	9 am – 4 pm
September 7 th , Sunday	Church Services resume	10 am
September 28 th , Sunday	Annual Meeting Potluck	11 am
October 5 th , Sunday	Food Collection Begins	10 am
October 25 th , Saturday	Fall Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
November 23 rd , Sunday	Thanksgiving Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel Food Collection Ends	12 noon – 3 pm
December 6 th , Saturday	Gingerbread Fair	9 am – 3 pm
December 13 th , Saturday	Dana Brass Concert	5:30 pm
December 24 th , Wednesday	Christmas Eve Service	5 pm
March 29 th , Sunday	Spring Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel	12 noon – 3 pm
April 5 th , Sunday	Easter Service	10 am
April 25 th , Saturday	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
May 3 rd , Sunday	Recognition Service Potluck	10 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 24 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm
November 12 th , Wednesday	Berry Bowl Making	6 pm
November 22 nd , Sunday	Cemetery Basket Assembly	12 noon
November 28, 29, & 30 Fri/Sat/Sun	Laurel Wreath Making	9 am – 3 pm
December 5 th , Friday	Gingerbread Fair Set up	7 – 9 pm
April 1 st , Wednesday	Sanctuary cleaning	6 pm
April 24 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm



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2014/2015 CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	7	14	21	28	
	Church	SSVMS Coffee Hour	Church	Church Annual Meeting Pot Luck	
OCTOBER	5	12	19	26	
	Church	No Church	Church	Church	
NOVEMBER	2	9	16	23	30
	Church	Lay Service Veteran's Sunday Coffee Hour	Church	Church	No Church
DECEMBER	7	14	21	28	
	No Church	Lay Service	No Church 24 Christ. Eve 5:00 PM	No Church	
JANUARY	4	11	18	25	
	Church	Lay Service	Church	Church	
FEBRUARY	1	8	15	22	
	Church	SSVMS Coffee Hour	No Church	Church	
MARCH	1	8	15	22	29
	Church	SSVMS Coffee Hour	Church	Church	Church Palm Sunday
APRIL	5	12	19	26	
	Easter Coffee Hour	SSVMS Coffee Hour	No Church	Church	
MAY	3	10			
	Lay Service Recognition Serv Potluck	Church Mother's Day			

NOTES:

Church is at 10 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.

