



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

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“A Person is a Puzzle”

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Perhaps one we love is no longer with us. Perhaps one talent we desire eludes us. Perhaps a moment that required grace found us clumsy. Sometimes, from the inside, it feels like some pieces are missing.

A person is a puzzle. We are puzzles not only to ourselves but to each other.

A puzzle is a mystery we seek to solve—and the mystery is that we are whole even with our missing pieces. Our missing pieces are empty spaces we might long to fill, empty spaces that make us who we are. The mystery is that we are only what we are—and that what we are is enough.

In the gray stillness of this morning, into the accepting peace of a still sky, let us offer our failings, our inadequacies, into the silence. And let us know that we are accepted, by God and by this company, exactly as we are. Accepted—missing pieces, and all.

Mark Mosher DeWolfe

Important Dates:

- 4-1 *Sanctuary Clean-up*
6 pm
- 4-5 *Easter*
Coffee to follow
10 am
- 4-24 *Indoor Yard Sale Set-up*
7 -9 pm
- 4-25 *Spring Indoor Yard Sale*
9 am - 2 pm
- 5-1 *Westminster Farmer's Mkt*
Opening Day
3 pm – 6:30 pm
- 5-3 *Williamsville Chapel*
Farmer's Market
12 – 3 pm
- 5-3 *Recognition Sunday*
10 am
Potluck
11 am
- 6-? *Town Wide Yard Sale*
8 am - 2 pm

Pianist: Hallie Martin

Church: 10 am

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CHURCH NEWS

Spring Farmers Market at the Williamsville Chapel

– The Hubbardston Historical Society will be holding a Farmers Market at the Williamsville Chapel on Burnshirt Road in Hubbardston on May 3rd from 12 – 3 pm. Our Church will be selling Jams & Jellies. Our Jams include: Peach, Black Raspberry, Strawberry/Rhubarb, Blueberry, and Pear. Our Jellies include: Concord Grape, Crabapple, Currant, Blackberry, Pear, Quince and Elderberry. We will have samples for you to taste. We will also be selling homemade candy. Please



recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars back 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.

Let's Get Ready For Easter – Break out the brooms, mops and cleaning gear. Wednesday, April 1st at 6 pm is our Easter Clean-up. We move into spring by cleaning the sanctuary. All help is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Easter Sunday – Easter services will be held Sunday, April 5th at 10 am, with Rev. Eliza Blanchard delivering the sermon and Hallie Martin playing the piano. Please join us for coffee in the vestry directly after the service.

Upstream Canoe Adventure Presentation – The Penobscot River Restoration Trust is an unlikely coalition of environmental groups, the Penobscot nation, and hydropower interests. They sat down and hammered out a deal that would allow increased power generation with fewer dams, open up 1,000 river miles of spawning habitat for the endangered Atlantic Salmon as well as 10 other sea run species. And perhaps most importantly it helps to restore some of the indigenous fishing rights taken from the Penobscots when annual

spawning was cut off by dams a couple hundred years ago.

Last June Matt Hopkinson started a fundraiser to help with the \$60 million price tag for this solution. His challenge was to ascend the Penobscot River, starting at the Veazie Dam, where spawning fish have been stopped for 200 years, and take his canoe *upstream* 182 miles to the furthest north spot in the headwaters that an Atlantic Salmon will be able to make it once the project is complete. Matt has collected over \$3,000 of his \$5,000 goal so far. Read more at www.crowdrise.com/uptheriver.

Join Matt at the First Parish Unitarian Church on the Common in Hubbardston on Earth Day, April 22, at 7PM for a presentation of slides and video clips of his upstream canoe adventure.

Annual Spring Indoor Yard Sale – This year's spring sale will be held on Saturday April 25th from 9 am until 2 pm. Treasures of all sorts will be sold, yard sale items, clothing, toys, puzzles, household & kitchen, collectable and jewelry. Each item must be in good condition. Please, no car seats, cribs, PC's or outdated electronics. Donations will be accepted on Friday night April 24th from 7 – 9 pm. If the weather permits please consider dividing your perennials and donating these handsome little potted surprises to our plant table. Please do not leave any donations outside the church prior to Friday night. Disposal of items that are not saleable is a major problem.

The famous Church Lady Luncheon will be served. The menu will include soup, sandwiches and home-baked goodies. The Spice Shop will be open and we will hold a Chinese Auction. We will be selling homemade jams & jellies and knitting. We need donations for the auction table, food table and Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Recognition Sunday – Please join us for this celebration of our community and its accomplishments on May 3rd. This year our High

School graduates are: Mason Prentiss and Marshall Bertrand from Quabbin.

Town Wide Yard Sale – The Church will be having an Indoor Yard Sale during Hubbardston's Town Wide Yard Sale on a Saturday in June, from 8 am – 2 pm. We will have yard sale items; a bake sale, coffee & pastry and our famous Church Lady Luncheon all day; homemade sandwiches, pickles & chips, beverage & dessert for eat-in or take-out will be available. We need volunteers to set up, sell, bake and clean up. Please make us one of your stops during your treasure hunt around town. Please refer to the Gardner News Yard Sale section, our Church Face Book page or the Hubbardston web site for the exact date.



Spring 2015 Round of 1-20 TICKETS AVAILABLE – The Spring 1-20 Club tickets are available for sale now. Each ticket is \$20. There will be 12 drawings for \$50 each. The drawings are held on Sunday at the Church. In addition to the 12 drawings, there are 4 drawings done the final Sunday of Church on May 10th. Prizes are: 1st - \$150, 2nd – \$100, 3rd - \$100 and 4th - \$50. Thank you all for your continued support. Contact Barbara (978-928-4475) to purchase a ticket. This money benefits our Restoration and Renovation fund.

The 2014 Gingerbread Fair was a huge success!!!! – The Gingerbread Fair Committee would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of our Members and Friends and volunteers for their months and months, days and days and hours upon hours of hard work that made the 2014 fair a huge success. The list of jobs is too long to list, but here are a few: picking of greens, meatball making, serving the lunch, decorating the vestry, making the quilt, knitting, setting up tables, preparing the raffles and baking the bread. The list goes on and on. The generous support of businesses, near and far was amazing and we applaud all of you for your generosity and understanding of our missions and goals. The fair would not be what it is, without all of our happy attendees that came out December 6th. We thank all of you again and again for your kindness and charity.

2014 Gingerbread Fair Raffle Winners – The winner of the quilt, hand made by Carol Whitney, was Paul Sweeney of Hubbardston. How excited he was!!! Bill Shea, also of Hubbardston, won the cord of wood, donated by Chris Pirner Logging & Lumber. We are happy both are staying very warm with their prizes this winter.

Winners 120 Club Fall 2014 – The following people won \$50 in the fall round of the 120 Club: Robert Everett, Ray Lajoie, Nancy Hubbard, Connie Bumpus, Art & Lorraine Murdock, Lori Prentiss, Ben Prentiss, Tony & Toni Coppola, Jon Ward, Pat & Charlie Woodward, Wendy Isgro, & Donna Warfield.

Final Drawing winners were:
\$50 – Allison & Kyle Rival
\$100 – Fred Flood, Sherry Prescott
\$150 – Paul & Gigi Stoll

Thanks to all our ticket holders for your continued support.

Remaining Services:

March 29
Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau

April 5
Rev. Eliza Blanchard
Easter
Coffee Hour

April 12
SSVMS – Susan & Steve Nickerson with Joe Reidy
Coffee Hour

April 19
No Church

April 26
Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau

May 3 - Recognition Lay Service
Potluck

May 10- Mother's Day
Lisa Kirk

Knitting Club – This club meets most Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Church and is loads of fun. Please join Nancy Hubbard, knitter extraordinaire, to knit

one pearl one, or was that knit two, pearl two. Bring along some yarn and your favorite pattern. You may reach Nancy at 978-928-5964 with any questions.

Jams & Jellies – Brianna Whitney, Barbara Hubbard, Bob Hubbard, Carol Hubbard-Kelley, Royce Kelley, Rose Kelley, June Hubbard-Ward, and Mary Taylor are back at Jam & Jelly production and fruit picking. If you have or know of any fruit that could be donated give Mary a call at 978-928-4289. Please recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars by returning them to the Church. We will be selling our jellies and jams every Friday afternoon at the Westminster Farmers Market beginning on May 1st and running through the last Friday in October from 3 – 6 pm and at all of our regular sales. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause in the past. Watch the local papers for exact times and dates of the sales.



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. Thanks!

Food Collection – The Church again put together 6 baskets of Holiday food. Each basket included a turkey. Non-perishable items are collected at the start of each Holiday season for distribution in the Community. Thank you to all who donated.

Local Food Pantries:

St. Patrick's Church
(basement)
285 Main St.
Rutland, MA 01543
508-886-2206

Gardner CAC
294 Pleasant St.
Gardner, MA 01440
978-632-8700

Always call ahead to confirm services, hours, etc. You may also contact them directly by phone to donate and/or volunteer.

Joys and Sorrows – The Church community lost several people since the last Parish Press including Tom Howlett, Paul Stoll, Ray Lajoie and Betty Fauteux. The contributions of each of these people to the Church and the greater Hubbardston community will be greatly missed.

Parish Committee – The Parish Committee meets every Wednesday at 4 pm. We schedule services and ministers, bring interesting programs to the community, plan fairs and continue our building maintenance. There is currently a vacancy on the Committee. Please call any one of us if you are interested in helping. All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings.

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