



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston



The Parish Press

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Fall 2009

The Times They Are A Changin', Again

New for this Church year are the time for the start of Sunday School and Church. The new time for Sunday School is 9 am and Church is 10 am. Church Services and Sunday School begin on September 13th.

CHURCH NEWS

Coffee Hour with our New Minister- Sunday, September 13th - Please join us in the vestry right after Church for a coffee hour to welcome in our new minister, Rev. Cheryl Leshay.

Hello Hubbardston:

I am keeping this brief because I want to speak with each of you in person. I will be entering your pulpit for the first time on the 13th of this month and I am looking forward to meeting you all in the weeks to come. What can I tell you about me? Way too much! For now... I am a UU Community minister by calling, blessedly filling my weekdays with campus ministry and hospital chaplaincy. I love Unitarian Universalism, and have a deep passion for spiritual connection. This combination, plus a deep theistic faith called me to its ordained ministry. I bring resources and experience from my over twenty years of professional church leadership, as a religious educator and ordained minister, a district program consultant, an interim and a settled minister, and now as a college and hospital chaplain. I preach from a soul grown in the fertile field of an examined faith, nurtured in some of the best academic institutions in our country, sprinkled liberally with doubt, fertilized with hope, and harvested to yield a voice honed in the pulpits of myriad New England churches. I have lots of stories to tell, and would love to hear yours. You will recognize me by my purple glasses, and the smile in my heart.

Blessings, Cheryl

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9-12 **Field Day**
9 am to 3 pm
- 9-13 **Church & Sunday School begin**
- 9-27 **Annual Meeting**
11 am
- 10-24 **Fall Indoor Yard Sale**
9 am to 2 pm
- 11-7 **Vendor Fair: 10 am to 2 pm**
- 11-22 **Farmer's Market**
12 noon to 3 pm
- 12-5 **Gingerbread Fair**
9 am to 3 pm
- 12-6 **Dana Brass**
5:30 pm
- 12-20 **Children's Play & Party 9 am**
Christmas Pot Luck 10 am
- 12-24 **Christmas Eve Service**
5 pm

Rev. Cheryl Leshay
RE Director: Nancy Hubbard

Pianist: Melissa Dymek

Church 10:00 am
Sunday School 9:00 am

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A Note from our RE Director - Sunday School is, as always, the best place to mold your children into the unquestioning zombies of today and allow them to believe everything the media puts in front of them. Okay, so that is a big fat lie, but it got you reading this. Actually, when you care enough to bring your children into our Church Community, you can't but marvel at how totally fun, creative, helpful and kind this group is. Learning our beliefs from us, and giving our kids the space and opportunity to ask the questions that they need to ask, and finding the answers together or not finding answers - is what it's all about. What ever your beliefs are and wherever that search takes you is why we come together each week, to travel this road together. The benefits are immeasurable. If you are thinking about joining us this year, you can call me at 978-928-5964 and we can talk about the whens and whys. Please be aware of the change in time. Sunday School will be at 9 am. This year we plan to have 5 groups: Pre-k - (ages 3-4) with Abby Taylor leading, K (ages 4-5) with Robin Hopkinson leading, grades 1, 2 & 3 with Stephanie Guertin leading, grades 5 & 6 with Lori Prentiss leading, and Middle School with Nancy Hubbard leading. Let's get everyone thinking about something to share on our first day. How about the coolest animal I saw this summer and where you saw it? See you in Sunday School – *Nancy*

2009–2010 Annual Community Giving Campaign – We are very grateful for all financial support received during this campaign. It is not too late to send in your yearly pledges or annual gift. Please help us continue our ministry and Sunday School and to preserve our building. You may mail your 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 12th we will have a table at the Town's Annual Field Day from 9 am – 3 pm at Curtis Field on Rt. 68. Available for purchase will be homemade jams and jellies, hand packed spices, knitting, the Fall 2009 Round of 1-20 Club tickets and quilt raffle tickets. This year's quilt is a Four Patch Country Quilt which will be on display. The quilt will be raffled at the Gingerbread Fair on December 5th. Be sure to pick up a copy of The Church 2009-10 schedule of events. Information on Sunday School will also be available.

Sunday School & Sunday Services Resume – Sunday, September 13th services will resume at 10 am, a new time this year, preceded by Sunday School at 9am. Sunday services include singing, children's story, prayer, and sharing of joys & sorrows. Our new minister is Cheryl Leshay. Melissa Dymek, our pianist is also returning for her 6th year. Welcome back Melissa. Our Sunday School continues to grow steadily. This active program 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 Sunday School. Feel free to contact Nancy for additional information.

Annual Meeting September 27th – The Annual meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, September 27th, directly after Church. The agenda includes the 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.

Fall Indoor Yard Sale – Saturday, October 24th is our Fall Indoor Yard Sale from 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 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. Donations of gently used items can be dropped off on Friday night, October 23rd from 7 – 9 pm.



Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series – Beginning for a third 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. In addition, every second Sunday is Pot Luck Supper directly after Church. Each musician will perform 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 18th** TBA
- Nov 8th** Gail Picard
- Dec 13th** Messiah Sing
- Jan 10th** TBA
- Feb 21st** TBA
- Mar 14th** TBA
- Apr 11th** TBA
- May 9th** Sunday School Children's Play

Halloween – Saturday, October 31st. Make 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, your donation is always welcome.

Vendor Fair – The Church will be hosting the Vendor Fair Saturday, November, 8th from 10 am – 2 pm for the third 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 22nd from 12 noon – 3 pm. The Hubbardston Historical Society will hold its third 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.

Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet FREE Concert –

The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Sunday, December 6th at 5:30 pm. The quintet includes trumpets, horns, trombones and a tuba. The concert features an array of our favorite holiday songs arranged by the members. 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 churches alive. Light refreshments to follow.



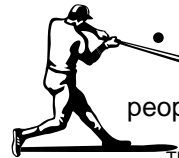
Fall 2009 Round of 1-20 TICKETS AVAILABLE – the Fall 1-20 Club tickets are available for sale. Each ticket is \$20. Weekly drawings for \$50 will be drawn for 12 weeks. The drawings are held on Sunday at Pot Lucks at the Church. In addition to the 12 weekly drawings, there are 4 drawings done the final week for: 1st - \$150, 2nd – \$100, 3rd - \$100 and 4th - \$50. The winners for the Spring 2009 round were: Barbara Chapman, Theresa Shaffer, Gerry Morrissey, Velma Rivers, Bette Prentiss, Roy Grandone, Sonya Grady, Peter Bumpus, Fran Ward, Bob Hubbard, Brian Boucher, Final \$50: David Hallock, Final \$100: Valerie Robinson & Peter Bumpus and the Final \$150: Joe Sama. Thank you all for your continued support. Contact Barbara (978-928-4475) to purchase a ticket.

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 the service and the occasion or mark the flower calendar on the downstairs bulletin board.

Parish Committee News – The PC meets every Wednesday at 4 pm at the Church. We continue to work toward the separation of the Church property and the Town common. We have set up an interesting 2009-10 Event Schedule and hope you post it in a convenient place in your home. The PC is able to continue our work with the support and kindness of all of our members & friends. Please contact any one of us with questions, ideas or concerns. Our phone #'s are Barbara Hubbard – 978-928-4475, Mary Taylor – 978-928-4289, Carol Whitney – 978-928-3748, Cyndy Doane – 978-928-4866 and Lori Prentiss – 978-928-5818.

Take Me Out To The Ball Game Winner! – The lucky winner of this year’s Red Sox ticket raffle was Pam Stauder from Hubbardston. It was drawn on May 10th, 2009 for 4 people to attend a game at Fenway Park. We know they enjoyed the game on June 6th against The Texas Rangers. The Sox won 8-1. A good time was had by all!!!!



Gingerbread Fair – The annual Gingerbread Fair will be held on Saturday, December 5th from 9 am - 3 pm. Our bighearted members along with our supportive and kind friends continue to donate time, services and goods to make this a festive day filled with music, food, conversation, raffles and reconnecting with friends and neighbors. Friday Crafts making at 3 pm in the Vestry will be gearing up with Mary Taylor this fall.

Four Patch Country Quilt – Carol Whitney has once again made a beautiful quilt. This Four Patch Country quilt will be raffled off at the 2009 Gingerbread Fair December 5th. It is described as being 67” x 77”, hand quilted and pieced in graduated shades of blues, reds, and greens accented with tans and browns in the border. The backing is a tan and brown print. This quilt is appropriate for year round use, done in shades that are everlasting. You may see it and purchase tickets at Field Day, the Fall Indoor Yard Sale, the Vendor Fair and the Gingerbread Fair. 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 for 1 ticket and \$5 for 3 tickets.



Joys & Sorrows – Our members and extended Church family lost Jonathan Watkins in early June. He leaves behind his wife Diane and 3 children, all very active members in our Church community. Also passing were Edith Taylor and Velma Rivers at the end of June. Edith was a long time Hubbardston resident whose extended family, children and children’s children, are members and continue to contribute to our Church. Velma, a life

long Hubbardston resident, Church member and active supporter leaves behind a daughter, Cindy of Hubbardston, a son Brian of Toronto, Canada and a daughter-in-law, Lorna of Leverette, MA, several grand and great grand children, nieces and nephews. Both are survived by many friends and will be missed greatly.

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



ITEM	#	COST	TOTAL
Hymnals	20	40	800
Folding Chairs	40	25	1000
Fire Proof File cab..	1	1000	1000
Building Drainage		Unknown	
Sanctuary Fire Sensors		Unknown	
Volunteers		Priceless	
E-Z Ups	2	150	300
Lawn Mower	1	400	400
Entrance way flooring			750
Kitchen floor incl. sub-floor			9000
Jelly Jars (8 oz.)	30 cs	7	210
Computer w/ Church small business software	1	750	750

Welcome Back MOM's Club – The MOM's club of Hubbardston meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 10 am at the Church. This dynamic group welcomes new members and has activities for themselves and their children. Benefits of membership include weekly playgroups for children, local outings, park days, family activities and a monthly MOM's Night Out. For more information visit them on-line at momsclubofhubbardston@yahoo.com.

A Great Day at The Zoo - The Sunday School and Church members enjoyed a full day on May 9th, 2009 at the Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, RI. We had delightful weather, ate picnic lunches together, fed the animals, and most of all, we enjoyed visiting with each other and watching our younger children mingle with the animals. Does anyone have any suggestions for next year?

Community Food Collection - Beginning Sunday, October 18th 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. The last day to drop off food is Sunday, November 22nd.

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



Hubbardston Community Theatre – HCT will hold auditions for their upcoming show on Sunday, October 25th in the sanctuary from 1 – 4 pm. Please be prepared to sing or do a reading. Their upcoming show will be announced at the HCT booth at Field Day. Many of our Church members and friends are part of this production, from actors, back stage, orchestra and props. If you are between the ages of 5 and 100 you are welcome to audition. The show dates are March 19, 20 & 21, 2010 in Hubbardston Center School Auditorium. Russell Killough-Miller is the Director. Anyone attending the auditions is encouraged to bring along a non perishable food item and drop it in the box in the entryway for our Community Food Collection.

Jams & Jellies – Church ladies: Barbara Hubbard, June Hubbard-Ward and Mary Taylor are busy picking and processing all kinds of native fruit to make delicious jams & jellies. They have also donated all the ingredients. Concord Grape, Elderberry, Crabapple, Current, Blueberry, Strawberry, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Wild Red Grape, Blackberry, Raspberry, Black Raspberry, Hot Pepper and Peach are on the list of favorites. If anyone has or knows of any fruit that the ladies can use give Mary a call at 978-928-4289. Please recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars by returning them to the Church.



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

Web Site Ready (or nearly) – Get Tech Wise of Hubbardston and begin using the new Church web site: www.hubbardstonunitarian.org, to find information and schedules. We also have many pictures from our recent renovation.

Maplewind Arts – Maplewind Arts, beginning a second year, is a community arts center located in the vestry of our Church and open to all in the greater Hubbardston area. The mission of Maplewind Arts is to teach, support and nurture the applied and performing arts in the local community; to offer area residents of all ages opportunities to learn, develop and refine their abilities in creating, understanding and appreciating the applied and performing arts; to have community members share their knowledge and love of the applied and performing arts with others. Maplewind Arts is looking forward to presenting special events throughout the year such as concerts, dances, exhibits, lectures and presentations. For more information, contact rkillough-miller@maplewind.org or visit www.maplewindarts.blogspot.com for the brochure and fall weekly Class Schedule. Maplewind's mailing address is: P.O. Box 79, Hubbardston, MA; telephone # is 508-882-3439.



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston Coming Events 2009 – 2010

September 12 th , Saturday	Field Day, Rt. 68	9 am – 4 pm
September 13 th , Sunday	Sunday School begins Church Services resume	9 am 10 am
September 27 th , Sunday	Annual Meeting	11 am
October 24 th , Saturday	Fall Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
November 7 th , Saturday	Vendor Fair	10 am – 2 pm
November 22 nd , Sunday	Thanksgiving Farmer's Market Williamsville Chapel	12 noon – 3 pm
December 5 th , Saturday	Gingerbread Fair	9 am – 3 pm
December 6 th , Sunday	Dana Brass Concert	5:30 pm
December 13 th , Sunday	Messiah Sing Pot Luck	3:30 pm 5 pm
December 20 th , Sunday	Children's Christmas Play & Party Christmas Pot Luck	9 am 10 am
December 24 th , Thursday	Christmas Eve Service	5 pm
April 4 th , Sunday	Easter Service	10 am
April 24 th , Saturday	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
May 3 rd , Sunday	Recognition Service	10 am
May 10 th , Sunday	Children's Sunday Mother's Day Pot Luck 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 your local papers and cable TV.

Prepare for Fair workshop dates

October 23 rd , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7– 9 pm
November 18 th , Wednesday	Berry Bowl Making	7 pm
November 22 nd , Sunday	Cemetery Basket Assembly	12 noon
November 27-29 th , Fri/Sat/Sun	Laurel Wreath Making	9 am – 3 pm
December 4 th , Friday	Gingerbread Fair Set up	7 – 9 pm
March 31 st , Wednesday	Sanctuary cleaning	7 pm
April 24 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm