



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

The Parish Press

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Spring 2008

Spring Ahead

This year Daylight Savings Time begins early. As I write this, next weekend is the time that we lose one hour's sleep and all for the sake of one more hour of daylight each afternoon. I, for one, am willing to make the sacrifice. That extra afternoon hour of daylight lifts my spirits as well as giving me more useful daylight. After what seems like a very long winter, it is also a sign of spring. Soon we will be able to move back upstairs for worship as the weather warms up, in just a few weeks it will be Easter and not too much after that, the end of the Church year.

This year Easter is very early, March 23rd. I hope that many of you will be able to attend our morning service at 7:30 am and that you will be able to join us for other services. We continue to have music programs as the center of our worship on the second Sundays of each month following our traditional and wonderful pot luck suppers! Join us. Our last service for the spring will be Children's Sunday on May 11th following the Pot Luck.

During several of this spring's services I will be talking about our Unitarian Universalist history and traditions. Following the service I welcome questions and discussions for a few minutes so if you would like to learn a little more about who we are as UUs, bring your questions.

Spring is a time when we have more energy and hope. Let's use these last few months of the Church year to be together and celebrate what it means to be UUs!

Ralph

Important Dates:

- 3-19 *Easter Clean-up*
6:30 pm
- 3-23 *Easter Service, Pot Luck*
7:30 am
- 4-13 *SSMS – Circle of Song*
6:30 pm
Pot Luck 5:30 pm
- 4-20 *Earth Day Clean up*
No Church
9 am
- 4-25 *Indoor Yard Sale Set-up*
7 pm
- 4-26 *Indoor Yard Sale*
9 am - 2pm
- 5-4 *Recognition Sunday*
6:30 pm
- 5-11 *Children's Sunday & Mother's Day* 6:30 pm
Pot Luck 5:30 pm
- 5-17 *All Church Trip*
8:30 am
- 6-14 *Church Sale during Town Wide Yard Sale*
8 am – 2 pm
- 9-6 *Field Day*
9 am – 3 pm
- 9-14 *First Day of Church 2008/9*

Rev. Ralph Clarke
RE Director: Nancy Hubbard

Pianist: Melissa Dymek

Church 6:30 pm
Sunday School 5:30 pm

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CHURCH NEWS

Restorations are on the Horizon.-.

It's finally happening, which proves there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Parish Committee has awarded the contract to the Murray Brothers of Leominster. They will begin this spring as soon as weather permits.



Let's Get Ready for Easter - Break out the brooms, mops and cleaning gear. Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm is our Easter Clean-up and Brunch set-up. We move into spring by cleaning the sanctuary and setting up tables, chairs and decorations for Easter Brunch in the vestry. Hope to see you there.

Easter Sunday – Easter services will be held Sunday March 23rd at 7:30 am. Please join us for a Pot Luck Brunch down stairs directly after the service. Kristine Bumpus will be singing during our service.

Second Sunday Visiting Musician Series

- This new addition is on the second Sunday of the month during our 6:30 pm service. Each performance is about 20 minutes long and is part of the worship service. Please join us for a Pot Luck supper on the second Sunday at 5:30 pm.

Mar 23 Easter Service @ 7:30 am
Kris Bumpus vocalist

Apr 13 Circle of Song

May 11 Children's Presentations

If you are interested in being included for next year's series, please contact Carol at 978-928-3748 or e-mail her at caroljwwhitney@charter.net. Please pass the word.

Earth Day Church Yard Clean Up - New this year – The Parish Committee has planned a churchyard clean up on Sunday, April 15th starting a 9 am. There are many little jobs to be done to spruce up our area,

so come on down. Bring your trimmers, rakes, gloves, eye protection, other outside tools and your energy. Do your Earth Day thing for the Church.

Annual Spring Indoor Yard Sale – This

year's spring sale will be held on Saturday April 26th from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Treasures of all sorts will be sold, usually yard sale items, clothing, toys and puzzles. Donations will be accepted on Friday night April 25th from 7 – 9 pm only. Please do not leave any donations outside the church prior to Friday night. Disposal of unsold items is a major problem. Please, we need small salable items, no large furniture, appliances, or computer equipment.



The famous Church 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 need donations for the auction table and goodies and volunteers are needed.

Recognition Sunday – Our special

recognition service will be held Sunday May 4th at 6:30 pm. This year's graduating seniors are Melissa Dymek, our pianist for several years, and Brianna Green who has helped us at our many events. Best wishes to them as they successfully leave high school and good luck as they face their new challenges.



Mother's Day Potluck & Children's Sunday –

The last service of this year will be held on Mother's Day May 11th. We will also use this last service to do our special Children's Sunday. As part of the service, the Sunday school children receive their attendance pins and each class will give a presentation. Please join us for Pot Luck at 5:30 pm. The final drawings for the 120 Club - Spring 2008 will also take place.

Red Sox Ticket Raffle 2008 – Be on the look out again for our “FUN” Raiser. Beginning in March 2008 the Church will be raffling off 4 tickets to the Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay game on June 3, 2008 at 7:05 pm. This game is at historic Fenway Park in Boston. The package also includes luxury bus transportation by Wilson Bus Lines in Templeton to the ballpark and back to Templeton. Your raffle tickets may be purchased from any member of the Parish Council and members of the church. Ticket prices are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The Raffle will be drawn on Sunday May 11th at our Mother’s Day Potluck Dinner and our Children’s Sunday at the Church beginning at 5:30 pm. For further information please contact Mary Taylor at 978-928-4289 or e-mail her at mjt123@charter.net.



All Church Trip – On Saturday, May 17th, the Sunday School will be traveling to Old Sturbridge Village. Sunday School teachers and students are free and all other wishing to attend will be \$20 each. We will meet in the Church parking lot at 8:30 am and figure out the carpooling from there. The Village is open from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. Nancy has arranged for the kids to choose a hands-on activity at the OSV Educational facility. She will explain the details at Sunday school. One of the trip’s best things is our picnic lunch together. So load up those picnic baskets with goodies and join us for our Church trip. To get more information on Old Sturbridge Village visit their website: www.osv.org.



Town Wide Yard Sale - Please come see us at the Hubbardston Town Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, June 14th from 8 am – 2 pm. We will have yard sale items; bake sale, coffee & Pastry, and Lunch will be available all day. It will consist of



Home made sandwiches, pickles & chips, beverage & dessert to eat-in or take-out.

Milestones – Our greater Church community has lost four people this winter, Maude Edwards, Mark Glancey and Dr. Donald Lytle all of Hubbardston and Stephen Record, son of Lisa (Bumpus) Record, grandson of Peter Bumpus and great-grandson of Connie Bumpus. These friends and families have supported our church for years. Their passing saddens us and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. For complete obituaries you may visit www.bougherfuneralhome.com for Maude & Mark, www.cournoyer-funeralhome.com for Stephen and www.milesfuneralhome.com for Don.

Craft Night – Mary continues to host craft night on Friday nights, either at 3 or 6 pm, on the stage in the vestry. No craft project is too small for Mary’s cleverness. Our talents are becoming endless; we wire cones and berries for wreaths, cut, staple and glue anything that comes our way. Our one of a kind, finished creations will be available for sale at our 2008 Gingerbread Fair on December 6th. Everyone is invited to this informal work group. Give Mary a call to make sure of the time before venturing out.



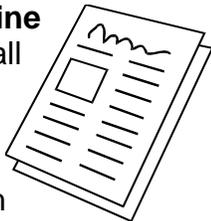
Capital Improvement Campaign - As we begin our restoration project, we are gradually developing a Capital Improvement Campaign. We hope to include things like dinners with entertainment, auctions and solicitation via mail. We are looking for help in all areas; capital fundraising, letter writing, light office work, to telephoning. Please contact the Parish Committee. We hope to hold a meeting soon and put together a great team, so this task is not so monumental. Anyone wishing to send their tax-deductible donation now may send it to First Church Painting & Restoration Fund, c/o First Parish Unitarian Church, P.O. Box 509, Hubbardston MA. 01452

Wish List - Cabinet needed - The Parish Committee is in need of a lightly used fireproof 4-drawer filing cabinet. If you know anyone that can donate this, please give a member of the Parish committee a call. *Jelly jars needed* – We are looking for 8 oz. jelly jars, new lids and sugar for our upcoming jam and jelly season.

Fall 2007 120 Club Winners – Linda Glancey, Dot & Paul Valley, Matt Marean, Bill & Donna Shea, Bob & Barbara Hubbard, Bette Prentiss, George & Elaine Graves, Johanna Henning, Ruth Sherman Strong, Pat Woodward, Susan Flagg, Dennis O'Donnell, Mae Cappuccio, and Sue Harty LaRose. The Spring 2008 winners will be announced in the Fall edition of the Parish Press. Our 120 Club started by Barbara Hubbard over 15 years ago benefits the First Church Painting and Restoration Fund. During the year she completes two rounds of 1-20 club tickets. Thanks to our Members & Friends that continue to purchase tickets over the years. Donations are accepted to this fund at any time.

Fall 2008 Newsletter Deadline

- The deadline for our Fall 2008 Parish Press is Monday, August 25th. Please let us know if you have something of interest to submit; Church history, photos, a poem or an article written by our Members & Friends. You may e-mail Cyndy at cwdoane@charter.net



Parish Committee - The Parish Committee meets every Wednesday at 4 pm. We continue to work with the Town to complete the land division, seek companies to locate a wireless communication installation in our steeple, begin our restoration project and carry on the daily business of the church.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings.

Parish Committee:

Carol Whitney	978-928-3748
Barbara Hubbard	978-928-4475
Cynthia Washburn-Doane	978-928-4866
Lori Prentiss	978-928-5818
Mary Taylor	978-928-4289

MOM's club of Hubbardston - The MOM's Club 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, call Michele Murch at 978-820-1027 or email: momsclubofhubbardston@yahoo.com.

About Our Church - *The*

Nonesuch Street Fair – On Saturday, July 13, 1957 the first annual Hubbardston Nonesuch Street Fair was held on the common, for the purpose, at the time, of raising money for the organ fund for the Church. The fair was named after the Nonesuch Apple, which is said to have originated on the farm of Dana Robinson Parker, who was born in Hubbardston in 1781. Parker secured grafts from a wild apple tree in a Newton swamp and successfully transferred them to a tree in Williamsville. The Hubbardston Nonesuch Apple decorates the Town seal. The Nonesuch fair became an annual event, held every August, for many years and included, among other things, sporting events, an auction, a variety show, and a church supper.



Enclosed are 5 tickets to the Take Me Out to the Ballgame 2008 Raffle. To get more tickets contact the Parish Committee.