



First Parish Unitarian Church of  
Hubbardston

# The Parish Press

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## “The Theology of Unitarian Universalists”

We believe in evolution – not only evolution of life forms,  
But evolution of thought and evolution of moral and ethical  
understanding.

So the truth that I embrace today may not be the truth I  
embrace tomorrow.

Revelation is not static, but is ever unfolding.  
More and more will be revealed.

- Rev. Marilyn Sewell



### IMPORTANT DATES:

9/17	Field Day
9/18	Church and Sunday School begins
9/25	Annual Meeting BYO Lunch 11 am
Cancelled	Fall Indoor Yard Sale Set-up
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11/25 to 11/26	Laurel Wreath Making 9 am to 4 pm
12/2	Gingerbread Fair Set-up 7 pm
12/3	Gingerbread Fair -Pre Order Pick Up 9 am to 1 pm
12/10	Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet 5:30 pm
12-24	Christmas Eve Service 5 pm

Pianist: Please Inquire

Church – 10 am

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**The Annual Community Giving Campaign for the 2022-2023 Church year is now underway** – This annual appeal USUALLY helps to determine the programs and projects in the next fiscal year. COVID is still with us and we are going to TRY to have services twice a month. Meeting our basic expenses is still our current challenge. Please return your community gift or pledge forms as soon as possible. We are very grateful for the financial support received during these past two COVID years. 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.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL! For the generous donations received through the Annual Community Giving Campaign. Additional donations can still be sent to help with the expenses of the building. Even with no one there, the bills need to be paid – lawnmowing, heat and insurance are our big expenses.

**Field Day** – is planned for Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. The Church will have a table with Spices, some homemade fudge and cookies as well as Quilt and Cordwood Raffle Tickets. Fall 120 Club tickets will be available for pick up, as well. Please consider taking a second ticket for more chances at winning and helping the church out at the same time.

The BABY CONTEST is ON!! The church sponsored event that all look forward to is happening at Field Day. Carol and Brianna Whitney are organizing the event with several categories which will be awarded certificates, including a King and Queen with \$25 prize for each top selection.

**Sunday Services Resumes** – Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> will be our first service in quite some time – at 10 AM. Sunday services include singing, prayer, sharing of joys & sorrows, visiting guest ministers and speakers.

**Annual Meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup>** – The Annual Meeting of the church will be in person following a Lay Service at 10 am. The agenda includes election of officers, presentation of annual reports, membership review, ministerial concerns, and new and old business. This is the most important meeting for our Church governance.

**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 ordained ministers, semi-retired ordained ministers and Lay persons. What

follows is the schedule of the first few months of Pulpit Speakers. Come join us, not just on Christmas Eve and Easter but all year long.

<b>Sept.</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau</i>
	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lay Service/Annual Meeting</i>
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lay Service</i>
	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Rev. Lisa Kirk</i>
<b>Nov.</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Veteran's Day – Bill Shea</i>
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Pioneer Valley Brass, SSVM</i>
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Rev. Lisa Kirk (5pm)</i>

**Fall Indoor Yard Sale** – cancelled – we are not quite ready to invite the public inside the building.

**Trick or Treat at the Church Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.** We are hoping that this fun town event goes off like in the “before times”. Please contact the Hubbardston Police Department closer to the date for the exact time of Trick or Treat or a cancellation.

**Cord of Wood Raffle** – The Church is continuing our annual cord of wood raffle. The wood has been generously donated by Chris Pirner. The drawing will be held at the Gingerbread Fair – again this year, on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the close of fair. Chances are \$3/1 and \$10/4.

**Quilt Raffle**– A handmade “North Star” country quilt will be raffled this year. Handmade by Carol Whitney, continuing the quilts in the Underground Railroad Series. The North Star was the guiding light leading slaves to Canada and freedom. This colorful quilt is machine pieced and hand quilted. Shades of blue, green, red and tan blends in with any color scheme. Measuring 84” x 84” it is large enough for a queen size bed or to curl up on the sofa. The tickets are \$3.00 for one and \$10.00 for four. The drawing of the winning ticket will be Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Gingerbread Fair.

Call or email to request tickets if none are enclosed with your newsletter. We are trying to keep costs down and only enclosing tickets to those who typically buy them.

**Spring 1-20 Club Winners** – Spring 2022 \$50 winners were:

1. Carol Whitney
2. Peter Heaney
3. Heather Kenney
4. Nancy Hubbard
5. Sue Berlo
6. Amy Leslie
7. Bill Shea
8. Sanda Barry
9. Tracy Caron
10. Val Robinson
11. Betty Bumpus
12. Barbara Hubbard

The final \$50 winners were Kathy Derzius and Sonia Grady. The final \$100 winner was Lynda Rudd. The final \$150 winner was Jane McCauley. Thank you all for your continued support.

**Fall 2022 Round of 1-20 TICKETS ON SALE NOW** – Each ticket is \$20. One winner of \$50 will be drawn for each of 12 weeks. In addition to the 12 weekly drawings, there are 4 drawings done the final week for: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – \$50 and 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – \$50. You may contact Diane Watkins to purchase a ticket.

**Gingerbread Fair** – Always the first Saturday in December – This year the fair is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning a smaller Holiday Sale, with pre-orders of some of the usual items, as we did last year. How could we let the Holidays go by without being able to depend on the beautiful Wreaths, Swags, Holiday Boxes, and a few other things to be determined – spices, jelly, fudge and coffee breads. A Pre-Order form will be included with the Holiday Parish Press for more information. Please help us spread the word and reserve your favorite items. Pre-orders will be assembled, and you will be able to pick your items up during designated times on the day of the Fair.

**Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free Concert** – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

We hope to see a large group come out – this really is a beautiful musical evening.

**Contact updates** – Please send us your e-mail address, we are collecting them and hope to implement electronic newsletters and mailings to save money – once we get enough to make it work. If you change your address, either U.S. Mail or email, please let us know. You may email Nancy at: [hopkinson34@charter.net](mailto:hopkinson34@charter.net), directly to the church email at [fpucoh@gmail.com](mailto:fpucoh@gmail.com) or send a written note to the Church at P.O. Box 509, Hubbardston MA 01452. Thank you. If you have sent your email – please know that we are working on moving to this platform, just don't have enough emails and the manpower to implement this as of yet.

**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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fitchburg, MA. For eligibility information call: 978-342-4520.

**Parish Committee** – The Parish Committee continues to be very busy. They meet most every Tuesday at 4:30 pm over the Facebook Messenger platform and have been working out the details of the many issues that involve our Church. If you need to contact any of them, please refer to the following list or send an email to [fpucoh@gmail.com](mailto:fpucoh@gmail.com).

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