



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

The Parish Press

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Holiday 2020

A Prayer for These Times

Let me find peace within
So that I may be calm throughout
Let me find silence within
So that I may find compassion throughout
Let me be reminded that some things
Are worth waiting for.
Let me be reminded that the journey
Is more important than reaching the
destination.
Let me see that the non-doing
Is as much a part of life
As the doing.
Let me be reminded that
It is in these moments of holding on
That I can find quietude and renewal.
It is within these times of inaction
That I can find rest.
It is in these times of emptiness
That I can become full.

Important Dates:

- 11-22 *Memorial Box Making*
11 am
- 11-27, 28 & 29
Wreath Making
9 am – 3 pm
- 12-5 *Gingerbread Fair*
PRESALE PICKUP
9 am – 1 pm
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve*
5 pm

-By Kenneth P. Langer

Pianist: Nathan Legere

Sunday School -cancelled

Church -cancelled

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A HUGE CHANGE IN PLANS – the pandemic has put us all in a bind. We miss seeing everyone, we miss singing and laughing and sharing a potluck meal together. BUT – we still have bills to pay. We came up with a different approach to our Annual Gingerbread Fair – our largest fundraiser that keep the lights on and the heat going.

The Gingerbread Fair on December 5th will be **A PRESALE PICK UP EVENT ONLY**. We have included an order form for you to reserve your holiday items. If you cannot or don't want to submit an order, please consider sending a donation to keep the lights on at the church to see us through this crazy year.

Holiday boxes, Swags and Laurel Wreaths – a LIMITED NUMBER of items will be made this year. The usual group of workers will meet to assemble the holiday boxes, swags and wreaths. Attendance is limited, sorry.

Candy Items – We will have a few varieties of Fudge available by the ½ pound. There will also be a few other candies available

Jelly – assorted varieties of Jelly will be available, first come first served.

Baked goods – Homemade assorted cookie plates containing a baker's dozen, cinnamon coffee bread rings and Indian Pudding.

Spices – some of your favorite spices will be available with the preorder.

Crib Sized Country Quilt – a handmade crib sized quilt has been donated for our annual Quilt Raffle. The quilt is 38" x 47" and is pink, green, cream and blue in color – it is pieced in traditional but oversized log cabin style squares, with some overstitching and embroidered embellishments. It is backed with a green on cream small floral print. We have enclosed 4 tickets. Photos are posted on Facebook. Chances are \$3/1 and \$10/4. Please mail the ticket stubs to P.O.

Box 509 before December 4th. The winner will be drawn at the close of PRESALE PICK UP EVENT

Cord of Wood Raffle - tickets still available. This will also be drawn at the PRESALE PICK UP EVENT.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – This service will **TENATIVELY** be Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 pm. As of today, gatherings of only 10 people are allowed by the Governor. This will need to be increased to 50 or more for our service to happen – so it looks unlikely, but we can always hope.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School and Church Services – due to Covid-19 our gatherings have been cancelled until further notice. We plan to try for an Easter Service, but will have to wait and see how things are in the Spring.

Annual Meeting Held – This meeting was held Sunday, October 27th in a virtual format over the FB Messenger App at 10 am. We held our annual election of officers during the business meeting. The new officers for the upcoming Church year of 2019-2020 are Carol Whitney, President, Nancy Hubbard, Treasurer, Carol Hubbard-Kelley, Clerk, Barbara Hubbard and Diane Watkins as Vice Presidents. Those in attendance reviewed the Annual Report.

THANK YOU - to Barbara Hubbard who has been our Treasurer for so very many years, and has kept us honest, legal and in the black. Her dedication and love for the church knows no bounds. Please send her a note of appreciation – 1 Barre Rd Cut-Off.

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