



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

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Showing Up

A little bit of meditation is better than no meditation. Two minutes is better than zero minutes.

Consistency sends a signal to your whole system, to the divine, to the planet that you are showing up. Just give it two minutes on the days you've just got two minutes.

And when the days come when you've got fifteen minutes, maybe that fifteen minutes turns into twenty or thirty or an hour to sit; whatever feels like nourishing grace – those are the days when you have it to give.

Just show up with what you've got to give that day. It makes all the difference.

-By Danielle LaPorte

Important Dates:

11-21 *Memorial Box Making*
11 am

11-26 & 27
Wreath Making
9 am – 3 pm

12-4 *Gingerbread Fair*
PRESALE PICKUP
9 am – 1 pm

12-11 *Pioneer Valley Brass*
Quintet Christmas Concert
5 pm

12-24 *Christmas Eve*
Cancelled

Pianist: open position

Sunday School -cancelled

Church -cancelled

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A HUGE CHANGE IN PLANS AGAIN THIS YEAR –We miss seeing everyone, we miss singing and laughing and sharing a potluck meal together. BUT – we still have bills to pay. Last year was a great success to the new approach to the Gingerbread Fair – our largest fundraiser that keep the lights on and the heat going. So we are doing it again!!

The Gingerbread Fair on December 4th 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 **SECOND** 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

Baked goods – Homemade assorted cookie plates containing a baker's dozen and cinnamon coffee breads.

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

Quilt Raffle – a handmade “Bits of Blue” Queen Size quilt will be raffled this year. Handmade by Dotty Higgins, a friend of Diane Watkin's. It is a beautiful treasure for any bed to showcase.

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 1st. 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**.

Blind Date with a Book – check out this new gift idea this year. \$2.00 gets a wrapped gift ready used book of your chosen genre – to give, keep or Yankee Swap away!

Homemade Crafts – we will have a small table of crafts available for purchase at the sale – only 5 customers allowed at a time – but hey – it's a start.

Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free

Concert – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Saturday December 11th at 5:30PM. 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. **AS THERE IS NO SINGING** and we can spread out in the pews, this should be a safe and happy event, sadly there will be no food after the performance.

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, September 26th 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, and Diane Watkins as Vice President. Those in attendance reviewed the Annual Report.

THANK YOU - to Barbara Hubbard who has been on the Parish Committee for as long as I can remember and has been given an honorary “emeritus” chair on the committee, as she is unable to attend meetings. Her dedication and love for the church knows no bounds.

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