



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

# The Parish Press

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"THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING"

Spring 2021

The church is not a place; it is a people.

The church is not only a steeple above the treeline, streets, and cars.

Rather, it is a people proclaiming to the world that we are here for the work of healing and of justice.

The church is not walls built stone upon stone, held together by mortar

but rather person, linked with person, linked with person: all ages and genders and abilities—

a community built on the foundation of reason, faith, and love.

The church is not just a set of doors open on Sunday morning, but the commitment day after day, and moment after moment, of our hearts creaking open the doors of welcome to the possibility of new experience and radical welcome.

The church is not simply a building, a steeple, a pew.

The church is the gathering together of all the people, and experiences,

and fear, and love, and hope in our resilient hearts;

gathering, however we can, to say to the world:

welcome, come in, lay down your heartache, and pick up hope and love.

For the church is us—each and every one of us—together, a beacon of hope to this world that so sorely needs it.

## Important Dates:

**4-23** *Spring Sale Set Up*  
*7 -9 pm*

**4-24** *Spring Sale Pick up*  
*9 am - 2 pm*

By Margaret Weis

Pianist: Nathen Legere

Sunday School: not yet

Church: not yet

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## CHURCH NEWS

**Church Services** - Due to ongoing concerns for everyone's health and safety, no Church Services or Sunday School classes are planned until Sept 2021 at this point. Hopefully by then, the allowable gathering numbers by the State of Massachusetts will increase and we will all be vaccinated.

**Annual Spring Sale with Plants**— as we did in December, a PRESALE PICK UP event will take place on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. See the enclosed order form for the items available. Please pre-order so we know how much to have available for the candies and breads. Jelly and spices will also be available, all in limited quantities – first come, first served. That means the first order we receive is order #1, and the second is order #2 – so this way early birds get the candy – or something like that.

**Recognition Sunday** – so even though there won't be a gathering, we would still like to recognize our graduate. Carter Prentiss, son of Dan and Lori Prentiss will graduate from Quabbin Regional High School this spring. Carter will be pursuing a career as a music producer, he has already been collaborating with other producers the past couple of years, and would like to move to Atlanta in the future. All the best to you Carter!

**First Parish Unitarian Tupperware Fundraiser** – to benefit the church!! Heather (Marean) Kenney is a Tupperware agent and is organizing an on-line event. She sets up a Facebook site and you can join in at the site for the party and get videos and on-line access to the products. All profits will be donated to the church. Call Heather at 774-535-2290 to be a part of this fun event – or do it the old way and we can get you a catalog. FUN, FUN, FUN!

**Spring 2021 Round of 1-20 TICKETS AVAILABLE** – The Spring 1-20 Club tickets are available for sale now. Each ticket is \$20. There will be 12 drawings for \$50 each. In addition to the 12 drawings, there are 4 final prize drawings. Thank you all for your continued support. Contact Diane (978-621-5523) to purchase a ticket or she will send it to you. **Winners 120 Club Fall 2020** – The following people won \$50 in the fall round of the 120 Club: Todd Keating, Peter Hallock, Gloria Utzig, Lodia Dembek, Debra Comeau, Fred Flood,

Lucy Ward, Jon Ward, Ned Utzig, Matt Hopkinson, Brianna Whitney and Gwen Bertrand.

Final Drawing winners were:  
\$50 – Nancy Hubbard  
\$100 – Lorna Rivers  
\$100 – Barbara Hubbard  
\$150 – Gwen Bertrand

Thanks to all our ticket holders for your continued support.

**The 2020 Preorder Pick Up Gingerbread Fair was a different kind of Fair!** – The Parish Committee would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of our Members and Friends who came out for a completely different event. Keeping the traditions was challenging this past year, but we did our best. Thank you again for your support and community spirit. We have been able to pay the bills in this time of lockdown. The winner of the baby quilt which was donated was Sue Vaida. The cordwood raffle was won by Lori Prentiss.

**Ordination** – Our frequent minister, Lisa Kirk is still waiting for the time we can gather and celebrate her and her hard work in achieving her degree and having an ordination ceremony with us. We truly can't wait to celebrate. We had it planned for May 2020, but it was postponed and we are hopeful that something will come together in the fall.

**Electronic Newsletter** – if you would prefer to receive the church newsletters via e-mail please forward your e-mail address to [hopkinson34@charter.net](mailto:hopkinson34@charter.net) to be added to the list. It will save us some stamp money. We only have received a few email addresses, and have not started the electronic newsletter yet.

**Milestones** – this past year we note the passing of Paul Valley, a longtime resident of town and friend of the church. The family had donations in his memory to the church and we are so grateful for their kindness. He will be missed around town.

**Parish Committee** – The Parish Committee meets every Tuesday at 4:30 pm All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings.

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