



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

The Parish Press

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“Welcome Spring”

The earth is warming,
The birdsong increases,
The sweeter breezes brush our cheeks,
And the earth holds hope in its seeds and buds.

Come, let us gather this morning,
With joyful noise,
With warm hearts,
And with hopeful spirits,
For we are one with the renewal of the earth
And blessedly held in the love of one another.

By Susan Davison Archer

Important Dates:

- 3-25 *Clean the Church*
5 - 7 pm
- 3-31 *Easter Service*
Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau
10 am
- 4/21 *Earth Day Lay Service*
Matt Hopkinson
Canoe Trip - NWT, Canada
10 am
- 5-11 *Spring Plant Sale*
9 am to 1 pm
- 5-12 *Mother's Day Sunday*
Rev. Lisa Kirk
10 am

Pianist: Lisa Utzig in a box

Church: 10 am

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CHURCH NEWS

Spring into Spring – Break out the brooms, dusters and cleaning gear. Wednesday, March 25th at 5 pm is our Easter Clean-up. We move into spring by cleaning the sanctuary. Hope to see you there.

EASTER SUNDAY – a normal regular church service with Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau will be held on Sunday March 31 at 10 am. We are celebrating a guest pianist, Chris Berquist who will also be joining us with her talents. Lots of singing and after the service, coffee time downstairs.

Annual Spring Sale with Plants– as we did last Spring our event will take place on Saturday, May 11th. So many plants will be available for such a few dollars compared to nursery prices. Bring some to sell and buy different ones to beautify your yard! AND a PRESALE PICK UP 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. All orders 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.

If you can't make the sale a donation is sorely needed to meet the expenses of the building, insurance, heating and lawncare and can be sent to the church address. Thank you in advance for your generosity and care for our historic building.

Adventure on the Broken Skull River – Join us for an Earth Day celebration Lay Service on Sunday April 21, at 10 am with Matt Hopkinson. Some people find spirituality in the great outdoors but join us within the four walls of the church. Matt will talk about FLOODS! LANDSLIDES! BEARS! From canoeing in Northwest Canada. See the huge mountains and other awesome scenery that was encountered along the way.

Winners 120 Club Fall 2023 – Well, we have not been able to finish the 120 Club Fall winners, as our raffle permit expired and although I have been trying to renew it, the Town Clerk was less than helpful, and then quit. We have been without a Town Clerk for a while – I did hear that a new person has been hired and is starting soon. I will

mail out the winning prizes as soon as I have a permit in hand. My apologies, not the smoothest round of raffle this time.

Spring 2024 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. Please consider purchasing an additional ticket, as we have many unsold numbers.

The 2023 Preorder Pick Up Gingerbread Fair was a great kind of Fair! – Although we did not have as much profit as we hoped for, it was the usual fun time. The Parish Committee would like to extend a sincere thanks to all our Members and Friends who came out for our event. Keeping the traditions is important but challenging these past few years, we did our best. We have been able to pay the bills, but prices are increasing, and it is becoming harder to meet the basic budget. Oil is out of control – and we didn't have only but Christmas Eve services, knowing our budget wouldn't support the heating bills.

The winner of the "Underground Railroad Sampler" quilt which was handmade and donated by Carol Whitney was won by Nancy Hubbard. The cordwood raffle donated by Chris Pirner was won by M. Rogers. Congratulations to all!!

Electronic Newsletter – We have received a number of email addresses, thank you all. if you are not receiving the church newsletters via e-mail please forward your e-mail address to hopkinson34@charter.net to be added to the list. It will save us some stamp money. This has been a great savings on the church budget.

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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