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THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

***SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 10AM
REV. KATIE LEE CRANE
" A DUE FORM OF GOVERNMENT "***

Any schoolchild who's taken American history knows that democracy is a form of government. But is it also a form of spirituality? On a day when the members of First Parish of Sudbury gather—as they have since 1640—to hold their annual meeting in town meeting fashion, the congregation will also look at the origins of the bold idea called democracy. The service, titled “A Due Form of Government,” begins at 10 a.m. and is open to all.

Democracy's origin can be traced to the New England Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. They based their model of governance on the New Testament where, according to one historian, "there is no mention of popes, archbishops, bishops or other officers with jurisdiction over other clergy and no presbyteries with authority over particular churches."

They came, as Governor John Winthrop announced in 1630, "to seeke out a place of Cohatitation and Consorteshippe vnder a due frome of Government both ciuill and ecclesiasticall." By 1648 they had issued the Cambridge Platform of Church Discipline. This was the origin of the form of governance called "congregationalism." Today, Unitarian Universalists espouse as one of their principles "to affirm and promote the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large."

The Rev. Katie Lee Crane, First Parish minister, will lead the service, in which she will explore the spiritual dimensions of this form of governance both from its origins and its practice today. It is, she says, "still a bold idea to put the decision-making in the hands of the people who are most affected by the decisions being made."

Today we share our collection plate with Community Change Incorporated based in Boston.

Community Change Inc. (CCI) serves as a hub for antiracist learning and action. It is the mission of CCI to promote racial justice and equity by challenging systemic racism and acting as a catalyst for antiracist action and learning. CCI strives to make visible the foundational and ongoing role racism plays in the structure and the impact of the institutions that shape all of our lives. Learn more about CCI in the June 7th Sunday News.

ERIC MENOYO MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE
 WED, JUNE 10, 2-7PM
 SPONSORED BY THE SUDBURY VALLEY TRUSTEES

For an appointment or more information,
 email msanders@svtweb.org

**THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE CO-SPONSORED BY
 OUR WELCOMING CONGREGATION COMMITTEE AND
 OUR YOUTH MINISTRY**

Sunday, June 7th at 6:30pm ... a multigenerational screening of the documentary "Gay Youth". Powerful movie about how much the support we offer gay teenagers can make a dramatic difference in their young lives. No ratings, but Roberta suggests "no younger than teens" since some content is heavy (references to a youth committing suicide). Important and affirming message and this movie was shown during our 2009 Our Whole Lives program.

Saturday, June 13th from 10am to late afternoon ... Gay Pride parade in Boston. Multigenerational event perfect for most ages that is VERY fun and affirms the inherent rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. We will join the many other friends/allies of this community to march in the parade!! I have the FPS "welcoming congregation" rainbow flag t-shirts ... the first 20 FPS youth that sign-up get a t-shirt

FRED SMALL CONCERT JUNE 19

On Friday, June 19, 7:30 pm, Fred Small will perform a special benefit concert at First Parish in Cambridge (Unitarian Universalist), which he now serves as minister. Pete Seeger calls Fred "one of American's best songwriters," and the Washington Post calls his music "big-hearted and inspirational."

Rosi and Brian Amador of Sol y Canto will appear as special guests with their 13-year-old twin daughters Alisa & Sonia, and Jody Steiner will interpret in American Sign Language.

First Parish in Cambridge is wheelchair-accessible. Admission ranges from \$5 to \$20. For info and to order tickets: 800 838-3006
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/66028>

Proceeds will support the Beloved Community Fund, which supports diversity and accessibility at First Parish of Cambridge.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING,
 JUNE 7, 11:30AM
 WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- **Members—watch your email (or mailbox for those without email) for important information regarding an amendment to the warrant**
- Please bring your warrant and budget or your Annual Report with you to the meeting
- Beforehand, we will enjoy a brief Social Hour, with "hefty snacks" provided by your trustees and Community and Hospitality Comm. (Remember: no food or drinks in the sanctuary, please.)
- There WILL be childcare provided for all ages between during the ACM. Gather in the Parish Hall and look for Maggie, Adam, and Robyn. The kids will have lunch food to eat while they are being cared for.
- Friends and members are encouraged to participate in the ACM; members are eligible and encouraged to vote.
- And, voting by proxy at our annual meeting?

We received a question from a member of the Congregation asking about Proxy Voting. Below is this information in the By-Laws which address the matter of Proxy Voting:

Article V - Meetings; Section G:

All votes for congregational meetings must be cast in person, except an absentee vote may be filed with the Clerk in person or by mail no later than two (2) days prior to the meeting. An absentee vote is permitted when the member is housebound due to a temporary or permanent disability or at a distance greater than 50 miles from the meeting location on the day of the meeting. All absentee votes must be signed and in a sealed envelop until votes are being counted.

If your situation meets these conditions and you intend to submit a proxy vote, please deliver it to the First Parish office before 11:30am on Friday, June 5, in a sealed envelope marked First Parish Clerk: Proxy Vote.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 14
—OUR CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

Join us for a day of celebration on June 14, the last Sunday of our regular program year. We will celebrate from start to finish!

Our intergenerational worship service will include our annual flower ritual.

Here's how it works:

We ask that you bring a flower for each member of your family—store-bought, home-grown--your choice. These floral gifts you bring will be collected in the lobby when you enter, and arranged in vases. The vases of flowers will be carried in procession to the front of the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. If you and any family members would like to be a flower arranger or flower bearer, please contact Fran Sharp.

Later in the worship service, each person will be given a flower to take home—a symbol of the many gifts we receive from one another and our FPS community.



During Social Hour we will continue celebrating with an ice cream sundae party in appreciation of you all—the many wonderful volunteers who are the lifeblood of our congregation. Your gifts are as sweet as the ice cream we will share, and we are all very grateful!

COFFEE AND FLOWERS

Guess what?! The sign-up sheet for Social Hour hosting and flower providing for NEXT FALL is posted in the Parish Hall!

Please stop by and sign up for a Sunday or two, especially the Sundays in September, so we don't have to scramble to line this up in the fall.

If you would like more information about Hosting Social Hour, or providing our Sanctuary flowers one Sunday, just call the office, and Donna will be glad to tell you more.

Thanks!



***It's Not Your Mother's
RUMMAGE SALE***

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE

Saturday, June 20, 2009
10:00am-2:00pm

Drop off begins Sunday, June 14th in the old South Foyer of the meetinghouse, or make a plan with Donna Scalcione for an earlier date by email or 978-443-2043.

Summer Services—lay-led worship from
June 21-Sept 6
Signup board in Parish Hall
(looking for musicians, breakfast providers,
speakers)

For more information, contact Fran Sharp

ARE YOU MAKING PLANS TO TRAVEL?

If you need a ride to or from Logan Express or to or from Logan Airport, the following persons have donated their services to benefit First Parish – all you have to do is call them to arrange your trip, and make the fixed price donation to First Parish. Each trip is one way (arrange for 2 trips for round-trip) except where noted.

Logan Airport (tolls included) valued at \$75 per trip

Paul A – 2 persons with luggage. \$60 each way (limited to 2 trips)

Cilla R – up to 4 persons with luggage. \$60 each way (limited to 2 trips)

Sharon K – up to 6 persons depending on luggage, any time. \$60, one way only, to or from airport (1 trip).

Logan Express (Framingham)

Bruce L – round trip for up to 4 persons with luggage as arranged one month prior to departure. \$60 round trip (limited to one roundtrip)

Mary Ellen F – mini-van accommodation, prior to 6 a.m. coffee is appreciated. \$30 each pickup or drop off (6 available).

Telephone numbers are in the directory. Please call Elaine J for Paula A's number.

First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates

Annamarie A, Audrey K, Polly M, Bruce P, Fred P, Paul R, Dawn S

In the event of a pastoral need, please call any of these Pastoral Associates.