



MAY 26, 2010

"It is with both excitement and sadness that I write so long for now." That was the opening line of a newsletter column I wrote in August 2007 just before I started my two year internship in Westborough. Well, friends, the time has come for me to say "so long" again. I am very excited to tell you all that I have accepted a one-year full-time position as temporary assistant minister at First Parish in Wayland starting late this summer. I am honored to be chosen to work with Senior Minister Ken Sawyer, after the Wayland congregation says goodbye to longtime minister Erin Splaine and embarks on a transitional year which will include assessing staffing needs.

I have so much to thank all of you for; starting with being such a warm and welcoming congregation when Donna, James and I were searching for a spiritual home 25 years ago and concluding with honoring me by ordaining me this past Sunday.

When I wrote that newsletter column over three years ago, it was unclear if I'd be saying goodbye for just two years or for much longer. When it became clear I'd have a year between graduation and ordination, Katie Lee and all of you generously and graciously welcomed me back as your "ministerial candidate in residence." For this opportunity, I also offer my gratitude to you all. I have learned much and grown tremendously during my time in Sudbury.

Although my schedule as a fulltime minister will be full, it is my hope that I will, on occasion, be able to attend First Parish events with Donna. Another great benefit of my first ministry position being in this area is that Donna and I have one more year to prepare our house for a move and for Donna to continue her ministry at First Parish as your congregational administrator (pending parish approval, of course).

In that past article I also said, "Home congregations are the anchors that allow student ministers to try their wings, knowing a safe place, a sanctuary in every aspect of its meaning, is there for us when we need it." Although I am leaving you again, this time not as a student but as an ordained minister, my feelings regarding home congregations remain the same. I will always feel a connection to First Parish of Sudbury and will be forever grateful for everything I have learned while among you. I sincerely hope that my ministry will provide the same feeling of sanctuary and a vibrant spiritual community for seekers that I have found in Sudbury for so many years. I do know that wherever my ministry takes me over the years, I will always carry First Parish of Sudbury in my heart.

The Reverend Beverly V. Waring (Rev. Bev)

We must let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us.

-- Joseph Campbell

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Worship at the Meetinghouse

Sunday, May 30, 10 am

Breathing Spirituality

Jeremiah Gold-Hopton
Intern Minister
Winchester Unitarian Society

Translations of the Bible usually use the English word 'spirit' to convey the meaning of the Hebrew word 'ruah' and the Greek word 'pneuma' although those words have multiple English meanings, including 'breath.' Many spiritual meditation practices focus awareness away from thinking and onto breathing. We will explore this connection between spirituality and breathing.

Please see page for a brief bio of our speaker.

There will be a Hearthside Chat at 11:45 in the Brackett Room to have a conversation about the day's topic and the issues it raises.

Sunday, June 6, 10 am

Holding on – Hatching Out

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

This morning, with the annual Bridging Ceremony, we recognize the First Parish youth who are graduating from High School and transitioning to a new phase of their lives. Harvard professor Robert Kegan says: transitions are “natural emergencies.” They are full of upheaval, they can be difficult or disturbing, *and* they are often times of great growth. It is there, he says, there in that place of tension, where we human beings make meanings. Often, it is there – in a time of upheaval and unknowing – where we find a way toward our center. Sounds good except for one thing: it's really hard to navigate the rough patches. What helps and how can we help one another? What is the role of our religious community? And what happens when the religious community itself is in transition? These are some of the questions we will explore.

There will be no Hearthside Chat today so that First Parish members and friends may attend the annual congregational meeting immediately following social hour.

Save the Date

Sunday, June 6 at 11:30
Annual Congregational Meeting
where we make important decisions together.
See Page 4 for the warrant.

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.

Coming up in Religious Exploration:

**Sunday, June 6 from 6:45 to 9pm:
Intergenerational Movie Screening of
"In And Out" cosponsored with the
Welcoming Congregation Committee**

This is what Amazon writes about the film "In and Out" ... When a Hollywood heartthrob (Matt Dillon, playing a Brad Pitt look-alike) "outs" his small-town high-school drama teacher Howard Brackett (Kevin Kline) during the Oscar telecast, the entire (fictional) town of Greenleaf, Indiana, wonders if Howard's really gay. More to the point, Howard wonders, too--quite a dilemma considering his pending marriage to Emily (Joan Cusack), who's patiently tolerated a three-year engagement. While a TV reporter (Tom Selleck) covers the ensuing furor, screenwriter Paul Rudnick and director Frank Oz make good-natured humor their highest priority, turning the "crisis" of coming out into a laugh-out-loud spin on conventional romantic comedy.

This movie is PG-13, so youth under 13 will need explicit parental approval to attend.

**Saturday, June 12
Parade in Boston**

Walk together for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality with our Welcoming Congregation Committee, our Youth Group and other allies in Boston's Pride Parade Contact Peg Espinola, Roberta Altamari or the office for carpool details



Who are we? Listening Circle – June 8

Katie Lee and members of the Program Council invite you to join a listening circle at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 8. This is the first step in a process of refining the statements we use in our publicity; some call it "boilerplate," others, "motherhood statement." Whatever it is called, it is important because – in a very few words – its purpose is to share the essence of who we are with the larger community.



Have something to say but are afraid? Have no fear!

Giving a summer service (June 20-Sept. 5) is both gratifying and surprisingly easy. AND - a team of experienced people will help you!

Don't worry about "shaking the world" - you are successful if you touch ONE person.

Don't worry about getting musicians - that's taken care of. Don't worry about the audience - they are always supportive. Don't worry about the morning nibbles - that's taken care of.

You can be different!

Think that multimedia would help your sermon? Don't worry - it has been successfully used and we have the experience to help you.

Think that something totally new and different would help you make a point?

Then we are looking for you!

Summer services are informal and worship leaders can offer very innovative ideas!

So - if you have an idea for a sermon you want to give - let us know. We will help you make it happen!

- Sponsored by Worship Associates Group (WAG)
- Reed S (summer services coordinator)



**Bring it!
Bring your
rummage
to the office**

The Women's Alliance seeks rummage. If it fits into a paper grocery bag, we want it! Please donate your household goods, toys & games, office supplies, clothing, & books (no textbooks and no magazines, please). Any item that is clean, in good repair and fits into a paper grocery bag will help the Women's Alliance June 19 Jumble Sale. Drop off your donations at the office M-F 9-12 or on Sundays.

**Warrant for the Annual Congregational Meeting
First Parish of Sudbury Unitarian Universalist
June 6, 2010**

To: Annmarie Allen, Chair, Board of Trustees, First Parish of Sudbury

Greetings:

You are hereby warned to notify the members of First Parish of Sudbury, Massachusetts, to gather at the Meeting House of said Parish on Sunday morning, the 6th of June, 2010, at approximately 11:30 AM, to hear and act on the following articles:

Article 1: To hear and accept a report by the Minister.

Article 2: To hear and accept committee reports and reports from the Trustees and Treasurer.

Article 3: To review, amend as necessary, and approve a budget for the fiscal period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Article 4: To vote on the slate of nominations as set forth by the Nominating Committee.

Article 5: To discuss the proposed options for the redesign of Town Center and vote on said options.

Given under our hands this 18th day of May, 2010, a true copy, attest:

Virginia S, Clerk

The Board of Trustees

Annmarie A, Chair

Dawn S

David A

Dan S

Susan S

Please see detailed information relating to warrant articles on the First Parish of Sudbury website, in the members-only section under Annual Meeting, after May 26, 2010.

2010-2011 Nominations

The following candidates are offered here to the June 2010 Annual Meeting of First Parish of Sudbury congregation for election for the 2010-2011 year.

Trustees:

1. Barbara H (2-year term)
2. Eliza K (3-year term)
3. Erin L (3-year term)
4. Michael T (3-year term)

Assistant Treasurer: Roger C – 2-year term

Cori Administrator Susan I – for 3 year term

Nominating Committee: None at present – for 2 year term

Moderator: Annmarie Allen – for 1-year term

Clerk: Virginia S – for 1-year term



Background Information Regarding the Proposed Redesign of Sudbury Town Center

For many years, the Town of Sudbury has wanted to redesign the intersection of Concord Road and Route 27. Studies have shown that the intersection has a higher than average rate of accidents. In 2007, the Town proposed several plans that would have constructed a right turn lane southbound on Concord Road. This would have required that at least one lane of pavement would have been "taken" from the front yard of First Parish. At the Congregational Meeting in 2007, the congregation voted against this plan.

The Town of Sudbury has recently presented First Parish with 2 new designs proposed for the Town Center. The Board of Selectman would like to have a review of the plans and select one to take to a detailed design. The review will start at a Selectman's meeting on June 1. Their goal is to present the detailed design at Town Meeting in April of 2011. Both of the plans would require a land transaction with First Parish of Sudbury. As we did in 2007, the Town Center Task Force would like to formalize the opinion of First Parish on the proposed plans based on input received at our Congregational Meeting on June 6, 2010.

The two plans are called the "Offset T" plan, which moves Concord Road to the front of Town Hall, and the "Four Legged" plan, which enlarges the existing intersection. There is a third plan which was proposed by First Parish in 2007 called the "Hybrid" plan. *All three of these plans can be seen on the First Parish website, <http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/TownCenterTaskForce> or go to www.fpsudbury.org and sign in as a Member or Friend, go to Committees, and go to the Town Center Task Force item.*

SALIENT POINTS PERTAINING TO THE TWO OPTIONS PROPOSED BY THE TOWN OF SUDBURY

Concerning both plans:

- Both plans address the traffic flow with safety in mind and not for a reduction in time getting through the intersection.

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- Each plan was designed with concrete traffic islands to accommodate light signals on posts, as opposed to massive mast arms (as seen in Wayland Center). One might question which is the worse evil. Or if there can be any other solution.
- Since the plans are preliminary concepts focusing on traffic flow, there has not yet been full consideration of pedestrian access.
- Likewise, access to the town parking lot has not been addressed.

Concerning the Offset T Option:

- Grinnell Park with its war memorial and at least one of its Japanese maples would need to be relocated to the enlarged space created next to the Hosmer House. Although it was stated that the expense would not be "that much greater" (only a \$100,000 more than the other proposal), it is a question as to whether there is any money in the budget to do a proper job.
- There will be significant impact on the Minos' property where Concord Rd intersects Route 27
- 20' will be shaved off the front of the First Parish lawn (although this is in the town's Right of Way). The old stone wall would need to be demolished and a new and higher retaining wall built.
- The Meetinghouse will have a greatly extended buffer on its side between it and the new Concord Road. Our driveway will be longer with a few more parking places. There would be significantly more space for the Harvest Fair and other activities.
- F.P will need to transfer approximately 6000 square feet of the Town Common to the Town of Sudbury.
- There are currently 2 lanes of traffic on each side of the Common. This plan would combine them into a stretch of 4 lanes on the far side. That is 47' of continuous pavement. That would require pedestrians to cross 4 lanes coming from the town lot. There would also be 4 lanes in front of First Parish (plus a concrete island) and along the bottom of the Common. The diagonal stretch from the southeast corner of the Common to the entrance to Heritage Park is over 80' of

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pavement. This amount of black with white and yellow lines will change the character of the center dramatically from a small New England town to a modernized suburban one. One could argue that is what we are, although most people like Sudbury because of its historic rural character.

- In total, there will be something in the order of 14 traffic poles.

Concerning the 4-Legged Option:

- 10' will be shaved off the corner of the Hosmer House property, leaving only 5' between the edge of pavement and the corner of the house.
- 11' will be shaved off the front of the First Parish lawn on the Hudson Road side, leaving the stone wall intact – perhaps. Grading may require rebuilding the wall.
- 7' to 9' will come off the side lawn of First Parish on the Concord Road side.
- There will be three lanes of pavement instead of two on Concord Road. And how many on Route 27 ?
- Traffic heading south on Concord Rd and turning left onto Rt. 27 will now have to come all the way to the center to make that turn.
- F.P. will have to transfer 2521 square feet of the Town Common to the town - 8' from the western edge, 5' from its southern edge, effectively shrinking the common.
- In total there will be something in the order of 9 traffic poles.
- Overall, this plan has a smaller intersection than the other option.

Overall considerations:

We need to think of what is best for First Parish but also what is best for the safety and character of the town. Will a large stretch of land adjoining our current piece compensate for 4 lanes of traffic? The Wayland meetinghouse has such a property for reference.

We also need to think of what is historically appropriate. By the records, the original road was the one going by the current town hall. But in our historical memories, having the same general configuration is the way it's "always" been. Which

is more important? It may be of interest that both the Historic Districts Commission and the Historical Commission are dead set against the Offset T.

OTHER OPTIONS

Three years ago, First Parish presented its own simplified version to the Town called the Hybrid Option, which merely straightens out the east-west access (Route 27) by shaving off 15' from the front of F.P. lawn, and 11' from the south edge of the common, keeping two lanes on Concord Road southbound.

Frank Riepe from the Historic Districts Commission has also drawn a plan - also with only 2 lanes along the side of First Parish. Both these lanes would be southbound only, while the two lanes in front of Town Hall would be northbound only. This plan essentially makes the common a very large traffic island. Both of these alternative plans maintain the rural and historic character of the town. It is the Task Force's opinion that these should be considered along with those presented by the Town.

People We Care About

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...about our guest preacher May 30

Thanks to Jeremiah Gold-Hopton for preaching today while Katie Lee is away from the pulpit. Jeremiah is currently the Intern Minister for Winchester MA Unitarian Society. During the summer of 2009, he was an Intern Chaplain at a hospital in Georgia.

Born and raised in New Jersey, he was a Baptist in early childhood, and became a Quaker when he was ten years old. After graduating from Oberlin College with a B.A. in Biology, he taught English in Japan. After returning to the U.S., he taught science at a school for students with learning differences.

In 1992, he resigned from his teaching position in order to focus on parenting as his primary work, including a few years of home-schooling. His older son Daniel is now a college sophomore, and his younger son Joseph is in 11th grade. In 2006, a Georgia judge finalized the adoptions of Daniel and Joseph by Jeremiah and his spouse Karen. This was the first time that any judge in the United States ruled that a marriage of a transgender person is legally valid and that a transgender person can legally adopt children.

Jeremiah holds a Masters of Divinity degree, and has served in lay positions in the UU congregations. He is now in the ministerial fellowship process.



**Please,
Save Our
Visitor's Parking Spots
for Sunday Visitors**

Mass Bay UU Social Action Network asks...

Please call your state senator in support of amendment #325 that restores level funding to the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) line item. See the Parish Hall bulletin board for all the details.



Come Parade with Pride Sat., June 12

Walk together for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality with our Welcoming Congregation Committee, our Youth Group and other allies in Boston's Pride Parade Contact Peg E, Roberta Altamari or the office for carpool details



Come to the **Work in the Garden Party** every Tuesday 9:30-11 am now through the summer

Memorial Plants for Spring Planting

It's time to plant a shrub, tree, or ground cover to remember a family member who has passed away. Deadline is May 31 for Spring planting in the Memorial Garden. Contact Marge L.

Memorial Book Entries and Ash Interment

in the Garden can be done at any time with the approval of the Landscape Committee. There is a fee for this service and certain rules apply. Call the First Parish office.



Looking for a Great Place for Your Next Family, Friends or Work Get Together?

Consider renting space at First Parish:

- Reasonable rates
- Wine and Beer approved
- Comfortable clean rooms
- Great sound & video systems
- Convenient parking
- And you won't have to get *your* house ready for company!

Contact the office at 978-443-2043 or email office@fpsudbury.org

Next Coffeehouse Sat., Nov. 6

The Coffee House committee is pleased to announce that through the generosity and efforts of many volunteers, the coffee house has succeeded in turning a profit for the benefit of the First Parish congregation as well as the music school project in Cusco, Peru. We urge you to mark your calendars *now* for the next coffeehouse scheduled for Saturday, November 6 at 7:30 pm featuring Tom Smith and his lovely daughter Mally, each wonderful musicians in their own right. Do consider joining in on the behind-the-scenes fun as a volunteer.

Well, what can we say, if you missed this last Coffee House on the Rocky Plain, you missed quite a night! Not only were there *three* acts to be enjoyed but the addition of the Birch beer floats in honor of Dan Cloutier's production company was a refreshing and welcomed treat! The evening was kicked off by Lincoln-Sudbury High School's very own Deadly Styles. A fabulous foursome of Seniors with a brand new self produced CD! They impressed us all with their professionalism and wonderful energy! They were followed by the fresh and soulful sound of Levi Schmitt, who accompanied himself masterfully on the guitar. Levi, a recent graduate from MIT has been gracing the metro west area with his touching songs and elegant playing. If they were not enough, rounding off this exciting evening was the inspired original music by Dan Cloutier and friends, including Kim Jennings winner of the Best Female Vocalist prize in the Worcester Music Awards. The multi faceted Levi returned to the stage to accompany Dan on the djembe, a drum from West Africa. What a thrill it was for us to be able to lure Dan away from his responsibilities running the open mike at Amazing Things in Framingham and have him here with us, sharing his compositions which are touched by his deep reflections on the ups and downs of the world we all share. Besides the great music, the evening once again offered a fabulous array of homemade cakes, cookies and iconic birch beer floats.

Both Coffee House concerts will be available for viewing soon on Sudbury Cable TV, thanks to Reed Shilts and Sudbury Cable TV for this great opportunity!

Please Support Our Renters

You'll benefit spiritually, emotionally and physically ...and FPS will benefit financially, when you support our renters by attending their programs. Current opportunities include **Yoga** classes on Monday and/or Wednesday nights and new **Zumba fitness** classes on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays – ditch the routine and join the party! Check the Parish Hall bulletin board for details or contact Donna in the office.



Shhh...
**Please Enter and Remain
 in the Sanctuary in Silence
 for Sunday Worship**

? ? GA 2012 in Arizona ? ?

During a special meeting held May 6, the Unitarian Universalist Association Board of Trustees drafted a resolution to move General Assembly 2012, currently scheduled to be held in Phoenix. The resolution is a response to recently-passed legislation in Arizona that targets undocumented immigrants. The Board's resolution will be voted on by delegates to the 2010 General Assembly when they meet in Minneapolis in late June. A two-thirds majority vote is required to pass the resolution.

A summary report of the meeting and the full text of the Board's resolution are available at <http://www.uua.org/aboutus/governance/boardtrustees/index.shtml>. Unitarian Universalists with questions or concerns should contact their district Trustee and their congregation's delegates to General Assembly.



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FPS Calendar May 26, 2010 to June 19, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>May 23</u>	<u>May 24</u>	<u>May 25</u>	<u>May 26</u> 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilters	<u>May 27</u> 1:00p Meditation 7:30p Choir	<u>May 28</u>	<u>May 29</u>
<u>May 30</u> 10:00a Worship Service 11:45a Hearthside Chat 12:00p Youth Group & Jr. Youth Group Fieldtrip 6:30p Rental	<u>May 31</u>	<u>Jun 1</u> 7:00p Rental	<u>Jun 2</u> 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilters	<u>Jun 3</u> 1:00p Meditation 6:30p Rental: Zumba 7:30p Choir	<u>Jun 4</u>	<u>Jun 5</u> 9:00-12:00 FPS Water Conservation Project- pick up rain barrels
<u>Jun 6</u> 10:00a Worship Service 11:30a First Parish Annual Congregational Meeting 6:30p Rental 6:45p Youth Group & Welcoming Congregation invite everyone to watch PG13 movie "In and Out"	<u>Jun 7</u> 6:00p Rental: Yoga 7:00p Board of Trustees	<u>Jun 8</u> 7:00p Rental 7:00p Listening Conversation 7:00p Rental: Private Party	<u>Jun 9</u> 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilters	<u>Jun 10</u> 1:00p Meditation 6:30p Rental: Zumba 7:30p Choir	<u>Jun 11</u> 7:00p Chalice Circle 7:00p Youth Bridging Conference\, Friday- Sunday	<u>Jun 12</u> 9:00a Intergenerational Group participating in Boston's 40th anniversary Pride Parade
<u>Jun 13</u> 10:00a Worship Service 11:45a Hearthside Chat 11:45a Landscape Committee 6:30p Rental	<u>Jun 14</u> 7:00a SED Sale 7:15a Harvest Fair Committee 6:00p Rental: Yoga	<u>Jun 15</u> 7:00a SED Sale 7:00p Rental	<u>Jun 16</u> 7:00a SED Sale 7:00p Quilters 7:00p Rental 7:00p Coffeehouse Task Force	<u>Jun 17</u> 7:00a SED Sale 6:30p Rental: Zumba	<u>Jun 18</u> 7:00a SED Sale 3:00p Youth Group Weekend Camping Trip with Watertown Youth 4:00p Set up for Rummage Sale	<u>Jun 19</u> 10:00-2:00 Rummage Sale - Women's Alliance