



**THE CONNECTOR, NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST PARISH OF SUDBURY
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST 327 CONCORD ROAD, SUDBURY, MA 01776**

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Worship at the Meetinghouse

Sunday, September 26, 10 am

Love Takes a Stand -- Love Votes

Justice Sunday

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Why does First Parish of Sudbury display a 12' banner across our historic Meetinghouse? Because there is no time like NOW to take a stand against attitudes, acts, and activism that dehumanize people through acts of exclusion, oppression, or violence. Perhaps you saw the Boston Globe on Wednesday, September 8; there were photos on page one and inside with people of all faiths protesting the threatened "Burn a Koran Day," many of them were holding signs reading: "Standing on the Side of Love."

"Standing on the Side of Love" is a national campaign of community activism, social networking, and media outreach. It was inspired by the 2008 shooting at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. When the Knoxville community responded to the violence with an outpouring of love, our religious leaders launched this campaign to challenge hate and harness love. Today, the initiative is taking a stand on a wide-range of issues – many of them related to a person's identity – such as immigration status, homophobia and gender identity, religious identities, poverty and so much more. Join us on this the first Justice Sunday of many this year. Discover ways you can stand on the side of love every day.

We will share the plate with the Middlesex Human Service Agency (see pg. 5)

**Join us for Fair Trade coffee and the option to stand together
on the side of justice with love.**

**Stay for the RE Open House in the Parish Hall at 11:45
and learn about our Religious Exploration programming
for children and youth.**

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First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates

Annmarie 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.

Worship continued

Sunday, October 3, 10 am

Let's Get Religion

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Bring someone who'd like to learn about Unitarian Universalism!

Fifty years ago, the Universalists and Unitarians agreed to merge their two separate religious organizations. Making that decision wasn't easy, but they did it and now our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Who were the Universalists? The Unitarians? Why did they choose to merge and what were the challenges? What was it like at the birth of Unitarian Universalism – what was the dream? More importantly, who are we now and, more important still, where are we going? UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales, says: "When we focus on what we love and long to create, we are energized. We form lasting bonds. We care more about *us* and less about *me*. When we focus on what we love," he says, "We get religion." Let's get religion!

Today, along with UU congregations across the country and in Canada, we participate in "Association Sunday" and share the plate with the Unitarian Universalist Association. Happy Birthday, UUA! (see pg. 5)

Sunday, October 10, 10 am

What Can We Do?

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Bill McKibben is co-founder and global organizer of 350.org. Recently, he wrote to us and the rest of the world: "The date is 10/10/10. The place is wherever you live. And the point is to do something that will help deal with global warming in your community. We're calling it a Global Work Party, with emphasis on both 'work' and 'party'. In Auckland, New Zealand, they're having a giant bike fix-up day, to get every bicycle in the city back on the road. In the Maldives, they're putting up solar panels on the President's office. In Kampala, Uganda, they're going to plant thousands of trees, and in Bolivia they're installing solar stoves for a massive carbon neutral picnic." And in Sudbury, Massachusetts.... Well, join us for worship and work on Sunday morning. We've got some "can do" projects we can do together.

There will be a "Get to Work" Party following the worship service.

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Roberta Altamari
Director of Religious Exploration
and Youth Ministry

Welcome to another wonderful year at First Parish! I have to admit that I always get a little misty eyed at our first worship service together. It always comes when we sing the first hymn together. I don't expect it even though it happens every year and am just now realizing why. It's because I'm so grateful to be back together again. The beautiful sound of all our voices coming together reminds me of the very many amazing things we've done together in the past and inspires me to wonder about what adventures we will enjoy together this year.

This celebration of community is why I love intergenerational worship services. I should admit that haven't always been a fan, mostly because half my family didn't like them. My ex-husband used to complain that they weren't deep enough. As an ex-Catholic, he thought a worship service with no sermon was like just going to a community center to hang out. My older daughter also used to complain, but her reasoning was the opposite - that it was just boring adult talk. What was the purpose and value if no one in my family liked them? Then my younger daughter came along and fell in love with them. From the young age of two, she'd happily sit in the congregation enjoying the time with her adult "friends." She'd happily try to sing the hymns with them, she'd eagerly carry the water or the flowers forward for us, and she'd look around the congregation seeing how many of her friends (of any age) she could get to smile back at her. She loved having all of her First Parish friends together!

Katie Lee and I attended a talk sponsored by Mass Bay District last May about the future of our Unitarian Universalist faith. Citing statistics from across many denominations, we discovered that the religious communities destined for growth (and survival) in the 21st century are those that are truly multigenerational. We spend far too much of our lives being segregated with people only our own age. And yet there are countless benefits of having good relationships with people from each generation. When do we ever get the opportunity to create such relationships? How can a congregation truly be multigenerational and still meet the individual needs and interests of each generation?

Our religious communities can offer a variety of opportunities to connect with people of different ages. We can worship, learn and do faith in action work together. As the group started brainstorming ways to start offering more opportunities for multigenerational connection at their own congregations, one woman suggested a summer camp. What a great idea I thought, until she described a model in which the adults were there just to teach the kids. We need opportunities to connect and share based on mutual respect and honoring everyone's talents. Young children, teens and elderly are often marginalized from regular society. And yet they have so many gifts to share. We don't fully know this until we take the time to get to know some people from these generations. We will try to provide more opportunities to do so in the coming year.

We will also invite you to create similar opportunities at home. It's like taking First Parish home with you. What inspires you here at First Parish? Many of our rituals, practices, and actions can be taken home. Start out easy by adding a candle lighting ceremony at your family dinner table. Invite everyone to share their favorite moment of the day or something they are grateful for. Don't have family nearby and want to enjoy connecting with someone special - invite a neighbor over. Like our intergenerational worship services, such rituals at home can be meaningful in some way for every person gathered together.

We live in such an intense and busy society. With technology, electronics, and the media, we are constantly over-stimulated. When do we have time to just simply "be?" When do we have time to simply gather together in community with people who share similar values? Let's consciously make that time and enjoy worshipping, learning, growing, and helping others together!

Roberta ♥

Coming up in Religious Exploration

Religious Exploration Important Dates:

Sunday, Sept. 26: Religious Exploration Open House for ALL members and friends at First Parish from 11:45 to 1pm. Enjoy good food at Social Hour followed by an opportunity to learn what the kids at First Parish are doing this year. Babysitting is available for free and a raffle for some great door prizes!

On Sunday, Sept. 26 at 5pm, we will kick-off another year of our famous Coming-of-Age program. Our youth look forward to a special dinner to meet their mentors in October.

Friday, Oct. 1 from 7 to 9 pm and Sunday, Oct. 3 from 1 to 3 pm are the parent orientation sessions for the Our Whole Lives program. If you know of a teen interested in participating in this incredible program, let Roberta know today. We are very pleased to be offering Our Whole Lives programs for both Junior High and Senior High teens this year. Both classes start on October 3.

Donate books for charity!

Join us in helping with our first EASY "Faith-in-Action" project of the year! For the month of September, we will be collecting new and gently used books for "More Than Words" Bookstore in Waltham. This bookstore teaches teens with challenging life situations basic business skills so that they can make a success of their young lives. For more information about this worthwhile non-profit organization, check out their website at www.mtwyouth.org. This project is great for kids and adults who don't have much money for charity project but like to give. Go through your books and see what you have outgrown and/or no longer want. They particularly appreciate educational and non-fiction books. Children can bring donations to their first RE classes on Sept. 19 and 26 and adults can drop off books in the donation bin outside the Commons.

Religious Exploration Wish List:

With some new space opened up in the basement for Religious Exploration use, we are excited to set up the rooms in an engaging way for the children and youth. To do so, we are looking for donated items you no longer need before searching outside our community. If you have anything we are wishing for, please contact Roberta today.

- A clean and good condition sofa or love seat in a plain color of tan, maroon, or blue.
- A preschool table and 4 to 6 matching chairs
- A great condition television with a screen 30 inches or bigger



Taking Care of Our Home:

This is our sacred, shared community. Please be respectful of all rooms, spaces, and property at First Parish. Leave everywhere in our home nicer than how you found it and remember to treat our shared property as you would want your most precious space to be treated.

Saturday, Sept. 25 is Buildings & Grounds Work Day

(rain date October 2) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm both dates.

Come one, come all. Bring rakes, work gloves, etc. Questions? Contact Terry Lt, Bruce L or Dave A.



Share the Plate Sept. 26 - Beyond Backpacks

For 7 years First Parish has generously supported the programs of the Middlesex Human Service Agency (MHSA), primarily through our back-to-school backpack collections for the children who live with their families in homeless shelters and transitional living arrangements while their parents work on attaining permanent housing. By having a new backpack and supplies as they start school, the kids get to feel like "regular" kids even while their lives are unsettled. They and their families are most grateful for our efforts. This year's collection is continuing through September 30.

However, the children and their families have needs beyond backpacks as they try to get back on their feet and move from shelters and transitional living situations to their own apartments and houses. While in the programs, they receive intensive case management, housing advocacy support, as well as training in parenting, nutrition, budgeting, etc. When ready to move from the programs, they need everything from dinner plates to dressers, coffee pots to comforters, linens to living room furniture; you get the picture. Our Share the Plate collection on September 26 will help the staff of MHSA to provide these supplies to the families in their programs as they move on to independent living back in their home communities.

About MHSA: "The mission of Middlesex Human Service Agency, Inc. is to improve the quality of life and independent functioning of a wide variety of clients through the delivery of an extensive system of community-based substance abuse and social service programs. Although our programs are many and varied, all emphasize dignity, respect and empowerment. We believe in teaching individuals and families the skills and problem solving abilities needed for self-sufficiency." For more information contact Ginny D or visit their website: www.mhsainc.org.

Share the Plate Oct. 3 with the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

As UUA President Peter Morales has said, "*We can be the religion of our time. We can only do this together...as an Association.*" Today's Share the Plate will help ensure that our faith thrives for generations to come by supporting growth pilot projects from the UUA's 2010 strategic review and materials to help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of Unitarian Universalism.

Since the merger in 1961 that created the UUA, Unitarian Universalists have journeyed together to help strengthen Unitarian Universalism, to open the doors to newcomers, to share our values with the world, to support our congregations, and to build a shared ministry.

But we need to improve our ability to share our faith with others. For the world needs congregations that are spiritually deep places where strong and enduring relationships can flourish, and that are engaged in their communities as sources of moral vision and effective action. The world needs religious homes that are truly multi generational, that reflect the racial and cultural diversity of the wider world, and that provide professional religious leaders who are visionary, spiritual, innovative, and diverse.

Judy D remembers the Congregational Meeting at which our Parish considered whether it wanted to, and did add "Universalist" to its name. She recalls that the Rev. Jerry Goddard (then our minister) explained how the Universalists had financially supported his theological education and that she told how Universalists had found many ways of putting their faith into action by starting schools and colleges, publishing books, and being strong abolitionists and opposers of the death penalty. Theirs was the first denomination in which a woman —Olympia Brown — was ordained by a group larger than an individual church congregation.

Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.



All-Congregation Potluck Lunch Oct. 3

Mark your calendar now - for Sunday, October 3 – for a potluck lunch after the worship service. All ages are welcome – in fact, the more ages, the better.

Brought to you by the Community and Hospitality Committee, this will be the first big social event of the church year. Share a table, share some food, share some stories and make some new friends.

For the potluck, the CHC will provide beverages, including milk for kids. You are invited to bring whatever food you are inspired to contribute, or whatever you can grab up at the last minute. We appreciate diversity. If you'd like to make it a "green" occasion, you can bring your own place settings. Otherwise, we can use church ware and wash it afterward.

You can also use this opportunity to bring a friend or a neighbor, or several, to savor the warmth of our community.

Faith in Action Team asks you to

Please Support Barakat's 3rd Annual Walk for Literacy Oct 16

Barakat is a Cambridge based organization (and a UUSC partner) that builds, staffs and operates schools in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India and is focused on the education of women and children. On October 16, Barakat is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Walk for Literacy to raise money for these schools. Through Barakat, just \$40 can educate a girl for an entire year!

Come to the Faith in Action table on October 3 to sponsor walkers Carolyn L and Tom A. You may also donate online by going to: <http://www.barakatworld.org/Info/about.html> On that page, you can make your donation directly, and write in either Tom's or Carolyn's name in the 'walker name' box. Last year we raised almost \$2000 for this walk, and we really want to do even more this year! If you'd also like to walk, we'd love to have you join us. Note, the walk date is also the date of the Harvest Craft Fair.

In Afghanistan, over 87% of the women are illiterate, and many girls do not have access to any kind of education. In the words of one woman, Noor Bibi, who recently enrolled in the Barakat school at the Afghan refugee camp in Attock, Pakistan, "*Without literacy, I am the same as a blind person. I couldn't read even a hospital's board or a drugstore's board. For this reason, I decided to become literate.*"

You can help Noor and many others like her realize their dreams. Studies of poorer countries have shown that the proven path to peace and economic prosperity is the education of women and children. (<http://www.econlib.org/library/Enc1/ThirdWorldEconomicDevelopment.html>) This is our chance to make a difference.

We of the FIA committee thank you for your generosity to Pakistani flood victims via the Share the Plate at In-Gathering, also given through Barakat to assist refugees coming into Attock, Pakistan. Please contact either Tom or Carolyn with any questions.



Women's Alliance Invites All Women Sunday, Sept. 26

The Women's Alliance invites all women to the brief business meeting and delicious pot luck supper from 5-8 pm on Sunday, Sept. 26 in the Commons. No RSVP- just drop in and enjoy stimulating conversation, good food and new or long-time friends.



4th Tuesday Lunch Sept. 28

Join us at Noon in the Commons Sept. 28 for 4th Tuesday BYO lunch. Alorie P will lead us in "Thinking about Poetry." Alorie will bring a few poems she likes, and asks lunch-goers to bring one of their favorites so that we may discuss what appeals to us about poetry: the subject? the language? the imagery? This is sure to be a rich subject and a great way to start off the new round of Tuesday lunches.

News from the Town Center Task Force

Since our last Congregational vote on the proposals to redesign the traffic patterns in Town Center, we have been presented with "Alternative 6". This proposal allows for significant safety improvements while keeping the same basic design for Town Center. Alternative 6 respects the previous FPS feedback in that there is no new right turn lane southbound on Concord Road. It does not change the property lines of the front lawn, but does move Concord Road to the west to straighten the north/south Concord Rd. traffic. This land is within the Town's right of way. Similarly, to widen Route 27, the east/west pavement moves closer to the Meetinghouse, but within the Town's right of way. Alternative 6 does include paving a piece of the southwest corner of the triangular common. This land does belong to First Parish.

We have informational meetings scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 28 at 7:30 pm in the Library and Sunday, Oct. 17 following the service at 11:45 in Room 2 on the lower level. We would like to present information regarding this proposal in anticipation of another Congregational vote on whether to transfer the part of the Common to the Town. We welcome your input and look forward to seeing you. A PDF file of the plan can be found here: <http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/TownCenterTaskForce/>. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah K, Jan H, Reed S, Bruce L or Sherri C.

Opportunities are Coming for Sharing Your Thoughts about Our Congregational Ministry!

At the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, a "go forth and do" charge was issued to the Committee on Ministry (CoM). We have asked the CoM to begin the work of a congregational assessment. This process will help us to take a look at where we are, who we are, where we would like to be and of course, who we would like to be! Looking at our ministry as a whole will guide us in our long-term vision and plans for who we are as a congregation and what we can offer to newcomers as well as our current members. This assessment happens every three years at FPS and will meet one of the benchmarks created by the Finance Committee last spring.

The Trustees have asked the CoM to report at the Oct. 4 Board of Trustees meeting as to the method, model and tentative schedule for the assessment process. The Trustees have also asked that the data collecting be done by the end of November. We are excited about this opportunity for all to share throughout the process. We hope you are just as excited and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that will be presented to you in the near future.

Look for more information in upcoming articles and communications. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact one of the members of the Board of Trustees or one of the members of the Committee on Ministry: Dotty R, Ellen B, Rob K, Rev. Katie Lee Crane, and the Board Liaison, Eliza K

-- The First Parish Board of Trustees

Two “Ferry Beach” Retreats – one in Sudbury and one in Maine

Many volunteers are planning for the special retreat weekend of October 22-24. Some members are traveling to the Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine for a weekend retreat. Those who remain locally will be treated to a “Retreat at Home” on Sunday morning, October 24. Here are some highlights of the plans in progress. We welcome volunteers to help both in Sudbury and in Maine. [See our invitation to help below.]

Retreat in Maine

While at Ferry Beach, we will worship, play, eat, and socialize together all weekend. On Saturday, though, we've reserved both structured and also informal time to kick-off an assessment of our congregational ministry – intended to provide a comprehensive evaluation of our ministry as it is today. We'll also be looking ahead to where we want to take our ministry next. This will be just the first step of a process that we will engage in throughout the year.

Here are the preliminary plans at Ferry Beach: (tentative schedule, subject to change)

Friday, October 22 travel to Maine, gather, socialize, and settle in

Saturday, October 23

Morning Activities: breakfast, worship, programming for all ages

Afternoon Activities: lunch, informal programming and free time for all

Evening Activities: dinner, talent show shared with other retreaters from the UU Church of Marblehead and the UU Church in Haverhill.

Sunday, October 24

Morning Activities: breakfast, worship with UU friends from Haverhill and Marblehead, closing program and ritual.

Afternoon Activities: lunch, then on your own and on your way!

TO REGISTER:

contact Sheila D

TO HELP PLAN WORSHIP:

contact Katie Lee or Roberta

TO HELP PLAN PROGRAMS:

contact Eliza K or Fran S

TO HELP PLAN THE TALENT SHOW:

contact Katie Lee (for now)

Retreat in Sudbury

Even if you are not planning to go to Maine, we want to offer you a Sunday morning experience that's informal, lively, and participative. In short, we want those back home to be able to do some of the very same things that the folks in Maine are doing. And then we will gather together in the weeks that follow, to have an exchange of ideas and outcomes from each retreat as well as continue the assessment/planning process.

Our plans are still evolving, but we imagine that the retreat in Sudbury will begin with a very special and engaging worship integrated with time for kicking off the assessment of ministry. Watch for details in the next Connector and on our website.

THANK YOUS are DUE!

The First Parish Board of Trustees sends along their THANK YOUS to Bruce L and Terry L for their 140+ hours that they spent over the summer in their work associated with the elevator shaft/pit situation. As their personal time on this project was affected, the Trustees also wish to extend their THANK YOUS to their families for their understanding and patience. And THANK YOUS to Dave A and Steve G for their assistance and support to Bruce and Terry during the work.

In addition, the Trustees send along a THANK YOU to Donna Scalcione for working above and beyond her limited summer hours on various Buildings and Grounds tasks. She won't be able to do this type of work in the future as it takes away time from her other various tasks, but for this summer it "had to be done" and we truly appreciate her dedication to First Parish and how she "stepped up" to do the work.



Shared Ministry includes hosting social hour and bringing flowers.

Won't you sign up in the Parish Hall and take a turn or two?

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Please remember to bring in backpacks and school supplies

for the kids from Sandra's Lodge. The collection bin is available in the lobby through September. Contact Ginny Doxsey with any questions.



The Harvest Craft Fair is Coming October 16

The Harvest Fair Committee is gearing up with preparations for the 109th First Parish Harvest Craft Fair, one of our biggest annual fundraisers. The Craft Fair is a fun and festive event enjoyed by FPS folks and many in our surrounding communities.

Over 60 juried crafters sell their handmade goods at our Craft Fair. There are hand-knitted sweaters, beautiful jewelry, ceramics, paintings, hand blown glass items, photography, original art, and many one-of-a-kind items. We also sell jams and jellies from the kitchens of our parishioners. Please make up some extra goodies while making your winter supply!

Then there is our famous soup luncheon with a great selection of delicious soups and breads. The bake sale offers yummy treats, but they always sell out, so get your goodies early! Fun activities are planned for kids—watch for upcoming information to find out more.

What we need NOW are volunteers for set-up, helping during the Fair, and clean-up. Please contact one of the co-chairs: Beth R, Sherri C, Mary Ellen F, or Reed S. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. We NEED YOU to help make the fair fun and successful.

Be sure the date is marked on your calendar. Bring family and friends for lunch, to enjoy the fun, and to get a start on your holiday shopping!

Service Trip to New Orleans

Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul have another relief and recovery trip scheduled for October 10 – 16. Five years since Hurricane Katrina, volunteers are still providing the lion's share of help in the Gulf Coast recovery efforts. This trip to New Orleans (their 23rd) will continue to help repair and restore damaged homes and yards and provide tutoring and work on projects at New Orleans elementary schools.

For more information or to sign up, contact Trina H. at trinah2.0@gmail.org. To find out more about Long Haul, go to the website www.longhaulvolunteers.org. Also, ask First Parish member Sheila D about her trip with them.

Drivers Needed - F.I.S.H. is a volunteer organization that provides transportation for Sudbury residents to medical appointments. Volunteer drivers are under no obligation to accept any assignment unless it fits comfortably with his or her schedule. There is no weekly or daily schedule or requirement. You only drive when and where it is convenient for you. F.I.S.H. is a great way to help your neighbors who are in need. For more information, call Ed G at 978-443-9233.

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Deadline for the Oct. 6
Connector is 5 pm Sept. 29

SPOTLIGHT : Committee on Ministry

Dotty R, convener, Ellen B, Rob K, Eliza K, liaison from the Board of Trustees, and Rev. Katie Lee Crane ex officio.

You'll be hearing a lot from the Committee on Ministry (CoM) this fall. This year – as they do every three years – this group of First Parish volunteers is conducting an assessment of our congregational ministry. And, between surveys, the committee works with the minister to ensure a healthy and vibrant ministry at First Parish.

Its primary purpose is to strengthen the quality of ministry in the congregation. It seeks to understand, assess, support and advocate for a strong and mutually-supportive ministry throughout the context of congregational life. The Committee serves the whole congregational body. Trust, integrity, and confidentiality are essential to its work. The members must have the trust of the congregation at large, the congregational leaders, and the Minister. For this reason, members are invited to serve on this committee by both the Board of Trustees and Minister following a selection process that involves both trustees and minister. For information about the congregational assessment, see pg.7.

Curious about UU Christians who “freely follow Jesus?”

The Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship (UUCF) was founded in Boston in 1945. Today, they describe themselves this way: *We are non-creedal followers of Jesus, rooted in the history and tradition of Unitarian Universalism. If you feel “too UU to be Christian” and “too Christian to be UU” you may want to explore the ministries of UUCF.* Go to www.uuchristian.org to learn about the many events, publications, online communities and resources available to UU Christians. Learn how many contemporary Unitarian Universalists are delving deeply into the ancient, living and thriving tradition of Christianity based on freedom, not dogma. UUCF is in relationship with the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) and with UU Christians around the Globe.

News from the Wider-Community

Benefit Concert Friday, Sept. 24 at 8 pm for UUMass Action, which advocates for our UU Values, featuring **Matt Meyer, Fred Small, Jim Scott, Justine Sullivan and Dean Arvidson at First Parish in Framingham**. Help UUMAN mobilize more UUs for a more just, equitable and compassionate Commonwealth. Advance tickets \$15 adults/\$5 children, at www.umassaction.org or \$20/\$10 at the door.

Screening and Discussion of “Beyond Belief” Sept. 30, 2010 from 6:45 pm at the Islamic Center of Boston, 126 Boston Post Rd, Wayland. An award-winning documentary about two Massachusetts women whose husbands were on the planes that flew into the World Trade Center. In response to this tragedy, as they cope with loss and struggle to raise their families, these extraordinary women dedicate themselves to empowering Afghan widows whose lives have been ravaged by decades of war, poverty and oppression. Susan Retik will dialogue with the attendees about her work and the programs she supports through her organization, Beyond the 11th, which provides support to widows in Afghanistan who have been afflicted by war, terrorism, and oppression. There is \$10 ticket charge. Contact: shaheenakhtar500@yahoo.com

Recycle 10-Noon on Sat. Oct 2 at Curtis Middle School: solid foam packing, discarded CDs and six-pack rings. Donation \$5/household to **Sustainable Sudbury**. Questions to Peg W at 978-443-2023

FPS Calendar September 22, 2010 to October 9, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22 8:45a WebsiteCom 7:00p Rental 7:00p Coffhse TF	Sep 23 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 7:30p Choir	Sep 24	Sep 25 9:00a Buildings & Grounds Work Day- helpers needed
Sep 26 10:00a Worship Service 11:30a Faith in Action 11:45a Morris Dancing 11:45a Religious Exploration Program Open House 11:45a Board hosts guest 4:45p Morris Dancing 5:00p Women's Alliance Meeting & Potluck-all welcome 5:00p Coming-of-Age class 6:30p Rental 7:00p Youth Group social justice trip	Sep 27 7:00p RE Committee 7:30p Committee on Ministry	Sep 28 12:00p 4th Tuesday BYO Lunch Discussion 7:00p Quilting 7:00p Rental 7:30p Pastoral Associate Group	Sep 29 12:00p STOP Program-FPS & Beth El 7:00p Rental	Sep 30 12:00a Back Pack Drive ends today 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 7:30p Carbon Consciousness 7:30p Choir	Oct 1 7:00p Sr. High Our Whole Lives parent orientation	Oct 2 9:00a Rain Date Buildings & Grounds Work Day
Oct 3 10:00a Worship Service - Association Sunday 11:30a CHC's Potluck Lunch for everyone 11:45a Morris Dancing 11:45a Hearthside Chat 1:00p Jr. High Our Whole Lives (OWL) parent orientation 4:45p Morris Dancing 5:00p Jr. Hi OWL class 6:30p Rental 7:00p Sr. Hi OWL class	Oct 4 12:00p Rental: SED 6:00p Finance Committee 7:00p Board of Trustees	Oct 5 7:00p Quilting 7:00p Rental	Oct 6 7:00p Rental	Oct 7 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 7:15p Rental: Sudbury Dems 7:30p Choir	Oct 8 7:00p Chalice Circle	Oct 9 12:00p Rental: Baby Dedication