



OCTOBER 20, 2010



Worship at the Meetinghouse

Sunday, October 24, 10 am to noon

Take a Chance for Joy!

Special Guest, Mr. Rodney Mashia, with Anmarie A as Worship Host

Welcome to a retreat from the ordinary! Today's worship is intentionally designed to offer you a mini-retreat. For a few hours, you may lay down the stresses of ordinary life, set aside preconceptions of "traditional" worship, and be invited through music, singing and sharing, to "take a chance for joy!" While some First Parish folks are on retreat in Maine, others will "retreat" to our sanctuary at the Sudbury Meetinghouse for worship, first, and then an opportunity to participate in a conversation similar to the one our fellow parishioners in Maine will be having.

Our special guest is Rodney Mashia (MAH shay) is a singer, songwriter, flautist, and computer software consultant. He has been a senior musician and staff member of the Opening the Heart workshop at Spring Hill. Rodney was a soloist with the choral group "On Wings of Song" and has recorded *Stand in the Light*. He has been a staff member and a co-director of the Kindred Spirits camp at the Unitarian Universalist Rowe Camp & Conference Center in Rowe, Massachusetts. Drawing upon the gospel tradition and his own autobiographical songs, Rodney's music is infectious, heart-warming, and irresistible.

There will be a program following the worship, led by Dotty R from the Committee on Ministry and Bev Baker, Community Life Coordinator. This is the kick-off event in our congregation's comprehensive assessment of its ministry.

Sunday, October 31 at 10am

Characters of Compassion

Led by Roberta Altamari

Please join us for an engaging, multi-generational worship service. All are welcome to come in costume – not your Halloween costume, but a costume celebrating someone (fiction or non-fiction, alive or not) who inspires you to be a kind, compassionate person. Or if you would rather not dress up, bring a prop or picture to honor your special character. The service will be a celebration of our Unitarian Universalist source of "people of long ago and today who inspire us to be courageously loving" (with the room to imagine how fiction characters also can inspire us). Whose story challenges you to be your best possible self? Let's take some time from our busy lives to meet, discover, and appreciate the characters of compassion in our lives.

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Sunday, November 7, 10 am

Listening by Heart

Rev. Katie Lee Crane with the Pastoral Associates

Pastoral care-giving is not easy to describe but it is amazing to give and receive. It's about being there. About listening. It is a spiritual practice of mindful attention and affirmation. It's about telling stories. It's about holding another's story with reverence. As Henri Nouwen once said: "Our most important question is not, "What to say or do?" but "How to develop enough inner space where the story can be received." Offering pastoral care is, again in Nouwen's words, "a humble but also demanding task." In some ways, we are bystanders, but it's more than that, we are witnesses to another's life. And all we can do is *be there*. We can't fix it or change it or talk someone out of it. We are simply there to hear someone into a deep sense of their own humanness. This kind of listening by heart has transformative power, not only for the one listened to, but also for the listener. Join us this morning to hear our Pastoral team tell how this ministry of presence has strengthened their own spiritual foundations and carried over into other important relationships in their lives. Hear our own stories of how, in the process of hearing someone into a spiritual insight or out of a spiritual wilderness, we moved along our own spiritual paths.

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

And a special service

Sunday, November 7, 3 pm

Take My Hand – a Community Service of Healing and Comfort

Rev. Katie Lee Crane & Ms. Anmarie A

This community service, sponsored by the Pastoral Associates at First Parish of Sudbury, welcomes anyone from our surrounding communities to gather at the First Parish Meetinghouse for the purpose of naming our losses, sharing stories of love, and reaching out to one another. We are focusing not only on the losses of loved ones, but also losses such as loss of jobs, loss of income, loss of health and abilities.... All the ways we humans sometimes are called to grieve when some change – some loss – is forcing us to let go, to say goodbye to people and expectations and things that felt like "certainties" so that we can move forward into a new reality.

Because so many religious traditions and cultures have rituals to name losses and provide comfort, we, too, are offering a Community Service of Healing and Comfort. Join us – and bring a friend. Say simply: "Take My Hand."

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First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates
Audrey K, Polly M, Fred P, Paul R, Dawn S

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



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Roberta Altamari
Director of Religious Exploration
and Youth Ministry

I write my second column of the year with very exciting news! I am pleased to report that we are moving in the right direction towards meeting our benchmark goal of increasing participation in our children's Religious Exploration program and Youth Ministry. Here are some numbers:

After just three weeks of regular RE, we now have 60 registrations for children and youth participating this year. This is UP six from the end of last year and up at least nine from this time last year. As is typical transition every year, eight registered children and youth did not return (most of which were expected). Although it is always sad to see families not return, the great news is that fourteen new children and youth have already made up for these losses and helped us grow. After years of the numbers going down and then stabilizing and then slowly increasing last year, it is very exciting to start the year with marked growth! I hope we can keep this up!

Likewise, our attendance numbers have also shown nice increases. This means that in addition to more children and youth coming to First Parish, they are coming more regularly. In the first three weeks of regular classes, we have averaged an increase of six more kids per Sunday. In the first four weeks of Youth Group activities, we have averaged an increase of five more teenagers per Sunday. We are growing in both registrations and participation!

It's still early in the year, but I wanted to publically share the good news that we are off to a good start. I originally reported this news to the Trustees right around the same time we heard the sad (for us) news that Katie Lee will be retiring from Parish ministry at the end of the year. Like you, the news prompted me to think about what I (individually) and we (collectively as a community) are losing when Katie Lee leaves. But as the news settled and was balanced with these numbers, I was awakened to a nice realization.

Katie Lee leaves many gifts with us, particularly the shared ministry model she led us in creating here. We are a progressive, visionary congregation in this area. We should be proud and grateful. Our ministry is very much about "us" and year after year, we come together to do amazing things. Although we will miss Katie Lee, she is leaving us ready to move forward to grow, prosper, and thrive!

As I think of Katie Lee, I keep thinking of bird images for some strange reason (and no comment about all these O.W.L. classes I'm leading this year). The first bird image is of the mother bird feeding, nurturing, and teaching her babies so that they can some day fly off confidently on their own. That's what she did. She nurtured us and now we are ready to fly!

The other bird image I think of is of the scientific explanation for the way that geese migrate. They fly in a V formation and block the wind for each other making the journey easier. They also take turns in the lead role so that no individual goose has to bear the entire burden. By sharing the leadership, they maximize their energy and get much more work done. This is what we do here at First Parish with the shared ministry model. By everyone stepping up to take turns leading in the areas in which they are talented, we share the burden and create amazing experiences that none of us alone could imagine.

We embark on a year of transition. May we move forward with wonderful memories, hearts filled with gratitude, and fully ready to grow in many ways. Helen Keller once said, "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." As life leads us to another transition in the natural cycle of life, I stand ready to walk with you as we honor our past by opening new doors and exploring new beginnings.

Warm blessings,
Roberta ♥

Coming up in Religious Exploration

Faith in Action projects for kids, families, and everyone!

Reverse Trick-or-Treat

In October, our Youth Group will again sponsor the Reverse Trick-or-Treat project by the UUSC. In this program, youth take "fair trade chocolates" to pass out to the families they trick-or-treat from. Not only are our teens giving their neighbors treats, but they are sharing an important message about the value of "fair trade chocolates". They are also hosting a Halloween party on Friday, October 29th to inspire other teens to do this sweet project. And our youth will have kits that anyone (children, adults, families) can take home on Halloween Sunday to spread this important social justice message.

Sharing Our Halloween (and other) Treats

Starting on Halloween, we will be collecting sweets and other treats for Birthday Wishes (a non-profit group that hosts Birthday parties for children in homeless shelters across the state). Birthday Wishes will use the candy in piñatas at the parties. Please share any surplus Halloween candy (that doesn't have nuts and/or Halloween decorations). Other items that Birthday Wishes needs includes: disposable cameras, wrapping paper, gifts for kids 3 and under, and gifts for boys 11 to 18.



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.

People We Care About

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4th Tuesday Lunch Oct. 26

Laine G will be guest speaker at the Oct 26 Tuesday BYO Lunch gathering, speaking about mindfulness meditation – from her experience studying and practicing meditation in several traditions. Laine will lead us in a brief meditation, and then invite us to spend the first minutes with our lunches “eating mindfully” in silence. Afterwards we’ll discuss the applications of mindfulness in our everyday lives.



Faith in Action News

Please Vote “Yes” on Your Single-Payer Ballot Question

Those of us who live in **Marlborough, Sudbury, Wayland and the part of Acton** that is in 14th Middlesex District are in three of 14 state legislative districts that have the opportunity to advance progress toward single-payer health care in our state by voting YES on this single-payer question on our Nov. 2 ballots:

Shall the representative from this district be instructed to support legislation that would establish health care as a human right regardless of age, state of health or employment status, by creating a single payer health insurance system like Medicare that is comprehensive, cost effective, and publicly provided to all residents of Massachusetts?

In Marlborough, it will be question #5. In Acton, Sudbury and Wayland, it will be question #4.

Every day, it becomes more apparent that Chapter 58, Massachusetts’ current health care law, is unsustainable. It costs too much for individuals, businesses and the state and municipal government. It does not insure everyone. It makes it difficult for even the insured to get health care because of high deductibles and co-pays, and it forces many to resort to emergency-room care at a huge cost to the Commonwealth (that is, to us taxpayers). And Governor Patrick’s strong efforts to limit the rising costs of health insurance premiums have been met by ways the insurance companies have devised to get around them. Many people find that it is less expensive to pay the penalty for not buying insurance than it is to buy the insurance, but that leaves them without protection when they get ill.

It is well past time we eliminated the unnecessary middlemen that are the health insurance companies. They do not provide health care, but often are in the role of denying it. Furthermore, their administrative expenses (including astronomical CEO salaries and advertising and marketing), and the administrative expenses they force medical providers to incur in order to conform with the many forms and regulations they demand, add up to more than 30% of our health insurance dollars, while Medicare’s administrative expenses add up to less than 10%. Single-payer’s administrative expenses may be even less than Medicare’s.

It is cost effective, eliminating the paperwork needed to meet the requirements of insurance companies. It will eliminate the middleman, and cost individuals, businesses, municipalities and the Commonwealth less than our present system

It will cover all Massachusetts residents in one big risk-pool. There will be no denial of care because of pre-existing conditions and no cessation of care because of illness or injury.

It will be paid for by a small tax on payrolls, incomes of the self employed, and unearned income. This tax will replace premiums, deductibles, co-pays and out-of-pocket expenses, and will be less than most of are currently paying for health insurance.

Single- payer health care recognizes health care as a human right. It is like improved Medicare for all.

Many UUA General Assemblies have voted to have our Association work for single-payer health care, and the UUA is a member organization of Mass-Care — the Massachusetts campaign for single-payer health care. *Please vote YES on the single payer health care question.*



Open Brainstorming Session—Sunday, Oct. 31 at 11:45

If two heads are better than one, then imagine how many ideas we can generate if 10 or 15 or more people share their thoughts!

Join the Community and Hospitality Committee for our brainstorming session after Social Hour on Oct. 31. We are happy that Bev Baker has joined us as our new Community Life Coordinator. She's bringing new energy, ideas and perspective to the position and to First Parish. Now that she's settling in to her role and we've got the program year started, our committee wants to think of new ideas and start new activities in the areas of:

- **Outreach** to the general public and faith-seekers in the MetroWest region
- **Connecting** visitors and new folks to people and activities at First Parish
- **Strengthening** the bonds between the members of our community

Do you have any ideas in these areas that you've seen work in other organizations? Do you have some ideas about things that might work at First Parish? Do you have any suggestions that might have worked in the past but have fallen by the wayside? Please help us spark some new and exciting ideas! If you can't join us on the 31st but have some ideas to share, please contact Ginny D.



Save Seeds for Pakistan

As you know, Pakistan was recently hit by floods which have impacted an estimated 62,000 square miles of land, including some of the most productive agricultural land in that country. The farmers in the region lost seeds, mature plantings and orchards.

However, once floodwaters recede, they will leave behind rich new topsoil in which seeds will thrive. So although many of the crops planted this season are in ruins, there is hope for the future. But Pakistani farmers need help; most do not have reserves with which to rebuild.

We have an opportunity to give directly to family farmers who can then plant, tend, harvest new crops and feed themselves and their neighbors, bringing some measure of sustainability and stability back into their lives. Through Kitchen Gardeners International (KGI), there is a member-driven initiative to donate seeds to family farmers. They are being single handedly distributed by KGI member Salma Kamal, who lives in Islamabad

As part of 350.org's 10.10.10 Global Work Party, aimed at mobilizing groups around the world to do something to combat global warming, **FPS's Carbon Consciousness group is spearheading a seed collection initiative to support Pakistani farmers in need.** We invite the congregation and the community at large to donate seeds and/or a monetary donation (which will pay for more seeds and/or postage costs). There will be a collection box in the Parish Hall and at coffee hour following services through October 31. Pakistani farmers are in the process of their fall seed sowing through mid-November, so time is of the essence.

The Carbon Consciousness group will send all seeds directly to Salma Kamal in early November. So, please do YOUR part and Save Seeds for Pakistan, and then stay tuned for an update from Salma.

You buy ONE, We get TWO -- "Teal" Hymnal Drive – Singing the Journey

Ever found yourself looking for one of those teal paperback hymnals in your pew? Well worry no more. If you buy one hymnal (for a mere \$18), First Parish will get one donated through a generous anonymous offer. This offer is good until December 1, so please send \$18 payable to First Parish, attn: Debra Morris-Bennett. Thank you.



The Coffee House on the Rocky Plain NEWS

The Coffee House group has been working hard for the **season opener featuring Tom Smith and Mally Smith on Saturday, Nov. 6**. Terry Lockhart, Marc Klureza, Reed Shilts and Suzanne Whittlesey have been preparing the new stage area in the Parish Hall. With a new direction and new stage lighting, the next show will look wonderful in person as well as for the TV cameras.

We do need your help to make the season run smoothly. There are opportunities for people who like working well in advance. We need help in publicizing future shows and we need someone to design a logo. On the night of the concert we need the following: a still photographer, bakers, a shopper, coffee makers, kitchen workers, a parking lot director, set up workers, and break down workers. Please sign up at Social Hour the next two Sundays. One of us will be at an information poster to answer your questions. We have detailed job descriptions so you'll know exactly what you're signing up to do. If you don't have time after the Sunday Service, please contact one of us. We are Leslie B, Judith C, Marc K, Terry L, Leslie L, Kelly S, Reed S and Suzanne W. Our group meets monthly and as needed to organize the coffeehouse. Let us know if you'd like to get on our email list. The coffeehouse is a fun evening and is a benefit to the Congregation as well as to the Cusco, Peru Music School.

Our Nov. 6 show will also be our 'Warm Clothes, Warm Hearts' night. Just bring any gently used jackets, coats, gloves, mittens, and hats to our show and they will be distributed to those in need at area homeless shelters. This program is in cooperation with WUMB radio and the Golden Key Society at UMass Boston, and Boston Area Coffee House Association. We will continue collecting at our Jan. 22, 2011 show.

Can You Help Out On Sunday Morning?

- ✓ Would you like to find a simple, task-focused way to support First Parish?
- ✓ Would you like to have your children participate in an important First Parish function on Sunday mornings?
- ✓ Would you like to support our congregation on Sunday mornings when you're at First Parish already?
- ✓ Would you and your family like to offer a warm, friendly welcome to visitors and worshippers?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then **consider joining the Usher Team!** We offer detailed instructions and a defined work period (9:15-11:15 AM). We believe that singles, couples, parents with kids (that's EVERYONE!) can be an asset to our Sunday mornings as ushers. You can sign up for one Sunday per year, occasional Sundays or regularly. We've got flexibility with our scheduling to support your participation. Thanks to our continuing ushers of the past years and this fall, we can pair you with an experienced teammate.

The basic responsibilities are to fold the programs, set up the sanctuary, welcome and hand out programs before the service, collect the offering during the service, tidy up the sanctuary and count the collection after the service. As Katie Lee likes to say, "It's not heavy lifting!" So, please join us and support your First Parish community! To sign up or for more information, contact Ginny, Nancy M or contact the FPS office.



In the Spotlight:
Worship Associates Group

WAG is actively recruiting new members!

There are tasks big and small to be completed, some done individually (seeking out guest speakers from various sources), some to be completed with others from WAG (coordinating Summer Services, research), some with guests (serving as a worship host), some supporting staff (Soulful Sundown coordination).

Overview/Mission of Group:

The Worship Associates Group (WAG) collaborates for the purpose of creating, leading and evaluating worship at First Parish of Sudbury. The group consists of the minister, director(s) of religious education, music director, and lay members and friends of First Parish. It convenes for at least four meetings annually. Smaller subsets of the group may meet informally and more frequently.

A Worship Associate is a lay member or friend of First Parish with a demonstrated interest in worship. The group is charged with keeping the broad interests of the congregation at heart while planning and creating worship experiences. Worship Associates may perform one or several of the following services, but no single Associate is expected to perform all of these services:

- Create, usually with a small team, lay-led worship services
- Recruit and serve as the Worship Host for guest preachers
- Assist the FPS minister with worship services throughout the year
- Create and/or host special worship services (e.g. Hanukkah; Passover; or Earth-centered rituals)
- Coordinate and host Summer Services at the Meeting House
- Assist in planning the annual worship calendar and/or specific worship events
- Serve as a resource in finding/suggesting people, readings, music, rituals, new ideas etc.
- Evaluate worship services
- Create an emergency plan (e.g. the “storm” sermon; or when the minister can’t come at the last minute)
- Serve as a conduit for congregational feedback and as a source of worship information to the congregation

WAG meets at least five times a year to determine themes, assign associates, evaluate past worship services, plan new worship services, and identify resources. Often the fall and spring are busy; the winter many be slower.

Commitment to Participate:

Members of WAG sign up for a three year term or on an exploratory basis. It helps greatly for WAG members to attend most worship services.

What else WAG members would like you to know:

- “I never would have thought I could speak from the pulpit, but I’ve gotten past some of that nervousness and really enjoy doing a reading or otherwise helping to make a service meaningful for others.”
- Participating in WAG has made me feel more closely tied into our liturgical year, which does exist, but is quite different from most others one might know about.
- WAG has actually been the most time-efficient committee I’ve ever served on -- doing a lot of things that turn out to be important for others in very little time.

For more information: Rev. Katie Lee Crane, Roberta Altamari, Debra Morris-Bennett, Reed S, Michael T, Sue W

Greetings from a North Parish Preschooler ~2010~

Just last week, we received this postcard from the people at the North Parish Unitarian Universalist Congregation in North Andover, Massachusetts. In addition to the original artwork, it read:



Dear UUs:

*We're so GLAD that, like us, you are Unitarian Universalists!
We're so GLAD we're connected!*

Your congregation was named, remembered and blessed during our services on Association Sunday 2010... because you had a profound impact on someone among us.

Thank you for keeping our faith alive where you are!

Thank you, friends, for your blessing. You remind us to pay it forward and say "thank you" to someone who had a profound impact on us. And to do it often. Gratitude is a spiritual practice.

News from the Wider-Community

The **Reverend Mark Morrison-Reed** will be in MA for several talks and sermons in the coming weeks. Mark, who grew up in the UU movement shares both his personal history as an African American UU, and a scholarly perspective of our denomination's history of struggle with racial and ethnic diversity.

At First Parish in Bedford:

Saturday Oct. 23 at 7:30 pm - Book Reading from In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby... and Sunday, Oct. 24 sermon at 9:00 am and 11:00 am - "Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven."

At UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury:

Sunday, Oct. 24, 3:00-5:00 pm "We Took a Collection and Sent Him On His Way." Childcare is available. See more at:
<http://www.uuum.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=42140&PID=816889>

At First Parish in Cambridge:

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7 pm, at the Cambridge Forum, he will discuss his book In Between: Memoir of an Integration Baby... and Sunday, Oct. 31, 10:30 am, he will preach his sermon "Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven" and 12:30-2 pm, he will lead a workshop on "Darkening the Doorways: Black Trail Blazers and Missed Opportunities in Unitarian Universalism."

You are welcome to join our new renter, the Law of Attraction-Conceive Believe Receive group, that now meets monthly at FPS on Saturdays from 10-Noon, starting Oct. 23. Lynda Thayer LMT, CPC and Harry Kroner CHt, CPC have created the group to bring like minded people together who want to raise their consciousness in order to create the life of their dreams. They'll share proven inspirational exercises to keep you feeling positive and enthusiastic about the possibilities that surround you. See the flyer on the bulletin board to the right of the Kitchen or email lrthayer@gmail.net.

"How the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (our nation's health reform law) Will Affect Massachusetts" a talk by Commissioner David Morales, head of MA Div. of Health Care Finance and Policy, 2:30 pm, Sunday, Oct. 24 at Goodnow Library, Concord Rd., Sudbury, followed by questions and comments, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Sudbury.



Enjoy Soulful Sundowns every Friday night at 7pm

with First Parish of Sudbury
Unitarian Universalist
327 Concord Rd. Sudbury
978-443-2043

*Exploring the intersection of arts,
social justice, and spirituality*

***It's all about connection
and inspiration!***

Each Soulful Sundown Friday will be spent doing one of the following:

- ♥ *Sharing interactive, meaningful worship together*
- ♥ *Viewing and discussing films which challenge us to search for meaning behind the flickering images on the screen*
- ♥ *Exploring social justice and working together for change in the world*
- ♥ *Engaging in a fascinating discussion about human sexuality based on the Our Whole Lives program.*

Starts this November!

All are welcome (need not be a member of First Parish to attend)

Bring a friend!

At First Parish, The Little Things Add Up!

On Friday, November 5 at 7pm, all are welcome to join Adam and Robyn, who will lead the first Soulful Sundown worship service posing the question "what are the little things in your life that have a big impact?" Adam and Robyn, both youth members of First Parish of Sudbury, will share their thoughts and encourage congregants to formulate their own list of the many wonderful things that happen to each of us each day. Sometimes these seem little, but in fact, can be what helps us get through our day with hope and resiliency.

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The Magic Lantern: *The Soloist*

On Friday, November 12 at 7pm, we will view and discuss *The Soloist* as part of The Magic Lantern film series with Dr. Jonas Barciauskas & Rev. Katie Lee Crane. This true-life drama tells the poignant tale of Los Angeles newspaper reporter Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.), who discovers brilliant street musician Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), and the unique friendship that transforms both their lives. In helping his new friend deal with his demons, Steve ends up battling with his own. Joe Wright directs this inspiring drama based on the bestselling book by the real Lopez.

Paper clips: It began as a lesson about prejudice ... what happened next was a miracle!

On Friday, November 19 at 7pm, we will view and discuss a documentary called Paper Clips. “When Tennessee’s Whitwell Middle School began studying the Holocaust as a way to learn about intolerance and diversity, they started collecting paper clips to help them visualize the vast numbers of victims murdered by Hitler’s Nazi regime. As word spread online and in the media, paper clips poured in by the millions from all around the world.” First Parish member, Julia E was the editor of the film and will join us to share some of the behind-the-scenes inspiring moments and lessons.

Introducing the Birds and the Bees All Grown Up!

On Friday, November 26 at 7pm, we will enjoy our first in our Birds & Bees All Grown Up series. Yes, the day after a holiday of tasty food and good company, join us for a fascinating night talking about another type of natural, human pleasure. We will engage in some activities that the teens who participated in the Junior High Our Whole Lives program last year declared were a “must” for every adult.

Making Merry Meaningful this Holiday Season

On Friday, December 3 at 7pm, we will kick-off the December holiday season with a worship service full of inspiration to “unplug the Christmas machine” and get to the heart of the matter. It doesn’t cost a lot of money to celebrate the winter holidays in ways that warm the hearts and souls of you and your loved ones. If you wish, please bring a “wrapped” used copy of a book that has inspired you that you are willing to give to someone else as a Secret Santa gift. (Also bring a brief description on a note card of how the book inspired you).

The Magic Lantern: *Babbette's Feast*

On Friday, December 10 at 7pm, we will view and discuss *Babbette’s Feast* as part of The Magic Lantern film series with Dr. Jonas Barciauskas & Rev. Katie Lee Crane. Philippa (Hanne Stensgaard) and Martina (Vibeke Hastrup) turn down a chance to leave their Danish town, instead staying to care for their pastor father and his small church. Thirty-five years later, a French woman (Stéphane Audran) seeks refuge, and Philippa and Martina (now Bodil Kjer and Birgitte Federspie) take her in. The feast the woman prepares in gratitude is eclipsed only by her secret in director Gabriel Axel’s Oscar-winning drama.

Spreading the spirit of Christmas with Song

On Friday, December 17 at 7pm, we will travel together to the residence of homebound seniors to spread some Christmas magic. We will sing some festive Christmas carols and enjoy some holiday treats. If you wish, please bring some cookies to share.

Merry Christmas!

Please join us on Friday, December 24 at 5pm or 7pm for our wonderful Christmas Eve services. The 5pm service is known as the “Family Service,” but people of all ages are welcome to both. The 7pm service is known as the “Candlelight Service.”

FPS Calendar Oct 20, 2010 to Nov 13, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20 1:00p Rental: 1:30p Rental: 3:00p Rental: 7:00p Rental 7:00p GMMS	Oct 21 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 7:30p Choir 7:30p GMMS	Oct 22 Congregational Weekend Retreat at Ferry Beach, Maine 8:00p Musicians of the Old Post Road Concert	Oct 23 Congregational Retreat 10:00a Rental: Law of Attraction Group- newcomers welcome 2:00p Rental: Princetn
Oct 24 Congregational Retreat 10:00a Worship Service and Assessment of Ministry kickoff 11:45a Morris Dancing 2:00p Rental: Princeton 5:00p Jr. High OWL 6:30p Rental	Oct 25 7:00p RE Committee 7:30p Committee on Ministry	Oct 26 12:00p 4th Tuesday BYO Lunch Discussion 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilting 7:30p PAG	Oct 27 7:00p Rental 7:00p Rental	Oct 28 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 7:00p Carbon Consciousness 7:30p Choir	Oct 29 7:00p Youth Group Halloween Party	Oct 30 2:00p Rental: Princeton Review
Oct 31 10:00a Worship Service 11:45a Morris Dancing 11:45a Open Meeting Community & Hospitality Committee 2:00p Rental: Princeton 4:45p Morris Dancing 6:30p Rental	Nov 1 12:00p Rental 6:00p Finance Committee 7:00p Board of Trustees	Nov 2 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilting	Nov 3 1:00p Rental: Girl Scouts 7:00p Rental	Nov 4 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 7:30p Choir	Nov 5 7:00p Set up for coffeehouse 7:00p Soulful Sundown	Nov 6 9:00a Outdoor Fall Clean Up - helpers of all ages welcome 1:00p coffeeh'se set up 2:00p Rental: Princeton 7:00p Coffeehouse on the Rocky Plain
Nov 7 10:00a Worship Service 11:00a RainDate Clnup 11:45a Hearthside Chat 11:45a Morris Dancing 2:00p Rental: Princeton 4:45p Morris Dancing 5:00p Jr. High OWL 6:30p Rental 7:00p Sr. High OWL	Nov 8 7:00p SPTF 7:30p Committee on Ministry	Nov 9 1:00p AUUA meeting 7:00p Program Council 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilting	Nov 10 7:00p Rental	Nov 11 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 6:30p Choir	Nov 12 7:00p Chalice Circle 7:00p The Magic Lantern: The Soloist	Nov 13 2:00p Rental: Princeton Review