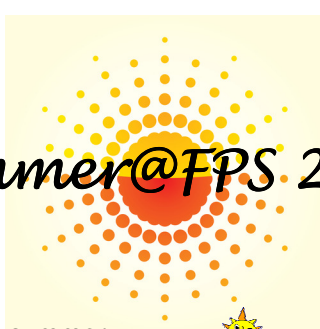


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The Staff...is indeed working during the summer months when not taking their vacation time.

The best way to reach the staff is:

Rev. Marjorie: email revmjimatty@gmail.com
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During July, to reach a pastoral associate
978/443-2043, ext. 2

Our Minister, Rev. Marjorie...is still “on duty” even though she is not in the pulpit again until September 9.

During the summer, Marjorie has one month of **vacation—July**, and one month of **study leave--August**, during which she reads, plans, and prepares for next year’s programs and worship. During July, the Pastoral Associates will refer all pastoral emergencies or urgent First Parish business to the appropriate lay leader and/or to the area minister on call.

Our Music Director, Debra...is busy preparing for next year, taking vacation time, and attending professional conferences.

Our Director of Religious Ed, Michele...is busy planning summer camp and fall RE activities.

Our Administrator, Fran...will be taking a vacation from August 6-10 and mini-vacs as well. She works a reduced schedule when in town. Fran can be reached in the office (from June through August) on Wednesdays from 9:00am-12:00pm. Phone calls and email messages will be checked weekdays, and responded to promptly.



Meetings...For the most part, regular First Parish meetings are not held during the summer.



Our Dedicated Landscapers work hard throughout the summer on routine gardening tasks and special projects. They would be very glad to have you come to the every-Tuesday-morning gardening sessions from 9:30-11:30. They have a job that’s just right for you! Contact Valerie Tratnyek.



The **Mindfulness Meditation Group** continues to meet on Wednesday afternoons from 1-2:30 in The Commons. Laine Gifford, sangha leader, is often not present but others in the group lead, meditate, and enjoys thought-provoking readings on the topic of mindfulness meditation.



The **“Push Hands” Tai Chi** group will continue to meet on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the Parish Hall or outdoors.



Sundays in the Summer Our lay-led summer worship services take place every Sunday, beginning with a coffee and nibbles at 9:30am, following by the service at 10:00. The summer season will run from June 17 through Aug. 26. The schedule will soon be posted in The Commons and on our website.

Our Ingathering Sunday on September 9 will begin the regular worship year of 2018-19. (Bring a tiny bit of water back from your vacation, from travels to far-away places, or maybe from a special place very close by. Your water, either actual or symbolic, will be part of our Water Ceremony on September 9.)



The Fourth of July Grill This fun-fund-raiser is a great chance to hang out on our lawn watching the parade, chat with friends and neighbors, and have some great food! The grill opens at 11:00am, and stays open through the end of the 4th of July parade. This year it is being coordinated by Leslie Lowe and Tom Yelton. Volunteers are needed for big jobs and small. What would YOU like to do to help?



The Connector and News U Can Use Our News U Can Use newsletters will be sent on Wednesdays: June 13, 20, July 11, 25, August 8, 22, and weekly from then on. The first monthly Connector will be published Sept. 5; the deadline is Aug. 31. Send submissions to Fran Sharp at office@fpsudbury.org by Tuesday at 10am for that week’s News U Can Use.



Use of Space Please check with Fran in the office before planning to use space at First Parish, including during the summer. There are events scheduled, rentals, and there will be work taking place in the building and outdoors.

Have a safe and fun summer. See you in September!