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Look forward to Spring Ahead
First Parish of Sudbury's 2009 Service Auction
Saturday, March 28, 6-10pm
 Good food, live music, and fun! \$10 admission
 Watch for the special FPS Auction Connector coming soon
 with auction offerings available

For kids ages 4 and up: The Kids' Party upstairs from 6-10pm
 \$10 per child (maximum of \$20 per family) Sign up by contacting Roberta Altamari

Learning about Us Workshop—not too late to sign up

Saturday, March 21, 9am-1pm with free brunch

Are you interested in learning more about how our congregation is organized, financed, and governed? Are you interested in finding out more about what membership is all about? Maybe you are just curious (regardless of how long you have been a member or friend) or maybe you are thinking that you would like to join as a member, and enjoy the privileges that come with membership. Learn what brings individuals here and what diversity we now encompass. Come on Saturday, March 21, from 9-1, for an orientation workshop – with a free brunch – led by Ginny S and Ginny D of the Community and Hospitality Committee. Please contact Ginny Steel S for more information or to sign up. Childcare will be provided if it is requested ***in advance***.

Seeking Trustees and General Assembly 2009 Delegates

The FPS Nominating Committee is currently seeking names for two people to serve on the Board of Trustees. If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity for members please contact a member of the Nominating Committee - Sara Hartman sarahartman@comcast.net, Jan Hardenbergh jch@jch.com, or Annmarie Allen am.allen@verizon.net

Summer Sunday Service Sign-ups: Starting Sunday!

Have you attended a summer worship service at First Parish of Sudbury? Summer services are our lay-led worship services that take place each Sunday from June 21 through September 7, 2009. These services have been growing in popularity over the past few years, and there is a loyal contingent of folks who do their best not to miss a Sunday! And, this is a great time for newcomers to visit FPS in a more informal way, and a great time for us to meet and get to know them.

If you come throughout the summer, you will experience a rich variety of topics, speakers, and styles. Each Sunday there is a light breakfast at 9:30 and the service begins at 10:00.

They say that everyone has “one sermon in them”. Are you ready to offer yours to our community? (There is support for you—a Spring Training workshop and an experienced Worship Host to assist you.) Or maybe you could provide music one Sunday. Or, make breakfast?

It's easy to sign up—the poster is in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. Or call Fran Sharp. You can have a look at the schedule as it develops on our First Parish website: www.fpsudbury.org.

This Sunday's Worship Service

March 22, 2009

“THE NEXT GREAT GENERATION”

Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley

There is a new generation of Americans coming of age: people born between 1984 and 2005 are being called the Millennial Generation. According to theories of generational cycles, these are people who are comfortable with diversity of all kinds, service-oriented, positive about the future, and concerned with including all. How can Unitarian Universalism position itself to be a relevant religion for this generation? How can a generation with these values help transform Unitarian Universalism?

The Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley has been our Mass Bay District Executive since 2005. Prior to this position she served congregations in Detroit, Chicago and Hartford. A native of Texas, she received her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas, her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and her Doctor of Ministry from Hartford Seminary. She lives in Arlington with her husband, the Rev. Steve Cook, and her two Great Danes.

FPS Shares the Plate this Sunday, March 22

As we do about once each month, on March 22 we will give half of what is collected during the morning offering with the Sudbury-Wayland-Lincoln Domestic Violence Roundtable. The Roundtable was organized in 1998 by members of the Sudbury League of Women Voters after participating in a state-wide study of domestic violence, and now includes members from Lincoln and Wayland. The Roundtable membership includes clergy, agency heads, police officers, educators, attorneys in family law and individuals.

The Roundtable is all volunteer, not-for-profit and works to eliminate all forms of abusive behaviors in the communities including violence between partners in marriage and committed relationships, sexual violence in teen dating, bullying in the schools and on the internet, child abuse and elder abuse.

Your generous donation supports all of these programs. For more information, the website is: <http://www.domesticviolenceroundtable.org/index.html>

***Our New Directories are Printed!***

Stop by the Greeter Table on Sunday, or the FPS office during the week to pick up a copy of the most current directory.

Please remember that the information in the directory is only for members and friends of First Parish.

Please protect the privacy of those in our community.

Pennies for Peace: A note from our Breakfast Club youth

One of the youth told the group about this project and they've been spreading the word ever since. Our youth are collecting pennies (and other change), and they will have their donation bucket available for the next month at FPS on Sundays.

A penny in the United States doesn't buy much at all, but in Pakistan and Afghanistan a penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy and education. But think about all the pennies Americans leave lying around all the time, on the ground and in couch cracks. Sometimes we even drop a penny and don't even bother picking it up! But what if we collected all of those pennies from the ground, the couch crack and the floor, and donated the pennies to "pennies for peace".

Pennies for peace is a project that teaches children the rewards of sharing and working together to bring hope and educational opportunities to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Central Asia Institute (CAI) is trying to help children go to school all across the world. Greg Mortenson, the founder and executive director of the CAI, was weak and sick after trying to climb K2, the world's 2nd highest mountain. On the trek home, he got lost, but he luckily found a village--the village of Korphe. After recuperating there for many days, he noticed there was no school. Before returning home, he made a promise to help the community construct a school.

Greg Mortenson founded the Central Asia Institute. The CAI started raising funds so they could build schools all over Afghanistan and Pakistan. Now the CAI is doing all sorts of good work, from constructing a fresh water well to building a women's center and, of course, schools. The CAI is making a difference!

Please support our youth's efforts to raise pennies (and nickels, dime, quarters, etc!) for Pennies for Peace.

Thanks to Our Coffeehouse Supporters

Thanks to all who helped in so many ways. (Not listing names on this website version.)

Thanks especially to all those of you who came, clapped, and generally contributed by having a good time, and contributing financially.

First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates

Annmarie Allen

Fred Pryor

Audrey Kipp

Paul Reising

Polly Meltzer

Dawn Shilts

Bruce Porter

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