

## Candidating Week April 21-28, 2013

*with*  
**Rev. Dr.  
Marjorie J. Matty**



**First Parish of Sudbury  
Unitarian Universalist**

## What You Can Do

1. Get to know Rev. Marjorie in a variety of ways: in group gatherings, in a one-on-one (see #3), and worshipping together on April 21 and April 28.
2. Come with an open mind.  
As we all pledged together at the Special Congregational Meeting May 22, 2011, (when the search team was elected by the congregation), *“we will participate with an open mind and open heart, setting aside preconceived notions and personal preferences”*.
3. Would you like to meet Rev. Marjorie one-on-one for 20 minutes? Schedule with Fran Sharp at [quilter@gmail.com](mailto:quilter@gmail.com) or 978-443-3094.
4. Tell us what you think—questions or concerns—in a Ministerial Search Team (MST) feedback session on Thursday, April 25 (see schedule) or privately by contacting Beth Rust at [beth@therusts.net](mailto:beth@therusts.net).
5. **Worship together and VOTE!** Friends of First Parish, please come and participate; Members—please come on on April 28 following the 10am worship service and vote whether to call Rev. Marjorie to be our next settled minister.
6. Please wear your nametag at all events. We only have one name to learn but she has many!

More information at:  
[fpsudbury.org/  
MinisterialSearchTeam](http://fpsudbury.org/MinisterialSearchTeam)  
[revmatty.org](http://revmatty.org)

## Opportunities During Candidating Week

There are many opportunities to meet Rev. Marjorie during Candidating Week. See the schedule inside this brochure, also found on the MST website and on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Healthy refreshments will be served at all events. If you have a food allergy, feel free to contact Fran Sharp at [quilter@gmail.com](mailto:quilter@gmail.com) who will accommodate your needs at the events you plan to attend. (24 hours notice, please)

People of all ages are welcome at any of the week's events.

Childcare will be provided at the April 28 Special Congregational Meeting following the worship service.

Childcare can also be available for two of the events (below) by contacting Sheila Davison at least 48 hours in advance at [sedavison@aol.com](mailto:sedavison@aol.com)

- Tuesday 6–9pm, Dessert drop-in, in the Brackett Room
- Saturday 9-11:30, Breakfast drop-in, in the Brackett Room

Thank you in advance for your participation in Candidating Week.

### The Ministerial Search Team

Annamarie Allen  
Sheila Davison  
Jan Hardenbergh  
Beth Rust  
Fran Sharp

## Candidating Week Schedule

Locations: BR-Brackett Room;  
C-The Commons; PH-Parish Hall

### Sun, 4/21

10-11, Worship Service,  
Rev. Marjorie preaching  
11:45-1:00, Informal gathering &  
sermon talk-back, BR  
7-9, Sr. Youth & Coming of Age, C

### Mon, 4/22

3-5:30, Afternoon Tea drop-in BR  
6-8:30, Dinner – Trustees & Officers  
by invitation, C

### Tues, 4/23

8-10, Breakfast drop-in, BR  
12-2, Fourth Tuesday BYO lunch, C  
6-9, Dessert drop-in, BR

### Wed, 4/24

2-4, Afternoon Tea drop-in, BR  
5-8, Informal in-home--appetizers and  
dessert, Rust home, 177 Haynes Rd,  
Sudbury

### Thur, 4/25

2:30-3:30, MST Feedback Meeting--  
OPEN to everyone, BR  
3:30-5:30, Afternoon Tea drop-in C  
7-8:30, MST Feedback Meeting--OPEN  
to everyone, BR

### Sat, 4/27

9-11:30, Breakfast drop-in, BR

### Sun, 4/28

10-11, Worship Service,  
Rev. Marjorie preaching  
Immediately After--Special Cong.  
Meeting and Vote, sanctuary

## About Rev. Marjorie

Rev. Marjorie is strong in the things that matter to First Parish of Sudbury.

She currently serves as the Senior Minister at First Universalist Society of Salem, MA, where she has been for the past six years. She has had extensive experience, past and present, working with the Unitarian Universalist Association. Prior to her ministry, Rev. Marjorie worked for more than 20 years, primarily in software technology, including management responsibilities and extensive worldwide travel.

Recently, Rev. Marjorie completed her Doctorate of Ministry with honors; dissertation title: *Engaging Technology in Twentieth Century Patterns of Meaning Making*--which explores how the evolution of technology has changed the ways in which we engage with the world, communicate with one another, and augment our spiritual journeys.

Rev. Marjorie brings to her ministry a unique combination of being a deeply spiritual person, a strong knowledge and use of technology, and excellent interpersonal communication skills.

Rev. Marjorie is a strong preacher with a clear presence in the pulpit and she connects the mind and spirit while preaching to differing theological perspectives. She embraces a culture of “yes,” and of generosity and abundance. We believe she will support our congregation’s move forward, upward and outward.

## Calling A Settled Minister

No choice is more important to the future of a Unitarian Universalist congregation than its call of a minister. A thorough and mutually respectful search process, guided by our fifth principle (use of the democratic process) is the essential start for the partnership ahead.

Supported by the Unitarian Universalist Association, the elected ministerial search team invested hundreds of hours to make the best choice for the *entire* congregation. They reviewed credentials of 40+ candidates, read hundreds of sermons and spent five weekends with finalists.

For both minister and congregation, the process is strenuous, exciting, and informative--searching for a felt conviction that this match is right for both, the sense of “call”.

At the end of Candidating Week we both make that decision--to “call” and be “called”.

Immediately following the worship service on April 28, Rev. Dr. Matty will leave the meetinghouse and the Special Congregational Meeting will begin. First Parish Members will sign in and be given ballots. Following a motion and some discussion, members will vote by secret ballot whether to call Rev. Dr. Matty as our next settled minister. According to our by-laws, she must receive at least 90% affirmative votes to be called.

Assuming a favorable vote, Rev. Marjorie will decide whether to accept the call. Assuming there is an immediate favorable response, we will ring the bells and celebrate in the Parish Hall.