



FEBRUARY 23, 2011



Worship at the Meetinghouse

Sunday, February 27, 10 am
The Unknown
Youth Sunday 2011

Join us in worship as our wonderful teenagers lead us in worship. The theme of this year's service is braving the unknown and embracing the present. Prepare to be inspired! We will also recognize some of our younger youth in two special rite-of-passage ceremonies, First Chalice and First Mentor.

Today we **share the plate** with Kiva. See page 11 for details

Sunday, March 6, 10 am
The Balance Sheet – Accounting for the Assets of a Shared Ministry
Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Today is Pledge Sunday. Once each year members and friends of this 370-year old congregation commit financial support, in addition to their personal time and talent, to sustain a ministry with each other, with local communities, and with the global village we call home. What hangs in the balance? Support and nurture for those in need; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning for all; attention and *intention* to the one and to the many – to the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to the interdependent web of existence of which we are all a part. What hangs in the balance? The future and this congregation's commitment to our life-affirming Unitarian Universalist values and principles. On this day, we pledge our financial support, as well as ourselves, to First Parish of Sudbury. It is our investment in a future that promises valuable returns.

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Sunday, [March 13](#), 10 am
Justice Sunday: Encountering the Holy in Crisis and Healing
Rev. Katie Lee Crane with special guest
the Rev. Susan Chorley, Director of Renewal House

Renewal House, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, is a domestic violence shelter in Roxbury, Massachusetts, that provides temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to individuals and families. First Parish has long been a supporter of Renewal House in multiple ways. Today, we will share our offering with them and also present child-sized quilts for children who arrive with little or nothing they can call their own.

Today's guest, Rev. Chorley, has served as its director since 2005. Rev. Chorley says that, every day, she meets people in a time of crisis and begins walking with them through a process toward healing." She acknowledges that it can be a treacherous and painful journey. And yet, she finds that "one can discover the holy in both the crisis and the pathway to healing." It's not just those whom they serve who experience hope and healing," she explains. "Walking with people in crisis, providing love, patience, safety, support and acceptance, not only holds the possibility for their healing and transformation but for our own as well," she says.

Today we **share the plate** with Renewal House.

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

FROM THE BOARD

As many of you know the Board of Trustees was debating the length of the upcoming Interim period. On Sunday, February 20, after careful consideration, the Board formally voted to adopt a twelve month process. We thank all of you who offered your opinions and support.

As a Congregation, we have a tremendous amount to accomplish over the next several months. Going forward, specific efforts will be made to ensure the Congregation is fully informed of all major events and future milestones.



TOMORROW-Thursday Feb 24 at 7:30

Transgender Equality Discussion – all welcome.

The Welcoming Congregation Committee will host speakers from MassEquality and the Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality on the topic of *Passing the Transgender Civil Rights Bill in Massachusetts: What It Means and What Must Be Done to Get It.*

Our UU Principles support adding gender identity and expression to the Commonwealth's Civil Rights Code. No one deserves to be fired, refused work, denied housing, education or credit, or suffer harassment or violence just because of who they are -- but transgender and gender non-conforming people in Massachusetts routinely face all of these for transitioning from one sex to another, or simply for defying expectations of what a 'normal' man or woman looks like. Come find out how you can help and stay informed on what's happening in your state.

Making Meanings BY REV. KATIE LEE CRANE

Building a vocal community – or any community – starts with one voice and then another and another until many voices blend and bend into a polyphonic sound greater than the sum of its parts. First you begin to hear the harmony when the individual parts come together then, there is a moment when you hear something more, something new, something greater than any one part or even all the parts together. The glue that holds the individual voices in relation to one another is this: you must listen to one another.

- Ysaye Barnwell, vocalist with *Sweet Honey in the Rock*

It's hard to describe how exhilarating it was to sing for four days with Ysaye Barnwell and 30-40 of my Unitarian Universalist minister colleagues. Among us there were professional singers, singers with some training, and singers like me (people who can't read music, don't always find, or stay on, the right pitch, but who love to sing anyway). Within minutes on that first day, we were singing rounds, singing in parts, and singing harmonies.

One of the first chants we learned comes from the Mbuti people of the Ituri Rainforest in Central Africa. It is a simple round, repeated and repeated. With each song, Barnwell gave us some history as well as an introduction to the values and worldview of the people whose song we were singing. In this case, for example, the Mbuti people understand that the rainforest *is* God. The chant we learned is used to call the villagers together. In an Afro-centric world view, Barnwell explained, music is a functional tool for engaging in all of the activities of daily living and also for coping with the full range of human and emotional responses to life. In this case, the first to sing the chant are the "callers." They chant it over and over; gradually, other villagers join until everyone becomes aware of that something that defies description. Only when that happens – when the chant, too, becomes the rainforest, when they hear God calling – do the elders join the gathering and the work at hand can begin.

I was sure I would love the singing, and I did. I was hoping that it would enable me to use my whole body to express myself, and it did. I thought a good jolt to the endorphins would help, it sure did! I was sure that the sun, the sea, and the being with dear friends (colleagues from places like Calgary in Alberta, Canada, and California, Florida, even London) would nourish me and teach me, and it did. But my greatest learning was unexpected. Singing together reinforced for me what creates communities and keeps them together.

While I do not for a moment pretend that our Unitarian Universalist worldview is Afro-Centric, I do see a relationship in one way. The essential ingredient, says Barnwell, is shared diversity. It is through the layering and interweaving of multiple rhythms and melodies that we "make music" together. As she describes it, "the sum is greater than the parts and the new creation is not or cannot be produced by any one of the parts alone."

So people must listen to one another, support one another, cooperate with one another, and invite *everyone* to participate. Every "different" voice has something to give – in fact, it only works when people give what they can. I also learned the value of spontaneity and improvisation. I experienced how, when we all stay in relationship to one another, we create something that's bigger than any of us or even all of us together.

That's why I love the words that have become a theme of our ministry together; they say it all for me. *We're All in This Together*. Because we are. And it's beautiful.

Blessing, Katie Lee

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.

Coming up in Religious Exploration

Faith in Action projects for kids, families, and everyone

Your Change Can Change the World: Building an Ark for Today's World

For the next month (until Sunday, March 20), we will be collecting change for Heifer International. Building on the theme of the "Noah's Ark" play that will be happening next month, the kids we are going to start a project to help Heifer International. In 1944, Heifer International sent Faith, Hope, Charity and 15 other heifers by ship to struggling families in Puerto Rico. That voyage marked the start of a new life for those families and for others like them around the world. Today, Heifer provides more than 25 different animals, along with seeds and trees. Other animals become part of Heifer's ark as project participants make important environmental improvements on their land. Some Heifer projects form a buffer zone around endangered nature reserves.

As it was for Noah, so for today: the ark is about hope and a new beginning. For Heifer project families, farm animals can provide:

- Nutritious food for the children through milk, eggs or meat
- Income for housing, health care, school fees and other needs
- Motivation to plant trees and grasses and make other environmental improvements
- A catalyst for community development

Please save the date and spread the word about our [upcoming Soulful Sundown Discussion about Classism with Rev. Mark Harris](#).

On Friday, [March 4](#) at 7pm, we will have special guest Rev. Mark Harris join us to lead a discussion about classism. Rev. Harris is the author of the new book, *Elite: Uncovering Classism in Unitarian Universalist History*. This provocative and critical look at class in Unitarian Universalist history reveals that today's largely middle-class and educated congregants are descended from an elite cultural establishment. The wealth, standing and religious conviction of these forebears converged in actions and ideas that would be appalling by modern standards. Mark Harris eloquently argues that this history needs to be known in order for the denomination to envision a broader, more inclusive future. *Elite* is a crucial new resource for the historical understanding of Unitarian Universalism and a call for greater economic diversity.

This event is FREE to attend, but if you wish to order a copy of the book for \$10 plus shipping costs, contact us by 2/25 at 10am at DRE@fpsudbury.org.



Women's Alliance Invites All Women Sunday, February 27

All women are automatically members of The Women's Alliance and are invited to the brief business meeting and delicious **pot luck supper** from 5:30-8:30 pm on Sunday, Feb. 27 in the Library at Temple Beth El, 105 Hudson Road, Sudbury. No RSVP. Just drop in and enjoy stimulating conversation and good food with new or long-time friends.

...AND...Remember to pick up a brochure in the FPS lobby for the upcoming Alliance **Annual Retreat**, May 13-15. You won't want to miss this relaxing weekend – newcomers are especially welcome!



2011 Pledge Drive

The 2011 Pledge Drive challenges all of us as a community. The challenge is to live the Covenant of First Parish of Sudbury, which begins, “We the people of First Parish of Sudbury pledge that we will come together ...” The challenge is to remember what brings us together and what we can accomplish when we participate to our full extent for the benefit of all. The challenge is a pledge or gift to the 2011 Pledge Drive for the all-encompassing community you cherish – ideals, programs, people – plus all the intangibles that represent First Parish and the UU principles to you.

There are many ways of living stewardship in our First Parish community – physical, emotional and material. We give our time and talent; we put our hearts into internal and external outreach; we exhibit our faith in action through donations. A very significant portion of our material stewardship, however, is our yearly income from pledges and gifts. This income comprises over 70% of the budget required to sustain our community and place. The 2011 Pledge Drive is more important than ever as First Parish prepares to attract a new settled minister.

In 2010 we bonded as *We Are All In This Together* and had a successful Pledge Drive. However, 2010 cannot be a one-year phenomenon! The 2011 Pledge Drive reminds us that *We Are All In This Together Continued*. Please read all the information sent to you in the next few weeks and ponder it as we move toward Pledge Sunday on March 6.

Three dates to place on your calendar:

- **February 27** – Finance Committee Q&A at 11:30 a.m.
- **March 5** – Pasta Dinner: A wonderful community event to kick off the Pledge Drive. (Just good food and fun – no Pledge Drive speeches).
- **March 6** – Pledge Sunday: A worship service and opportunity to offer our financial commitment to First Parish of Sudbury for the coming year.

Sheila D – 2011 Pledge Drive coordinator
 Michael T – Trustee and FinCom liaison

Finance Update

We enter the start of our annual budget process with the traditional mix of thinking of our ministry potential while trying to quantify that in dollars and cents. This year we continue to build on our solid foundation from last year. We continue to project our finances through the three-year plan, minimizing our deficit budgeting history, and we continue to commit to building a smarter, more sustainable funding base, together in an inclusive approach, as *We Are All in This Together*.

Our preliminary budget has been approved by the Finance Committee and the Trustees, and we invite the congregation to **come to the Financial Forum: 11:30 on Sunday, February 27**. But what is life but not changes? We have new ministry in our future – an interim minister and a new settled minister. It comes as no surprise that this has budget impacts, and we have included the one-time expenses for calling our new minister in the plan, though funded through our savings, not income.

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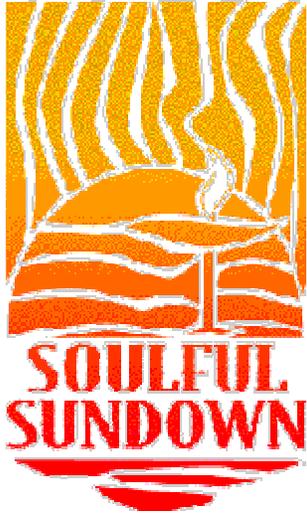
In next year's financial plan, we have included recommendations from Buildings and Grounds, the Program Council, and staffing recommendations from our chief of staff - Reverend Katie Lee Crane. These are balanced with corresponding income projections, reviewed in the context of the five benchmarks we set last year.

We are ready. The Finance Committee has joined this year's stewardship team to not only develop the next year budget, but to continue our longer term strategy and projections. March is our canvass kickoff, in April we revise the budget based on actual results, and finally in May, the Trustees vote on the final budget, which is presented to the congregation on June 7 for final approval. After all, we are all in this together.

Throughout this process, there will be opportunities for everyone to hear more, keep up-to-date with progress, and to provide input on some of the important questions. And please always, feel free to contact me and let me know your thoughts.

-- Beth R, Finance Committee Chair

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**Enjoy Soulful Sundowns
every Friday night at
7pm**

with First Parish of Sudbury
Unitarian Universalist

*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.*

♥ *Bring a friend!*

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

Discussion about Classism with Rev. Mark Harris

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The Magic Lantern: *Dead Man Walking*

On **Friday, March 11 at 7pm**, we will view and discuss *Dead Man Walking* as part of The Magic Lantern film series with Dr. Jonas Barciauskas & Rev. Katie Lee Crane. Scheduled to be put to death for brutally slaying two teens, Matthew Poncellet (Sean Penn) seeks the aid of activist nun Helen Prejean (Susan Sarandon), a death-penalty opponent. She becomes Matthew's spiritual adviser and tries to halt the execution, even though Matthew's professed innocence is dubious. As the execution date draws ever closer, Sister Helen works to save Matthew's soul by getting him to confess -- and to ask divine forgiveness.

The Magic Lantern: *Whistle Down the Wind*

On **Friday, April 1 at 7pm**, we will view and discuss *Whistle Down the Wind* as part of The Magic Lantern film series with Dr. Jonas Barciauskas & Rev. Katie Lee Crane. This Hayley Mills classic is based on a novella written by the actress's mother, who used her children as models for the story's three main characters. When she discovers a man (Alan Bates) hiding out in her father's barn, the precocious Kathy (Mills) decides to ask him who he is. Exasperated, he replies, "Jesus Christ!" before fainting into unconsciousness, his utterance triggering a persistent local rumor that the Lord is living in the hayloft.

The First Parish of Sudbury Service Auction - Saturday, March 26 at 6 pm



Our annual Service Auction is coming up, and plans are in the works for this fun event. Did you attend last year? If you did, you know that it's a fun evening filled with food, drink, entertainment, and fierce bidding. Mark the date on your calendar and invite your family and friends.

The auction planners are busy soliciting donations of services and goods. Half the fun is seeing the diverse creative donations from the First Parish community, and having the opportunity to bid on them! Can't think of what to donate? Here are some ideas:

- Make your vacation home available to a bidder for a weekend or longer
 - Provide transportation to or from Logan Express or an airport
- Provide pet care (walking, feeding, reiki massage)
 - Provide childcare
- An hour or more of yard cleanup or weeding
 - Delicious baked goods or other specialties
- Host a dinner/lunch/picnic or deliver a homemade dinner/lunch/picnic to a bidder
 - Help with college applications or resume writing
- Computer or network technical assistance
 - Web page design/setup
- Lead a hike or canoe trip to your favorite place.
 - Share a ticket or tickets to an event and provide transportation.
- Make a flower arrangement for a special occasion or FPS Sunday service
 - Scan slides or photos or transfer videos to digital format
- Donate a purchased gift certificate from your favorite local vendor

Your imagination is the limit! Enter, email or call with your donation today!

Web donation form: <http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/Auction/DonationForm11/>

Email: surlyliz@gmail.com Liz and Erin L. We can't wait to hear from you!

Soul-Searching Mini-Retreats RESCHEDULED – Now March 13 & 27

Registration deadline is March 1; at least 8 participants needed for each retreat.

If you wanted to come, but the dates were inconvenient, sign up now! On Sundays, March 13 & 27, Katie Lee will facilitate a mini-retreat following the worship service for those who register in advance. Each retreat will be interactive and participative and include a simple lunch. The two sessions (each different) will contain opportunities for spiritual self-discovery, designed to help each participant discern where they are in their own faith development and, perhaps, where they want to be now or go next. For more information, or to register, call or email Katie Lee at minister@fpsudbury.org.



Interested in keeping up to date on where we are in our Congregational Transition Journey?

Visit the Members-Only portion of our website:
<http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/BoardOfTrustees/transition/>

Contact the office if you are an active friend and need a password.



The First Parish *“Taste of the North End Pasta Festival”* is now better than ever on *Saturday, March 5th* -- with a *NEW AND IMPROVED 2011 menu of fun and great food* and prices lower than you could ever get for a comparable restaurant meal -- and funneling every penny of the profits to First Parish as always! What a great way to have a terrific evening out with your friends and family!

This year’s *NEW* additions:

- *TABLE SERVICE* by the *First Parish Youth*, for a full restaurant experience!
- *ITALIAN ESPRESSO COFFEE* a real, top-flight Italian brew delivered right to your table!
- And we’ve added a new, fifth pasta selection - *SPICY PENNE ARRABIATA* - and it’s vegetarian

To sign up, make a phone call or send an e-mail with the subject line “We’re coming to the Pasta Festival” *and Write Your Name and Street Address in the Body of the Letter Please*. Send it to: pastafest@yahoo.com or call Steve T at home.

We’ll send back a full menu on a simple, single page, with a checklist for your party’s orders plus prices – just check off the boxes, tally up the tab, send First Parish a check in the enclosed return envelope and you are booked! **Salad and dessert are included in your dinner price!**

Get your friends to come too! This will emphatically NOT be your typical “spaghetti supper” under fluorescent lights. This will be the real deal, under soft lights with wine, beer -- and now espresso and full table service! Pasta dishes for every taste. There’ll be great salads, Italian desserts(!), wine and beer, and candlelight (hey, we’re till achurch!). So come on down March 5th from 5-8 pm.

Grazie Tante, Steve T

April 10 – Gospel Sunday! Save the Date

Rev. Maddie Sifantus and TVS (The Vocal Section) along with other guest musicians join Debra, the First Parish Choir and Katie Lee for a morning of get-out-of-your-seats-and-clap-your-hands Gospel Music. Join us – and bring a friend (bring several)!

Living-our-Faith – new brochure & webpage

We are pleased to let you know that we have a new brochure and webpage describing all the “living our faith” programs and initiatives happening at First Parish. Included in the brochure is information about Faith in Action Team, the Water Conservation Project, Green Initiatives, Welcoming Congregation Committee, living our faith opportunities in our Religious Exploration programs, and more. Check it out and pass it along to any neighbors or friends that you think might be inspired to get involved here at First Parish. <http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/Public/LivingOurFaith/>

Update on Sudbury Town Center



The Town (SCIAC & Board of Selectman) decided not to rush the Sudbury Town Center Project to the 2011 Town Meeting, but, rather to use the remaining funds to complete a “25% civil engineering design” which could be used to make very good estimates on the costs of the project. With a more complete design and better cost projections, Jody Kablack, the Town Planner believes it is more likely that the Board of Selectman will bring it to Town Meeting in 2012. See more details at: <http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/TownCenterTaskForce/>



**Faith
in Action
News**

Interfaith Homelessness Forum, *Ending Homelessness: Recent Successes and the Next Steps*, March 6 at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden St., Concord from 3-5 pm.

Volunteer Opportunity at Furnishing Options in Marlborough

Two years ago, FIA helped a fledgling organization called Furnishing Options get its start with a donation of \$400. The vision for Furnishing Options was to accept donations of household items and provide them for free to those in need who were setting up a house. The project is now very successful and very busy. They are always looking for donations of household items. You can go to their website at www.furnishingoptions.org for a list of items they accept.

They are also in need of regular and reliable volunteers at the Mechanic St. store, Marlborough.

- Telephone Liaison: Responds to queries and requests received by Furnishing Options via the main phone number. Schedules store visits and transportation (pick-ups from donors and deliveries to customers). This can be done from home on a flexible schedule. Requires access to a computer.
- Transportation Crew Leader/Assistants: Leader organizes and oversees the transporting of furniture and other goods to and from the Furnishing Options Store for 2-3 hour shift on a weekday afternoon or evening. Requires access to a pickup (or larger) truck or van. Assistants needed too.
- Store Crew Leaders/Assistants: Organize and oversees the activities at the Furnishing Options Store for weekly, bi-weekly or monthly 2-3 hour shift during a weekday, weekend or evening.
- Other: (i.e. Conduct furniture drive, provide translation service as needed by phone and/or in person, or tell us about your specialized skill!)

Please contact Diane Ring at 508-485-5051 x225 if you are interested in helping. Thank You!



The Coffee House on the Rocky Plain News

Do you like to bake? Are you good at counting money? How would you like to help out at the next Coffee House while listening to some great music? **The next show is on March 12** and it's not too late to get involved! The lovely and talented Nancy Beaudette will be performing with a fantastic back-up band, and the Pavao Family Band, Steve Pavao and his two talented school-aged sons from Acton. Those who attended FPS on Feb. 6 had the opportunity to hear Nancy's inspiring music. The Pavao Family Band, well known to the local open mic crowd perform their original music and awesome covers of well known folk-pop songs, with Steve on guitar, and sons on piano and percussion

There are lots of opportunities for people who like working well in advance or at the show. Please check out our sign up poster at Social Hour on the next two Sundays and see if there is something there that you may like do. One of us will be happy to answer your questions. We also have detailed job descriptions so you'll know exactly what you're signing up to do. But best of all you'll be helping us bring live music to (First Parish) Sudbury and you'll have fun doing it all the while helping out First Parish! So come and join us! Spring is just around the corner, lets celebrate!

If you don't have time after the Sunday Service, please contact one of us: Leslie B, Judith C, Marc K, Terry L, Leslie L, Kelly S, Reed S, Suzanne W and Tom Y. We meets monthly/as needed to organize. Let us know if you'd like to get on our email list. The coffee house is a fun evening and is a benefit to First Parish Sudbury.

Share the Plate February 27 with Kiva

The Youth Group voted to share today's offering with Kiva, a micro-financiering organization that works to fund loans for entrepreneurs starting businesses in undeveloped countries. These loans are often very small, frequently as little as \$100-150, but because of their situation, most people are unable to get loans anywhere else. Kiva works to coordinate loans so that entrepreneurs can get the start-up money to create a business. Because this may be their one chance to get out of poverty, people who receive loans from Kiva are extremely motivated to pay it back on time, and so Kiva has an extraordinarily high rate of successful loans. The money you contribute today will be loaned out many times, as each time the money is repaid it is sent back out to help another person. The Youth Group will take responsibility for monitoring the loans made with First Parish's contribution. We thank you for your donations.



See the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall to the right of the Kitchen for opportunities for spiritual growth, education, and entertainment, as well as updates from the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) and our Mass Bay/Clara Barton District, as well as news from the wider community.

Women's Health in the 21st Centruy – What We Need to Know. Speakers & discussion (10-12) health fair (12-1) Sat., **March 5** from at McPherson Hall, MetroWest Medical Center, 85 Lincoln St., Framingham. See Judy D to carpool or the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

An Introduction to Islam program at the Islamic Ctr. of Boston, 126 Boston Post Rd., Wayland Sunday, **March 6** at 2 pm. For details contact shaheenakhtar500@yahoo.com

UUSC Get-Together to Feature Haitian Author Edwidge Danticat, Sunday, **March 13** for a *Conversation of Hope: Stories for Haiti* - a national conference call that will offer an update on UUSC's on-the-ground work in Haiti and an engaging discussion. Register at http://www.uusc.org/get_together

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION Find out if worship and other events at First Parish are cancelled:

By phone—check the recorded message at the First Parish number, 978-443-2043.

First Parish website -- Go to www.fpsudbury.org. The front page will show any closing.

WBZ Radio website -- Go to www.wbz.com, click on "School Closings from the WBZ Storm Center" button, click on "Religious" and scroll down to look for "First Parish of Sudbury."

By radio -- Listen to 1030 AM *WBZ Storm Center* at :05 and :35 past the hour for cancellation of our Sunday worship service only. NOTE: Other events cannot be listed. Please contact the meeting leader.

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We are a diverse and welcoming community of spiritual seekers; we strive to learn together and support one another as we celebrate life's important moments and serve the larger community.

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Deadline is 5 pm Wed., March 2 for the *Connector* coming out Wed., March 9.
Send to administrator office@fpsudbury.org or phone 978-443-2043

FPS Calendar Feb 23, 2011 to Mar 19, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23 7:00p Rental	Feb 24 1:00p Mindflnes Med. 7:00p Carbon Consc. 7:30p Choir 7:30p Transgender Civil Rights program for FPS & the publicl	Feb 25 6:30p Board/Staff with their Families Ingathering	Feb 26
Feb 27 10:00a Worship Service Youth Sunday 11:15a Play Rehearsal 11:45a Morris Dancing 11:45a Finance/Canvass Informational Meeting 4:45p Morris Dancing 5:00p Jr. High OWL class 5:00p Chalice Circle 5:30p Women's Alliance 6:30p Rental 7:00p Sr. High OWL class	Feb 28 7:30a WAG 7:00p RE Committee	Mar 1 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilting	Mar 2 1:00p Rental: Girl Scouts 6:30p Auction 2010 sermon bidders potluck and discussion 7:00p Rental	Mar 3 1:00p Mindfulness Meditation 7:00p Coffee House Task Force 7:30p Choir	Mar 4 6:00p prep for Pasta Dinner 7:00p Soulful Sundown: talk with Rev. Mark Harris about classism	Mar 5 2:30p set up/clean up 4:30p Youth Group helps at Pasta Dinner 5:00-8:00p Pasta Dinner Fundraiser – all welcome, members, friends,
Mar 6 10:00a Worship Service 11:15a Play Rehearsal 11:45a Morris Dancing 11:45a CHC 4:45p Morris Dancing 5:00p COA with parents 6:30p Rental	Mar 7 12:00p Rental: SED 7:00p Board of Trustees	Mar 8 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilting 7:00p Program Council 7:00p Finance 7:30p CoM	Mar 9 7:00p Rental 7:30p Book Group	Mar 10 1:00p Mindfulness Mediation 7:30p Choir	Mar 11 7:00p Chalice Circle 7:00p Soulful Sundown: Movie Dead Man Walking	Mar 12 9:00a A Gathering of Men 3:00p set up/clean for coffeehouse 7:00p Coffeehouse on the Rocky Plain
Mar 13 10:00a Worship Service 11:15p Play Rehearsal 11:30p Hearthside Chat 11:45p Landscape Com 11:45p Morris Dancing 12:00p Soul Searching 4:45p Morris Dancing 5:00p Jr. High OWL class 6:30p Rental 7:00p Sr. High OWL class	Mar 14 7:00p SPTF	Mar 15 7:00p Rental 7:00p Quilting	Mar 16 1:00p Rental 6:45p First Parish hosts STOP: showing <i>PaperClips</i> 7:00p Rental	Mar 17 1:00p Mindfulness Mediation 7:30p Choir	Mar 18	Mar 19 9:00a Multigenerational NOAH Play Dress Rehearsal