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This Weekend at First Parish: Two Events Observing Celtic Harvest Time

Bonfire Ritual for a Celtic Harvest—Village Worship



Join us in the firelight on **Saturday, November 3 at 4:30** as we celebrate Samhain, the Celtic New Year. With active rituals for remembrance of our ancestors and for planting the seeds of new intentions, we join as “soul-friends” for a walk into sacred time. We’ll end with a time for creating crafts to bring home and a light seasonal snack. Wear outdoor clothing—the ritual will take us into the Memorial Garden Sanctuary (weather permitting).

Village Worship is relaxed, experiential worship for *all* ages. Please invite your friends and neighbors to experience the spiritual inclusiveness and loving community at First Parish!



Come Enjoy Celtic Music this Sunday at First Parish

Please join us at First Parish of Sudbury this **Sunday, Nov. 4**, for our Fall Music Sunday, called “A Celtic Harvest.” The First Parish Choir will be presenting a service of Celtic music with guest musicians Áine Minogue on Celtic harp and Tom Hill on clarinet. In this service we will honor the turning of the seasons and the Celtic feast of Samhain, the most important of the ancient Celtic feasts. During this time the Celts honored the intertwining forces of existence: darkness and light, night and day, cold and heat, death and life.

First Parish soloists will be Cilla Reising and Ted Jones, vocals and Tom Kruskal on concertina. Come and be soothed by the haunting beauty of the Celtic harp, as Áine Minogue joins the Choir on a selection of traditional songs. Born in Borrisokane, County Tipperary to a large musical family. Áine (pronounced OYN-yah) Minogue discovered her true love—the harp—at age 12, which she decided to pursue in lieu of all other instruments. Áine moved to the United States and settled in New England and continues to concentrate on the traditional music of her homeland, taking an ancient art form, extensively exploring its underpinnings and adding her own creativity to each piece.

As a chamber music artist, clarinetist Thomas Hill has performed, toured, recorded and broadcast throughout the Americas and in Asia as a member of The Aeolian Chamber Players in New York, and since 1983, with the acclaimed Boston Chamber Music Society. He has appeared on innumerable concert and festival series, and is widely engaged as a soloist and ensemble performer. Tom is also principal clarinetist of The Boston Philharmonic, and has also served as principal clarinetist of The New Haven Symphony, The Long Beach Symphony, The Handel and Haydn Society Orchestra of Boston, The Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra, The San Diego Symphony and The Cascade Festival Orchestra in Oregon. He has appeared with both The Boston Symphony and The Boston Pops.

It's Time to Change...



- **Your Clocks:** This Sunday morning at 2:00am the time changes ... and “falls back” to 1:00am. Remember to set your clocks before you go to bed.
- **Your Smoke Detector Batteries:** Safety First...keep those smoke detectors working.
- **Your Toothbrush:** (suggestion from a dentist): for optimal hygiene change to a new toothbrush every three months—on the summer and winter solstices, and the vernal and autumnal equinoxes.



Welcome new Pastoral Associates

The Pastoral Associates Group (PAG) is pleased to announce that two people have joined the team: Bruce Porter and Dawn Shilts. Join us in welcoming them to the team that collaborates for the purpose of providing on-going pastoral care to the members and friends of First Parish.

At the same time, we pause to thank two Associates who have “retired” at least temporarily: Bev Waring and Karen Reitzi. Both Karen and Bev have provided invaluable pastoral services during their time with PAG and we are most grateful for their ministry.

A Pastoral Associate is a member or friend of First Parish with a demonstrated interest in and commitment to pastoral care. While many people associated with First Parish offer informal pastoral care routinely, a Pastoral Associate has completed a training program to prepare him or her to work in collaboration with the minister for the purpose of providing a pastoral presence and on-going pastoral visiting and support to the congregation. To the degree possible, the Pastoral Associates Group reflects the full spectrum of the congregation in terms of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, etc. Pastoral Associates serve at the invitation of the minister.

The current Pastoral Associate Group includes: Anmarie Allen, Audrey Kipp, Linda Lamenza, Polly Meltzer, Bruce Porter, Fred Pryor, and Dawn Shilts.

Look for the PAG “Card Table” at Coffee Hour

On two Sundays in November, November 11 and 18, the Pastoral Associates will staff our “Card Table.” There you will find blank greeting cards and lots of creative tools for decorating them. The Pastoral Associates send a note to those who are sick or in the hospital, those who’ve had babies or lost a loved one, and those who have significant milestones in their lives. In our experience, we find that parishioners love to receive cards made by hand by children, youth and adult friends at First Parish. We need to replenish our stock. Stop by and decorate a card or two or ten.

Annual Outdoor Clean up and Pizza Party

Saturday, November 10, 9am-2pm

Bring your helpful family members; bring your favorite lawn tools and come help with the many and varied jobs available. At noon we’ll break for pizza and Alex’s yummy homemade soup.



Please update your E-mail Address Book for Staff

Thanks to the wonders of technology, our staff may access their First Parish email from multiple locations. Thus you need **only ONE address** for each of us. They are:

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| Rev. Katie Lee Crane | minister@fpsudbury.org |
| Ms. Tracy Duncan | reducation@fpsudbury.org |
| Ms. Debra Morris-Bennett | musicdir@fpsudbury.org |
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For your convenience and theirs, please change your email address book to reflect **only these** mailing addresses for our staff.

Call for YOUR Stories

Are you a veteran? Did you serve in wartime or peacetime? Are you the parent, spouse, child, relative or close friend of someone who served? On Veteran's Day, November 11, Katie Lee would like to tell "stories from the front and the home front." If you have a story to share about serving or loving someone who served (or is serving now), give Katie Lee a call. It will help her give shape to our worship service on that day.

This I Believe. Are you a fan of the American Public Media series called "This I Believe"? Ordinary people – like us – are invited to share something about the "personal philosophies and core values that guide our daily lives." Katie Lee is asking us the same thing. For four Sundays in January and February we will hear the "this I believe" stories of people past and present, historical and contemporary, whose values have shaped the ways they live their lives. Some of those stories will be ours. If you feel called to share your "this I believe" story (five minutes is enough), please give Katie Lee a call now.



*GreenSprouts...
from the seeds of change*

In New Hampshire our recycling center doesn't take everything that Sudbury does, so after recycling everything we can in NH, we bring the rest of the plastics to Sudbury and recycle them here.

- Colin and Melody Anderson

Write or call Fran in the office with your "GreenSprout". What do you do now that's more ecologically friendly than the way you did it before? Help others by sharing your good ideas! Every little bit helps.

Share the Plate ... on Nov. 18



On Sunday, Nov. 18, as we do about once each month, we will share our collection with an organization chosen by our Faith in Action team. In November we will collect for the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF). First Parish member Felisa Tibbitts worked for the United Nations in Darfur in June 2007, during which time she became familiar with CHF and made a small donation to their efforts on behalf of First Parish. CHF International is a humanitarian organization that works to empower residents of low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to bring about lasting social, economic and environmental changes where they live. CHF operates throughout the world, including in Darfur, where they have been protecting women from sexual violence, helping to alleviate environmental pressure caused by excessive use of firewood and teaching displaced people skills that can be used for income generation. For more information, visit: www.chfhq.org

UUA Establishes Fund to Assist Those in Fire-Affected Area in California

As reported in an earlier UUA email message, the fires currently sweeping across southern California have affected Unitarian Universalists (UUs) in many communities. In response to this disaster, the Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) of the UUA has begun the PSWD Fire Relief Fund. A district committee will disburse all funds collected to UU congregations, UUs in need, community groups in relationship with UU congregations, and other groups supporting those most in need.

District Executive Ken Brown notes, "As we have found in the past, insurance does not cover such devastation and it can take years for those affected to recover." Donations to the PSWD Fire Relief Fund are being accepted online at <http://tinyurl.com/ytfz3f>.

If you wish to contribute by mail, please send funds to: Pacific Southwest District, Fire Relief Fund, 2052 Norma Street, Oxnard, CA 93036.



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Please check your First Parish directory, or call the office at 978/443-2043 for help.*