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Summer Office Hours

During the summer months, we do adopt a more relaxed pace—most committees take a break from meetings, and the staff uses the time for planning for next year, and taking vacation time according to their contracts. But, many activities continue through the summer, and our Sunday Summer Services are popular and well-attended, and attract newcomers.

To provide administrative support for all that goes on in the summer, the congregation voted at the Annual Congregational Meeting in June to increase the administration budget to include additional summer support. This summer Fran Sharp will continue to do what she has done in summers past (a combination of wrap-up from last year, administrative projects, and planning for next year), and in addition, Donna Scalcione will staff the office at regular times to enable congregants to know when they can call or stop in and reach a staffer in-person.

Donna (or occasionally, Fran) will be in the First Parish office on
Mondays and Fridays 9:30-11:30am.

This schedule begins Monday, June 30 and runs through Friday, August 15.
The office will not be staffed on Friday, the 4th of July.

As always, First Parish phones and email are monitored weekdays. (The minister's/pastoral line is monitored daily.) Your calls and emails to Fran, and all of the staff, will be returned promptly.



The Fourth of July Grill

This fun-fund-raiser is a great chance to hang out on our lawn, 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. Bring family and friends, and bring your appetite.

We still need some volunteers. If you are able to help, during Grill-time, or during the prep sessions on July 3, and the morning of the 4th, please contact Ted Jones as soon as possible.

July 3: Food preparation (chop onions & Peppers, prepare cups of watermelon, make turkey burger patties, put meats on trays in the refrigerator at First Parish.

July 4: 9:30 - 11 AM: Setup of grill and tables, trash cans, etc.

July 4: Two shifts - Early team 11:30 - 1:15 PM, Late team 1:15 PM - 3 PM: Take in money at the money table, cook, wrap or hand out food at the grill, work in kitchen or carry food from kitchen to grill.

July 4, 3 PM: Take down tables and grill and clean up

We also need more ice chest coolers - probably 4 more than we have right now. We may be using backyard propane BBQs, and if so may need more propane tanks in case we run out.

Do YOU Put Your Faith Into Action?

There are lots of ways of doing that. One of them is our vibrant First Parish Faith In Action (FIA) team that annually supports many other groups that put our faith into action. A few of these enjoy wide congregational support, e.g. the annual backpack drive for Sandra's Lodge student residents, the Undecorate the Christmas Tree in support of Framingham Youth Services clients and our sale of free trade coffee. But FIA, perhaps too quietly, provides support and volunteers to many other area needs . Did you even know that we help serve lunch in Framingham on a regular basis at a "soup kitchen?" We also have multiple prison ministries serving inmates at Norfolk, Concord and Shirley. We financially support First Parish's quilters as they create quilts for Renewal House children and soon for those in hospice. You can read more in your Annual Report.

We do all this **meeting only once a quarter** to organize activities, review grant proposals and make decisions on our monthly Share the Plate program. This spring long time members Beth Rust and Ginny Doxsey have completed their terms on the team; both are continuing to support specific activities. Another long time member, Carol Jerry, is moving to NH. We are in need of new members, so that we can remain the vibrant Faith In Action group, and not risk reverting to that old moniker of only having "social concerns," but not the wherewithal to act. Our first meeting in the Fall will be at 11:30 in the library on September 14. We'd love to have you join us. For more information contact Sherri Cline, Judy Deutsch or Carolyn Lee.

BSO Concert-Going Couples Group Seeks New Members

Bruce and Marge Langmuir manage a group of concert-goers who attend Boston Symphony Orchestra concerts, including a dozen FPS folks. They are looking for two new couples to join this group (each would attend 3-5 concerts next year). If you are interested, please see Bruce's write-up, attached to this email, and contact the Langmuirs for more information. To read more about the concert series, go to : <http://www.bso.org/>, click on **Get Your 2008-09 Subscription Today!** and then on **Saturday-25**.



Each month in the newsletters, the Green Sanctuary team will suggest a monthly tip on what we can do to become "greener"—more ecologically-minded--Earth citizens. We welcome your input.

Five Tips for Drying:

1. Hang your clothes to dry either on a clothesline or a clothes tree, at least some of the time. In the winter, this is a natural humidifier in a dry room.
2. Reduce ironing time by taking clothes out when they are slightly damp and hanging them up, or right away when the clothes are dry. If you get to the dryer too late, you can put a damp towel inside and run the dryer for a few minutes to get the same effect.
3. Empty the lint trap after each use of the dryer.
4. Dry light and heavy clothing separately for maximum efficiency.
5. To make room for drying clothes, buy an expandable shower curtain rod and put it in the shower. Hang clothes on hangers.



*Home phone numbers are not included in the E-News Bulletin.
Please check your First Parish directory, or call the office at 978/443-2043 for help.*

The SCOP on Summer, 2008



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

The best way to reach the staff is by email or by leaving a message on the First Parish phone: 978/443-2043 ext. "0" for Fran; "2" for Katie Lee (or the Pastoral Associate on call); "3" for Tracy before 6/24 or Roberta after 8/1.

Our Minister, Katie Lee...is still "on duty" even though she is not in the pulpit again until September 7. Late in June Katie Lee will attend the annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Ft. Lauderdale, our denomination's annual meeting and convention.

During the summer, Katie Lee also has four weeks of vacation time as well as study leave, during which she reads, plans, and prepares for next year's programs and worship. During her time away from Sudbury and while on vacation, the Pastoral Associates will refer all pastoral emergencies or urgent First Parish business to the appropriate lay leader and/or to the minister on call. Several local UU ministers (including Katie Lee) serve as ministers-on-call for each other when any one is out of town or otherwise unavailable. If you need to reach Katie Lee or someone else while we are keeping our summer schedule, you may phone First Parish 978 443-2043 and leave a message on the minister's line, ext. 2. The phones are monitored daily and someone will return your call promptly. Katie Lee can be reached by email at minister@fpsudbury.org

Our Director of Religious Education

Tracy...will be working, some at FPS and some at home during June until she leaves for General Assembly on June 24. From then, until August 1, please contact the office for RE-related questions.

Roberta Altamari...will begin as our DRE and Youth Advisor on August 1. She will work during August here and at home, and can be reached here at FPS by phone, ext. 3, and by email at redducation@fpsudbury.org.

Our Administrator, Fran...takes some vacation time during the summer, and works a reduced schedule beginning in June. The First Parish Office will be staffed by Donna Scalcione Mondays and Fridays from 9:30-11:30am between June 30 and August 15. (Phone calls and email messages (office@fpsudbury.org) will be returned as promptly as possible.

Our Music Director, Debra...is busy preparing for next year, but rarely can be reached at First Parish during the summer. Messages can be left on her home phone number or by email at musicdir@fpsudbury.org



Meetings...For the most part, regular First Parish meetings are not held during the summer. However, the Quilters meet on most Wednesday nights in The Commons at 7:00pm. To learn more, or to be included on an email list, contact Fran Sharp at quilter@gmail.com.



Sundays in the Summer Our planned, lay-led summer worship services take place every Sunday, beginning with a breakfast at 9:30am, following by the service at 10:00. The summer season begins on June 15 and continues through August 31. The schedule is available on the First Parish website, www.fpsudbury.org, and is posted in the Parish Hall. Our Ingathering Sunday on Sunday, September 7 will begin the regular worship year of 2008-09. (Bring a little bit of water to this service—see below.)



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Our Dedicated Landscapers work hard throughout the summer carrying out routine gardening tasks as well as special projects. And, they would be very glad of offers to help! Whether you can water on a regular basis or only help occasionally, please contact Betty Bishop (or others you know). They have a job that's just right for you!



Use of Space Please check with Fran Sharp by phoning or emailing the office before planning to use space at First Parish, including during the summer. During most summers we hold weddings (indoors and in the Memorial Garden), other services, and rentals.



During your summer

remember to 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 7.

