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Sukkot Celebration This Sunday



Come celebrate Sukkot at First Parish. On October 8, RE will offer a Special Sunday program for kids and persons of any age who would like to participate. Sukkot is the beautiful Jewish harvest celebration. We will decorate our own succah (a hut, or booth) with fruits, flowers, branches and vegetables as we hear stories, sing and give thanks to the earth for its bounty. We'll also be learning about an important, joyous holiday of our Jewish brothers and sisters (Judaism is one of our UU sources) and exploring what their tradition can say to us as Unitarian Universalists. Afterwards, everyone is invited to share Coffee Hour snacks in the succah, in the Jewish tradition of eating meals in the succah during Sukkot.

If you are able, please bring any or all of the following to help decorate our succah:

- *Branches--evergreen or ones with colorful leaves
- *Corn stalks
- *Winter-keeping vegetables such as gourds, carrots and dried corn
- *Flowers
- *Hard skinned or firm fruits (such as citrus, apples and pears)

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, October 15, 2006 at 11:45 a.m.

As with all Congregational Meetings, friends are welcome to attend and participate; members are encouraged to attend, participate, and vote! Warrants (with the revised budget) have been mailed to all members of First Parish. Copies are available to all members and friends in the office, too.

The Warrant reads as follows:

To: Steve J, Chair, Board of Trustees
 First Parish of Sudbury

Greetings:

You are hereby warned to notify the members of First Parish of Sudbury, Massachusetts, to gather in the sanctuary of the Meeting House of said Parish on **Sunday, the 15th of October, 2006, at 11:45 AM**, to hear and act on the following articles:

Article 1: To adopt the revised budget for the current fiscal year.

Article 2: To hear and accept status reports from the task forces resulting from the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 21 and the follow-up meeting on June 17, 2006.

Given under our hands this 4th day of October, 2006,

(Signed: The Clerk and Trustees)

First Parish Photo Directory—It's Happening! Be sure to mark your calendar for October 27 or 28, to have your (family's) picture taken for our new photo directory. Sign up online through our FPS website:

<http://www.fpsudbury.org/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?PhotoSignUp>

Or speak with Mary M, Bonnie W, Cilla R, or Ginny S

Next Women's Alliance Potluck planned for Sunday, Nov. 5 from 5-8pm

All women—members and friends—are invited for appetizers and dessert. This month's meeting will be at the home of Audrey K. Childcare is available with advance notice (call Donna S.). Call the office for more information.

105th Annual Harvest Craft Fair is coming up soon: Saturday, October 14, 10:00am-4:00pm

This year's Fair will feature over 60 original crafters displaying items including jewelry, country decor, paintings, quilts, wood carvings and photos. Our famous lunch of homemade breads and soups will again be part of the attraction for lots of people. For the fair to be a raging success, we need YOUR help and attendance. Based on average attendance, for every hour you volunteer, it earns about \$50 for the church -- pretty good wages.

Whether or not you can help out at the fair, please take the time to come for a delicious lunch and see all the wonderful wares being sold by our talented crafters.

We still need volunteers, baked goods, and more. Please call Carolyn L to sign up to help.

Your Craft Fair Co-chairs for this year are Sherri C, Greg B, Gerry G, Elaine J, and Carolyn L. Talk to any of us for more information about the fair and how you can help.

Upcoming Online Classes through the Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF)

Do you know about CLF and its many offerings? CLF refers to itself as "the largest congregation in the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Our members live all over the world, and interact with our Boston-based church staff by mail, phone, and e-mail." You can learn more from their website <http://www.uua.org/clf>

CLF offers online classes, some beginning in just a week:

Demystifying Meditation taught by the Rev. Wayne Walder (Oct 15 for 8 weeks) – helping participants to develop a personal meditation practice grounded in the Buddhist tradition.

Reading the Bible Through Unitarian Universalist Eyes taught by Paul Sprecher (Oct 15 for 8 weeks) – introducing the Bible as an important historical, literary, and sacred document, and with an overview of the Bible as a whole from a UU perspective.

This I believe: A Writer's Journey taught by the Rev. Amanda Aikman (Nov 5 for 6 weeks) – helping to develop a multi-layered statement of personal belief.

Chalice Circle Registration

Please submit your registration (or re-registration) form to participate in Chalice Circles at First Parish this year. Circles are being formed and re-formed now, so send or bring your form in to the office by October 13. Copies are available throughout the Meeting House, and you can get a form from our website:

Go to <http://fpsudbury.org/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?ChaliceCircles>. (Note that the date to submit the form this year is October 13.)

Or call the office for more information about Chalice Circles at First Parish. A *human being* will be glad to speak with you about them!



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