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Making Meanings

Last week I saw a bald eagle taking his leisure on a frozen lake near where I was visiting. Jonas spotted it first in flight just outside the window. It circled and landed within plain sight. Then spent the next 15 minutes or so nibbling the bait leavings from an ice-fishing derby the day before. Never before had I seen this magnificent creature so close or so long. It took my breath away.

Yesterday, as a fierce storm was predicted for later in the day, I saw the first robin of the season. I apologized, knowing what was coming.

Then last night, at the height of the nor'easter, I spotted a red-tailed hawk sitting out the storm on a limb just outside my kitchen window. The experience of spending a few precious minutes with each of these raptors – my first experience of seeing each at such close range – got me to thinking about the wonders of my everyday life.

My friend calls me a birder. But really, I am only a dining room table birder. I sit at the table and they come: chickadees, cardinals, tufted titmice, nuthatches, the Carolina wrens, blue jays – they're all regulars. So are the goldfinches and, often, their cousins the purple and house finches. Then there are the everyday woodpeckers, downy and hairy, and the occasional special guests, red breasted and pileated woodpeckers. Sometimes, a northern flicker.

Winter brings plenty of slate-colored juncos, but this time of year some of the "snow-birds" are beginning to come back, like the cowbirds (ugh). Pretty soon, though, we'll see the sparrows, and grosbeaks, the finches will brighten up, the woodpeckers will begin drumming and my dining room table world will be extravagant indeed.

Did I mention the deer and the wild turkeys we see daily? Thankfully no coyotes, yet, but we've been warned by the police. Once or twice a fox, though.

Every part of the earth is sacred. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth...

This we know, all things are connected... whatever we do to the web of life, we do to ourselves. Attributed to Chief Seattle

I offer this litany of blessings for two reasons. First, these creatures bring me such joy. Just sitting and watching for a few minutes is like praying for me. I find something in nature that I believe some people call "God." John Ruskin says "There is religion in everything around us;"

he calls it "the poetry of Nature." This, he contends, is what uplifts the spirit in us and opens our imagination to a world of spiritual beauty and holiness. I know this is so for me.

But I must also ask this: what are we doing to these creatures who uplift our spirits, who teach us about beauty and holiness? What are we doing to their grazing lands, their natural habitats, their flyways, their food supply?

The bald eagle soon may be taken off the endangered species list only to become more endangered than ever as these great birds compete with humans for waterfront property. I see the deer daily because my house (and yours) has disturbed their grazing. This is one reason they now graze in my garden!

I can no longer sit at the dining table and ignore these realities – and my part in creating them. Today I determined to become a more educated dining table birder. I committed myself to learning more about making my suburban habitat more habitable (and to the degree it is in my power, make it less destructive) for the creatures that sustain and lift my spirits.

Brothers and sisters in creation, we covenant this day with you and with all creation yet to be

*with every living creature and all that contains and sustains you;
with all that is on earth and with the earth itself;
with all that lives in the waters and with the waters themselves;
with all that flies in the skies and with the sky itself.*

We establish this covenant, that all our powers will be used to prevent your destruction.

We confess that it is our kind who put you at the risk of death.

We ask for your trust and as a symbol of our intention we mark our covenant with you by the rainbow.

This is the sign of the covenant between ourselves and every living thing that is found on earth.

Covenant Declaration
at Winchester Harvest Celebration, England

I found this covenant in a book of reflections I read daily. I've decided to make it my own. Perhaps you'd like to join me?

Katie Lee

Seekers of the Light



Last weekend I had the opportunity to play—for three days straight. But this wasn't card games or skiing; it was structured, purposeful play via *Interplay*. Interplay is a system of mind, body, spirit connection through playful forms of movement and vocalization. It brings forth and utilizes body wisdom, individually and in pairs and groups. It was amazing how close we all got to people we'd never met before. Amazing how embodied beings can connect quickly and deeply. What a foil to a society that prizes the intellect and self-sufficiency! I never realized how little I/we touch until placed in a situation where communicating through touch was the norm. And how soul-full I was giving and receiving touch. Many of the things I learned and realized that weekend have no means of expression other than their original language of sound or motion. But some seeped into consciousness, and thus can be shared via words. More than I can write here...

I think most importantly, I *experienced* -- as I watched a petite woman lift a tall, muscular man off the floor with ease--that balance is more important than strength. So often I have tried to muscle my way through life-- to endure, to "be strong." And hurt myself in the process. Perhaps by focusing more on balance, I will have greater strength with more ease.

Play is the way children (and adults) make sense of life; it can be serious work. The workshop was not all fun; grief, anger and despair were all part of our play. None of what we did was self-indulgent—much was done "on behalf of" each other and issues in the world. In fact, our leader, Phil, half-jokingly said our mission was to have fun, solve all our personal problems and solve all the world's problems. We did all three (just not all the way).

Mostly I fully remembered how much I love to dance and sing—things I have let slip from my life. These are powerful tools of expression and transformation, bringing cleansing and joy. Plus I have a few playful exercises to share with you. So if you find me dancing or vocalizing, feel free to join me. Let's play!

Peace, Tracy

Mark Your Calendars



April 29—Committee Reports to be turned in to Fran for inclusion in the Annual Report.

May 20--**FPS Annual Congregational Meeting** in the sanctuary immediately following coffee hour.

First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates

Annmarie A	Fred P
Audrey K	Karen R
Linda L	Bev W
Polly M	

*In the event of a pastoral need,
please call our minister
or any of these Pastoral Associates.*

People We Care About



This column seeks to share news (happy, sad, exciting events) of our lives so that we may support each other as we travel this road together. May it be so.

This column is not available on the First Parish website version of the newsletter. If you need information, contact the FPS office.

If you have news for this column, send it to Karen Reitzi at reitzi@comcast.net or to the First Parish Office. (office@fpsudbury.org)



Celebrating the Year of the "0"s

You have been asked already to save the date of May 5th, from 6:30-9:30pm for the birthday celebration of a special person (who goes by the initials KLC). Now we are extending this invitation to ANYONE who will celebrate or already has celebrated this year a birthday ending by "0". If you are or will be a 10-20-30...80-90... year old in 2007, we would like you to join us and be celebrated as well. We REALLY would like to hear from you so that we can recognize your special birthday that evening. Please contact Genevieve D by e-mail or phone if you are a special "0".

Be an Angel in 2007

Meet "The Sudbury Angels", an extended network of residents who are ready, willing and able to help any one in town that is facing a temporary crisis in their lives. Really, who of us can't give an hour of time or make and deliver a meal once in a while? On the other hand - many of us cannot commit to an ongoing, indeterminate schedule of volunteering to help. If folks in need had a large network to tap into, more relief can be available to them and less burden is carried by any one family member or group of friends.

Their idea is simple: Follow our parents and grandparents examples. Neighbors helping neighbors. Not every week, not every day - when your schedule as the volunteer permits. They accept no monetary donations.

They need men, women, and students to join us regardless of skill or time constraints. So maybe you can't cook but can get a computer up and running. Perhaps, a phone call to that neighbor who lives alone and just got out of the hospital to just say hi and welcome home. Everyone has something to give to a neighbor in need. Perhaps, a dog needs to be walked or a trip to the library may be just what is needed. There are all kinds of needs and all kinds of skills.

All one needs is access to the internet, an email account and to be a resident of Sudbury.

If you would like to join the network, please visit www.sudburyangels.org and sign up. It's that easy. As they get requests for help, you'll be notified by email. If your schedule permits and the need is one you can fill, you can respond right then and sign up for the dates and tasks that work for you.

Their website is www.sudburyangels.org and email address is sudburyangels@comcast.net

Introductory Workshop on Peacemaking

Sunday, May 6 at 11:30am

If you'd like to participate in this denominational-wide study, meet with other First Parish members and friends in the Brackett Room on May 6 and/or call Judy Deutsch (978 443 8609). Delegates to the 2006 Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly selected "Peacemaking" as the 2006-2010 Study Action Issue for UUA congregations.

Introductory materials are now available through uuawo@uaa.org and curriculum materials are scheduled to be ready in September. It would be helpful if you obtained your own introductory materials ahead of time. If you can't, arrangements will be made to get at least some of them to you afterwards.

Board of Trustees Report

by Ginny Steel, Clerk

Yes, the buck stops here, with the elected officers of the congregation, but it all starts with you. On topic after topic, you are invited to have your say, to contribute ideas, to frankly state your opinion. We not only practice shared ministry, but also shared governance, with as much input as possible before crucial decisions are made.

Your questions and suggestions on the proposed budget were aired in the roundtable discussions held recently by the Finance Committee and the Trustees.

Your thoughts on our congregation's general financial situation and ways that situation might be improved were carefully heard and noted in the series of focus groups led by the Committee on Ministry in December and January.

Your feelings about possible changes to the Town Center intersection were expressed in a general congregational meeting, and in a letter sent to the Selectmen describing the range of reactions to the various possible plans. Now, you will be asked which items on the Green Sanctuary list of projects should get priority for reducing our environmental impact. Again, your ideas count.

And on April 1 there will be a brainstorming session about fundraisers. Should we continue with the Service Auction? Should we try something different? Which fundraisers have the best ratio of results to effort? Should some be maintained for their social value? What would you be willing to work on?

One never knows where the next great idea will come from. It might be from you.

Our Fifth Principle

As a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we covenant to affirm and promote the seven UU "Principles" including Principle #5:

"The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large"

Many of us have a great opportunity coming up soon! Be sure to exercise your right and responsibility to participate and to vote.

Town Meeting (First Nights) 2007

Sudbury Wed, April 4 (next nights: Mon, April 8, Tues, April 9 if needed)

Concord Monday, April 23

Framingham Tuesday, April 24

Hudson Monday, May 7

Lincoln Saturday, March 24

Stow Monday, May 7

Wayland Sunday, April 29

Emergency Closing Information

If worship services and other events at First Parish need to be cancelled due to severe weather or other emergency situations, here's how you can find out:

By phone—check the recorded message at the First Parish number, 978/443-2043. Press #1 for General Information. If events for the day have been cancelled, the message on line #1 will state that.

First Parish website—go to www.fpsudbury.org. The front page will show information about the emergency closing.

By radio and television—listen to or watch the WBZ Storm Center (news radio 1030-AM or CBS-TV Channel 4), for the cancellation of our Sunday worship service only. (Other events cannot be listed.)



Summer Services--the Season is Upon Us

Yes, there is still snow on the ground, but planning is well underway for the 2007 Summer Services at First Parish of Sudbury. Sunday, June 10 will be the last Sunday of our regular worship year, and from June 17 through September 2, we switch gears to our lay-led worship services. These always prove to be a rich and stimulating array of topics, and participating is a great way to stay connected with our FPS community.

Would you like to lead one of our Summer Services? Or, provide music? Breakfast? Childcare? If you think that you *might* want to lead a service, we want you to know that a member of the Worship Associates Group (WAG) would help you to craft your topic into a worship service. You would not be alone! And, WAG is also offering:

“Worship Workshop”—planned for early June. Katie Lee, the Worship Associates, and a group of interest parishioners will explore how to craft a worship service, what makes a good sermon, where to find good readings, and more. This will be an interactive workshop--a roll-up-your-sleeves kind of thing, including practicing things like projecting voices, techniques for reading aloud and more.

Signup for Summer Services is quick and easy. See the signup board on the wall in the Parish Hall, or call Fran Sharp in the office. For more information or to sign up for the Worship Workshop, call Fran, or Carol W, the 2007 Summer Service coordinators.

Community and Hospitality Committee

The Photo Directory is progressing. All of our material has been sent to Olan Mills, with the proofs expected back before the end of March, and we hope to have the directories in April.

In the meantime, Fran has produced a regular directory, as up-to-date as possible. You can pick up your copy at the church office or at the welcome table at coffee hour.

There has been much work on the directory, along with much conversation about how it is used. Several times each year the directory is used for a general phoning: “Would you like to be invited to an in-home dinner?” “Have you made an appointment for your photo to be taken?” ...and so on. If you don't want to receive any such calls, you could ask Fran to remove your name from the next edition of the directory. We hope, of course, that you'll consider whatever the question is, and respond cheerfully to the caller, even if you cannot respond in the affirmative. And we hope that you'll be able to participate in many of the activities of the congregation. Please remember to let Fran know of any changes to your contact information—address, phone, or email address.

The Parish Hall bulletin board next to the library door now shows photos and biographies of our eleven new members, who joined in January. Stop by and remind yourself who they are - on your way to chatting with them in person.

Parish Hall Bulletin Board Recent Postings:



Open Letter on “The Cost of War” to Members of the United States Congress, from the Reverend William G. Sinkford, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association



Ready for Summer Camp? See postings and brochures on several camp experiences for “kids of all ages” at UU camps in New England: Ferry Beach in Maine, Star Island in NH, and Rowe Camp in western Mass.



Sudbury Earth Decade Committee's New England Wind Farm proposal



“The Concord Project” sponsored by the Diversity Committee of FP in Concord: A Conversation with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community, Families, and Friends—a facilitated panel discussion.
Tues. March 27, 7:30pm

Have a look!



Worship at the Meeting House

Sunday, March 25, 10am

Our Saint's Day

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Today, Katie Lee remembers Szent-Iványi Sándor (Alexander St. Ivanyi) who served Unitarian congregations in Jamaica Plain (1947-51), Sudbury (1951-55), and Lancaster (1952-74). Born in Maroš-Vaşarhely, Hungary (now Tirgu Mures, Romania), educated in Europe and, later, at Harvard University, Rev. Dr. St. Ivanyi served congregations earlier in Kološvar (now Cluj, Romania) and in Budapest, and later, served as Bishop-Vicar of the Unitarian Church in Hungary. He was also elected to parliament and to the city council of Budapest. His papers are now archived at the First Unitarian Church there. For *the rest of the story*, join us for worship.

All are welcome at the Hearthside Chat-- our discussion of today's topic and the issues it raises in the Brackett Room at 11:45.

Saturday, March 31, 4:30pm

Village Worship: "Some Day a Tree"

Tracy Duncan

Note that the date for this spring Village Worship has changed from March 24 to the 31st.

We hope that you will join us for our monthly interactive intergenerational worship when we will celebrate the Vernal Equinox with a live story "Some Day a Tree." If you haven't been to Village Worship, this is your chance. Speak with Tracy, Katie Lee, or Fran Sharp to learn more about Village Worship and what makes it so special!

Sunday, April 1, 10am

Jesus of History--Jesus of Mystery: Who do you say he is?

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

What happens when a group of Unitarian Universalists get together to talk about Jesus? Ten of us did just that four Wednesdays in March. We asked who *they* say he is and who *we* say he is. We looked at the stories and sayings and parables and narrative that tell all we know about this person's life. We explored what the historical scholars are saying. We discovered the vast array of interpretations of Christianity and explored one or two in the words of a practitioner. And we asked ourselves: What would we like to tell the congregation about the Jesus we know now or just met?

All are welcome at the Hearthside Chat-- our discussion of today's topic and the issues it raises in the Brackett Room at 11:45.

Sunday, April 8, 10am

Easter Sunday: Facing the Darkness to Find the Light

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Katie Lee invites us to explore how life's circumstances can push us to places where we meet our own demons. One common human response is to look for someone else to blame sometimes, even, when there is no blame. She asks "who am I?" in the story that brings Jesus to die on a cross? The judge? The cross-maker? The high priest? Someone in the crowd? The betrayer? The denier? Beyond that, she also explores whether forgiveness or redemption is possible even in the darkest circumstances.

The Choir will offer wonderful selections from Handel's *Messiah* and Mendelssohn's *Christus*.

All are welcome at the Hearthside Chat-- our discussion of today's topic and the issues it raises in the Brackett Room at 11:45.

Sunday, April 15, 10am

Find a Sanctuary, Be a Sanctuary

Ms. Beverly Waring

In this service Bev will explore how the room we call our sanctuary functions in that role and if the same feelings can be found in other places.

Sunday, April 22, 10am

Earth Day: How Green Can We Be?

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Katie Lee leads the congregation in a personal and communal exploration of what we are doing – as individuals and as a congregation – to be more environmentally conscious and better stewards of our natural (but not guaranteed) resources. Join us we also stretch to commit to at least one more thing we can do alone and together to be "greener" still. Today we will Share the Plate with New England Wind Fund, part of the Mass Energy Consumer Alliance (see page 8).

All are welcome at the Hearthside Chat-- our discussion of today's topic and the issues it raises in the Brackett Room at 11:45.

*How can **you** help Katie Lee get ready for our April 22 service?*

See page 7 and get ready to make your list.

The Green Sanctuary Committee needs your input!

Congregational involvement, not the work of a small committee, is an essential element of becoming a Green Sanctuary. Your Green Sanctuary Committee has completed an audit of the First Parish institutional practices and the status of our buildings and grounds (including Sudbury Extended Day's use), using guidelines provided by the UU Ministry For the Earth. From this we have developed a potential list of things we could put in our program proposal for the Green Sanctuary Certification Program. However, like any wish list, it is too long and too expensive. (The audit and this list are now on our website at: <http://fpsudbury.org/cgi-bin/wiki.pl?GreenSanctuaryCommittee>). We need **your** involvement in whittling this list of potential commitments down to a manageable set which meets the requirements for certification and, most importantly, that all of us are prepared to work towards actually fulfilling over the next two to three years.

The Green Sanctuary Committee will host 3 discussion sessions where we urge everyone to come and review the proposal elements, ask questions, make suggestions for even more important ones we didn't think of, and help us to discard ones we do not have the commitment to actually get done. These sessions will be held at the following dates and times:

- § Sunday, March 25th 11:45 am
- § Sunday April 29th at 11:45 am
- § Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30 pm

Following these sessions we will have a congregational survey to gather opinions on which program elements have support. This will be done during coffee hour on Sunday, May 6 and Sunday May 20. We expect to also have the survey on-line so that you can print it and get it back to us. Our goal is completing the program application in time to be counted at this year's General Assembly. Please come and join the process.

For more information or to give us your suggestions please contact any member of the Green Sanctuary Committee. Thank you.

Carolyn L and Bruce L, co-chairs

A Green Meditation

Silently a flower blooms,
In silence it falls away;
Yet here now, at this moment, at this place,
The world of the flower, the whole
of the world is blooming.
This is the talk of the flower, the truth
of the blossom;
The glory of eternal life is fully shining here.

Zenkei Shibayama



Weekend Celebration of Our Mother Earth

Village Worship & Potluck Saturday, May 12, 4:30pm
Music Sunday: *Missa Gaia* Sunday, May 13, 10:00am

On Saturday, May 12, our village worship will explore a topic dear to us all: food—the bounty of the earth. As usual, Village Worship will be followed by a potluck, this month being a vegetarian feast, with information on sustainable foods from our Green Sanctuary folks. Watch for more information coming in the April newsletter and on the fps website: www.fpsudbury.org

On Sunday, May 13, "Mother's Day" we will celebrate our Mother Earth with our Music Sunday worship service. The First Parish Choir will present the beautiful and moving *Missa Gaia*.

Jim Scott, co-composer of *Missa Gaia*, will be joining us for this beautiful service of music in honor of Mother Earth. Jim is a composer, guitarist, singer and ecological and peace activist and was a member of the Paul Winter Consort for years. He wrote many pieces the Consort recorded including choral works in their celebrated *Missa Gaia/ Earth Mass*.

Active for years with the UU Seventh Principle Project and recently Co-chair of the Board, Jim helped develop the Green Sanctuary handbook and program. Scott proposes that a spiritual response, from people of faith, is called for as "the spirit of life on earth is in crisis." Rather than grim pronouncements, he makes his case with music, celebration and humor.

Paul Winter (also co-composer of *Missa Gaia*) said of his long-time collaborator "His music sings of the life spirit."

Please see the upcoming April newsletter with more exciting details about the musicians that will be participating in this wonderful service!



Spring Clean-up Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 7 (raindate: Saturday, April 14) from 9am-2pm and plan to come for however much time you can. We welcome everyone's help, and there are a variety of tasks to do so everyone can pitch in. Please bring your (marked) garden tools, or plan to use ours. Many hands make light work! Please contact Peg P or Marge L if you have any questions.

How Green Can We Be?

Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day and we're going to give it our full attention during worship that morning. But I need your help. I want to know what you already do at home "to be green." Do you turn down the thermostat? Recycle? Use those curly, efficient light bulbs? Compost? That Sunday, we're going to make what I hope is a long, long list of what we ALREADY do. Then we're going to add some things we are ready to start doing. And then we are going to do those, too.

Here's what you can do to help me get ready. Make a list. If you are planning to join us for Sunday worship, bring the list!!!! If you are unable to join us, then please send me your list by email or write it down and drop it off or mail it to the First Parish office. I hope it takes five sheets of (recycled) paper!

Oh yes, and when you're making your list, think of the things you are ready to help us do at First Parish so our whole congregation can be more green. Add those to your list too. Go ahead. Make the rest of us green with envy!

Katie Lee

Canvass

The canvass is off to a good start, but we still have a long ways to go. If you are still considering your pledge, please make a leap of faith and contact your canvasser in a generous mood. Right now would be a great time to do that. Almost everyone was contacted by email, except for new friends and members that have not been previously canvassed and a handful who prefer in person canvassing. If you have not been contacted, please email or call YON, aka Jan H this year's canvass chair..

The Little Things We Do

Parking We invite all able-bodied people to park behind Town Hall on Sunday mornings, leaving the limited parking in our lot for guests and those who need easier access to the Meeting House. Because visitors are not likely to be acquainted with our off-site parking alternative, and may not arrive with enough time to find it, we are designating the two remaining unmarked spaces next to the horse sheds as visitor parking.

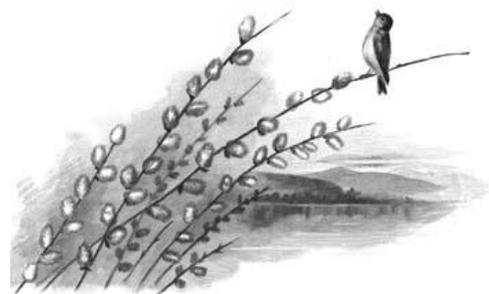
On Sunday mornings please leave open the space marked "Auction," for the person who won this spot at the last Service Auction.

Your cooperation is appreciated as we try to make the use of our parking lot as safe, welcoming and accessible as possible. Thank you.

Faith in Action News

Will You Join The Team? Once again, First Parish will have a team of walkers in the **Walk for Hunger**. This fundraiser for the Project Bread and the Greater Boston Food Bank takes place on May 6, 2006. The route is 20 miles long and several First Parish team members have completed the route for several years in a row. Several other First Parish team members complete as much as they can. If you are interested in joining the First Parish team, call Beth R.

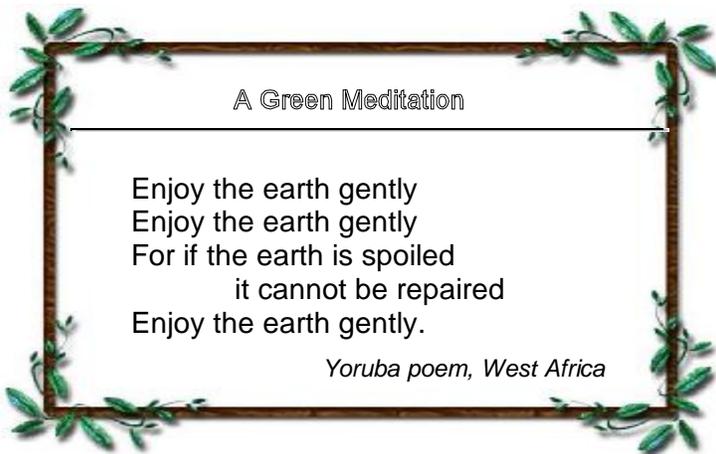
Partakers Events Partakers is the organization that enables us to mentor Nate through his college education. It invites us, also, to participate in a workshop "Reforming our Criminal Justice System, Take Your Advocacy to the Next level" on Saturday, April 21, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., somewhere in Boston (You may register through March 30, at meaallen@partakers.org) and Volunteer Appreciation Day, Sunday, June 3, 3-5:00P.M. at First Unitarian Society of Newton. (You may also register for this event at the above e-mail address.)



The Challenges of Care-Giving

First Parish's Pastoral Associates Group (PAG) is planning a gathering of folks who are in the role of Caregiver. Are you someone who is providing care to an elder? To a sibling, adult child or other relative with physical, developmental, emotional, psychological, neurological, or other special abilities who requires assistance? Do you have a child with learning or other challenges who needs extra help navigating the educational system?

The goal of PAG is to provide an opportunity for you to give and receive support from others in similar situations. You may find that you and the others wish to continue to meet. You may find that you meet one or two people with whom you want continue the connection you make at this gathering. Or you may decide that the initial meeting was all that you really need at this time. If you are interested in participating in one of these support meetings, please send an email to Annmarie A, or leave a message for her home. *Please contact Annmarie by April 15*



**March's Invisible Hands Award:
Robyn and Adam**

This month's Invisible Hands Award goes to two of the helpful young people in our midst, Robyn R and Adam B. These two are eager volunteers on several fronts—decorating before events like the Interfaith Thanksgiving service, helping to “staff” Village Worship projects, and helping Robyn’s mom Fran with stapling, mailing, licking and sticking. But, last month they contributed in a special way, by helping to provide kidcare at the Saturday Mass Bay District workshop on Intergeneration Worship, led by Tracy and Katie Lee.

Thanks, Robyn and Adam! You guys rock!

(While we really appreciate Robyn’s level of involvement, it must be noted that Adam’s family belongs to the Sudbury United Methodist Church. Helping out in two congregations--now, that’s active volunteerism!!)

**Sharing the Plate on April 22nd with
New England Wind Fund:**

Sunday, April 22 - Earth Day – join us when we will be sharing the plate with the New England Wind Fund. Created in 2006 by Mass Energy Consumer Alliance, the New England Wind Fund provides the financial support goal needed to create more wind power in New England.

Electricity in New England comes from dirty energy sources that harm our environment and decrease our security. Developing new sources of energy is urgently needed for the health of our economy and citizens. Wind power is an excellent resource but construction of new turbines is slowed by lack of financing. Dirty energy sources get huge tax subsidies for development and extracting fuel. Wind Turbines face larger up front costs.

Additionally, with sufficient donations to the New England Wind Fund, our town could qualify for funding by the Mass Technology Collaborative for assistance to invest in clean energy projects on Town Buildings, such as solar collector panels. (www.NewEnglandWind.org)

The New England Wind Fund is not associated in any way with the Cape Wind Project.

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We embrace diversity and, as a Welcoming Congregation, are intentional about welcoming the presence and participation of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons in all aspects of congregational life.

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