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Making Meanings

Come, all creatures of the earth and sky.

Come kindred spirits.

Lift your voices. Dance on the wind.

It is life we celebrate today – new life!

We are born again. We are filled with the fire of living.

Come. Breathe deeply the breath of life.

Exhale your suffering, your pain, your despair.

We are born again. We are filled with the fire of living.

***Spirit of Life, lift our burdens with a shaft of light,
a scent, a moment so remarkable we ache from the
beauty of it.***

Suck fear from our bellies and blow it away.

Fill us with courage and insight and...grace.

We are born again. We are filled with the fire of living.

The earth awakes.

Its titanic stirring creates fissures in a crusty surface.

***The bones of our ancestors, held in the tomb of the
earth –***

***held in the womb of the earth –
nourish the plants and trees,
feed their roots until they push through that
lifeless crust and...***

***They are born again. They are filled with the fire of
living.***

Such is the nature of resurrection.

Life yields to death; death gives life.

Those who have died are the mountains, the mists.

They are clouds and rain.

They are wildness and discord, rhythm and harmony.

They are sanctuary and solitude.

They are stars.

They are born again.

We are born again.

Come, all creatures of the earth and sky.

Come kindred spirits.

Lift your voices. Dance on the wind.

Be filled with the fire of living.

Perhaps you remember our Easter service of a
few years ago.

I wrote this reflection and our guest, Ellen Oak,
interpreted it in dance.

As our world groans with suffering and pain,
I find myself drawn
back to this reflection, seeking hope, seeking
renewal, seeking spiritual nourishment.

I am reminded again that war
and political pissing contests,
that funds diverted from the most vulnerable
to a war machine,
and that murder in Sudbury
Dorchester, Darfur, Roxbury, Baghdad or Afghanistan
is real,
but they are not all
that is real.

And they need not
dominate our thoughts.
They need not deplete us
of the breath of life
and the fire of living.

We cannot --
we must not --
ignore the signs
of life around us.

We cannot miss
the message of hope,
of resurrection,
nestled in a bird's nest,
twinkling in a dew drop
on a bright yellow daffodil.

This is our salvation.
This is our hope.

As our earth comes alive again,
let us, too, come alive.

Let us, too, be born again.

Katie Lee

*Katie Lee has recycled and rewritten this newsletter
column first published in April 2003.*

Seekers of the Light gREen



As you know, a great deal of our congregational focus has been on becoming a Green Sanctuary. The Religious Exploration folk believe RE has been right on the leading edge of this initiative, and I'd like to tell you some of the ways the RE program continues to walk with the Ministry for the Earth along the "greener path."

First come the stories. Many of the stories that are the backbone of the curriculum come from our sixth source, "Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions..." and/or address or include our "violet promise"—value the earth (also known as our 7th principle, "Respect the interdependent web..."). Even stories from other sources often contain teachings to honor the web of life, as earth-stewardship—honoring the Creator—is a common theme in most religious traditions.

Next come our supplies. As many as possible are made from natural materials. We believe that the children experience the difference in quality between natural and synthetic materials, and that this affects their spiritual experience. Our cabinets are made of wood, as are several puzzles, our loom and our easel. The play dough is handmade of flour, cornstarch salt and food coloring. Most story boxes are made with fabric, wood and clay.

Then there are the projects. Last year the Middle School Breakfast Club chose fundraising for the World Wildlife Fund as their service project, and included a teaching component on endangered species for the younger children. Our Middle and High School Youth continue the tradition of spending a weekend at Heifer Project's Overlook Farm, learning about global food supplies, food sustainability and caring for the farm animals. When I observe how our young people respond to their spiritual explorations of the earth, and what they do in the world, I am extremely hopeful. Gaia is in the hands of a new generation who love and cherish Her, and are learning from a very early age how to be good stewards of creation.

Peace, Tracy

Summer Camps for Children and Youth!

Ferry Beach (Saco, ME), Rowe (The Berkshires), Star Island (Coastal NH) and Unirondack (upstate NY) all offer a variety of camps for young people, right here in the East. These camps offer **amazing, life changing experiences** for young people. Most kids who attend a UU camp will tell you it's the best experience of their lives, the place they feel most themselves.

So, check out the RE bulletin Board for summer camp info.

Several First Parish of Sudbury parishioners have children who've attended UU camps, so ask Tracy for names if you want a testimonial.

Most camps also offer family vacations!

Scholarship \$\$ available for youth ages 14-20 to attend UU summer camps! Most camp programs are only one week long, so might fit in with other summer activities. Contact Tracy for more information on youth scholarships.



Senior Youth Group Spring Plans

The members of the Senior Youth Group are, like everyone else, emerging from a long and trying New England winter and are coming to the realization that there are a limited number of weeks remaining before we scatter in the summer.

In the schedule for the coming weeks, there are a number of special events as well as some weeks labeled "TBD". We will be scheduling at least two of those meetings away from First Parish (and perhaps at a different time) so please watch your email.

April 15th **No Meeting**

School Vacation and Patriots Day

April 22nd 7:00 – 9:00 **Exploring Symbols in our**

Lives: We see symbols every day – Coke cans, golden arches, swooshes, Red Sox hats (Yankees hats), religious symbols, many different flags. How do these symbols communicate? What do they communicate? Do they mean the same thing to everyone or every time anyone of us sees them?

April 29th 7:00 – 9:00, TBD

May 6th 7:00 – 9:00, TBD

May 13th 7:00 – 9:00, TBD

May 20th 7:00 – 9:00, TBD

May 27th **No Meeting**, Memorial Day

June 3rd 10:00a – 11:00a (in Worship)

Bridging Service for Seniors: All adults who have accompanied these youth—the class of 2007--in RE, OWL, Coming of Age, Jr. Youth, Sr. Youth, etc) are especially encouraged to take part in this service. Help form "the bridge" through which they will pass as they venture forth.

June 10th 7:00 – 9:00, **Welcome to the upcoming 9th graders, and end of the year party**

First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates

Annamarie 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.*



Celebrating the Year of the "0"s
Saturday, May 5 6:30-9:30pm
You Are Invited To A Birthday Party!!!

To Celebrate Katie Lee Crane's 60th Birthday (and all other members and friends who are brave enough to admit they have a "0" birthday during 2007), we will have a party on May 5th in the Parish Hall. The dinner menu will be POTLUCK – bring all those yummy dishes you ate in the '60s – mac and cheese, celery and cream cheese, and other gourmet treats from the past. Wear a hat that you can decorate and shoes that are perfect for twisting the night away. Childcare will be provided so bring your children and a friend!

If you are celebrating a "0" birthday this year, please call Geneviève Dionne at 978-443-2345 so you can be duly honored, too. The more the merrier. Are you 0, 10, 20, 40, 80, 90? Let us know.

In lieu of gifts to Katie Lee, please bring a check made out to one of her favorite ministries, the Refugee Immigration Ministry.

Katie Lee writes, "I hope you will ALL come to the party. But, for me, this is more than a party. It's also a chance for all of us to do something really helpful at the same time -- we can support the Sudbury Refugee Immigration Ministry. There are millions of people around the world who are oppressed or suppressed for more reasons than I can list. We can't help them all, but we can help at least one family. Remember Margaret Mead's words: 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever has.' Well, to celebrate my 60th birthday, I want you to help me change the world, in this case, one family at a time. It's the best birthday present I can imagine."

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)

Follow Up to Budget Roundtable Discussions

by Ginny Doxsey, Trustee

We had three open discussions about the preliminary 07-08 budget—and, thanks to all the participants! In each session, we spent time reviewing the preliminary budget in detail—the numbers, the decision-making process and the implications. In each session we also had lively discussions about (you guessed it!) the Equity Fund—its purpose, its history, its name, our contribution plan, implications of greater, lesser and no contributions and what we should do about the contribution plan. Several folks were also interested in learning more about our restricted and unrestricted funds and our investment process.

As a result of these discussions, the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee are recommending that over the next year we:

1. make information about and explanations of the investment process and restricted/unrestricted funds more readily and regularly available to the congregation. This will happen through newsletter columns and open meetings in addition to the annual report.
2. develop a group that will look at all the questions raised about the Equity Fund, will hold sessions for information sharing and input and then will make recommendations to the Financial Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Again, thanks to all the leaders and participants involved in the Roundtable discussions. This activity really helped First Parish to reach towards its 3rd goal for this year of fiscal accountability and transparency.

A Spiritual Seedling

All hands together
to change the world.
All hands together
to till the land
All hands together
to pull up weeds.
All hands together
to share our joy.

*From Bambamarca, Peru,
A Peruvian Catechism*



**Join our weekend
celebration of Mother Earth**

Village Worship & Potluck

Saturday, May 12, 4:30pm

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.

Music Sunday: *Missa Gaia*

Sunday, May 13, 10:00am

A year ago, First Parish Choir presented Gwyneth Walker's ***Acquaintance With Nature*** for Choir and Narrator to help kick off a yearlong focus at First Parish to raise environmental awareness through our Green Sanctuary Program. To bring this theme full circle, First Parish Choir and an ensemble of guest musicians will present ***Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*** for their Spring Music Sunday service on May 13th.

Come and celebrate with us and be surrounded by not only the music of human voice but also the music of recorded whales, wolves, birds and seals and the ocean. These elements are beautifully woven together to create this Mass in honor of Mother Earth. The music is a fusion of classical, jazz, gospel and world music.

Co-composer Jim Scott will be performing with and for us on 12-string acoustic guitar. First Parish's own Maya H-B will be the soprano soloist. The exciting musical ensemble for this special musical service will be comprised of Stan Strickland on soprano saxophone, Kathryn Rosenbach on piano, Bill MacGiveray, Mark Kohler and Dave Andrews on percussion, Mark Snyder on bass, and Sara Hartman on cello.

Plan on attending this very moving service of music – bring your family and friends to experience this joyful celebration of Mother Earth!

*"My messages are of ecology and social conscience,
but also of optimism.*

*I believe in the power of song
and self-expression for change."*

- Jim Scott

Mark Your Calendars



April 27—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.

Project Bread Walk for Hunger – May 6th

Help the hungry ones in our area. Join the First Parish team in our fourth annual walk. It is a great opportunity to see the Boston area in the spring, talk to your fellow FPS walkers, and help the make an impact in our community. Or donate to support the First Parish of Sudbury walk team at www.projectbread.org No one should go hungry! Please help. Call Beth Rust 443-9041.

2007 is Your year to march in the Pride Parade

Saturday, June 9

Join the diverse contingent of marchers representing our congregation in the Boston Pride Parade. Support equal human and civil rights for your gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender relatives, friends, neighbors, colleagues, etc. by walking the one-hour parade route (or part of it) and then celebrating with a festival of food, music and fun at Boston City Hall Plaza. Carpool with members of the Welcoming Congregation Committee. For details contact Peg Espinola or Donna Scalcione.

Women of First Parish - Save The Date

June 3 - at 11:30 in the Commons

Women's Alliance Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon

There will be a **brief** business meeting to elect officers and make financial decisions, followed by a potluck lunch. All women of the parish are cordially invited. No previous attendance at any Alliance event required. Come and enjoy! Childcare is available with advance notice to Alliance President.

A Capella Jazz Concert

Saturday, May 19th at 7:30 pm

First Parish will host an *A Capella Jazz Concert* to benefit the Refugee Immigration Ministries. Come and enjoy the smooth vocal harmony and exuberant choreography of two local and very dynamic choral groups and help support this ministry. We will need volunteers for lots of different activities for the evening. Advanced tickets may be reserve for \$8.00 by visiting www.fpsudbury.org. Tickets purchased at the door are \$10.00. Please contact Carol J or Julie S for further details.



Worship at the Meeting House

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 as 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.

*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 29, 10 am

Do We HAVE to?

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Those intrepid 2006 auction bidders – “the men” – have thrown down the gauntlet and asked their minister to reflect on this: “Do we Unitarian Universalists have an *obligation* to speak and act in the public arena from *our* moral perspective?” Of course it’s one of those questions that demands that we examine other questions such as: “what exactly is the Unitarian Universalist moral perspective?” and “can we even say that Unitarian Universalists share a moral perspective?” Well let’s say (for the sake of discussion) that we don’t all agree with each other all the time, not to mention the *they* we’re pretty sure we don’t agree with much of the time. If that’s so, what do we say and when and how? Then there’s the question of whether it’s an *obligation* to speak out and how one defines *moral perspective*. Well, you can see the bidders have offered Katie Lee something challenging. Join her and them for a conversation that will continue at the Hearthside Chat following the service.

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Sunday, May 6, 10 am

Resolved:

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

In the sweltering heat of the 2006 General Assembly in St. Louis, MO, delegates from more than 600 Unitarian Universalist congregations in the United States voted overwhelmingly to support the following resolution:

“Resolved, that the Delegates to General Assembly are charged to work with their congregations to hold at least one program over the next year to address racism or classism, and to report on that program at next year’s General Assembly.” Katie Lee has resolved to begin a conversation about class and classism close to home.

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in the Brackett Room at 11:45.*

Saturday, May 12, 4:30pm

Village Worship & Potluck

On Saturday, May 12, our village worship will explore a topic dear to us all: food—the bounty of the earth. In this interactive, multigenerational, participatory worship service, we will explore the topic of food as it relates to our seventh principle: that we are all a part of an interdependent web of all existence. How then do we buy, prepare, eat, and share food from that perspective? As usual, Village Worship will be followed by a potluck, this month a vegetarian feast, with information on sustainable foods from our Green Sanctuary team. Watch for more information on the fps website:

www.fpsudbury.org

Sunday, May 13, 10 am

Music Sunday: Missa Gaia

Debra Morris-Bennett & the First Parish Choir, with special guest, Jim Scott.

Today we will Share the Plate with Ministry for the Earth (formerly the Seventh Principle Project), an affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Sunday, May 20, 10 am

Standing on the Side of Love

Rev. Katie Lee Crane with the Welcoming Congregation Committee

Katie Lee says she knows a couple that has been married five times – to each other. And the last time they got married, it was legal. Three years ago, almost to the day, committed couples who had been denied the right to marry were able to wed legally for the first time in Massachusetts. Today, we look back and ahead. How far have we come? Is it far enough? Will we face the possibility that those marriages will be deemed illegal by a constitutional amendment? Has the homophobia and the taunting (often spoken in the name of God) stopped? Has marriage changed things for couples like Katie Lee and her husband or for the two women who wed legally three years ago after nearly 30 years of marriage? Join Katie Lee, members of our own gay-straight alliance, the Welcoming Congregation Committee, and many of the couples who wed again or for the first time in 2004.

*There will be **no** Hearthside Chat this morning so that members and friends of First Parish may attend our annual congregational meeting.*



Each month in the newsletter, the Green Sanctuary team will suggest a monthly 'what you can do' tip on being a greener—that is, more ecologically-minded--Earth citizen. We welcome your input.

Lawn&Garden Water Conservation keep costs down

Water is a precious commodity – one we cannot afford to waste. Here are some simple tips for conserving water (minimizing water loss from your lawn & garden) and maximizing use of this water.

Watering times/techniques:

- Reduce evaporation by:
 - Watering in early morning (typically before 9am)
 - Using soaker hoses or drip irrigation systems in planting beds
 - Avoiding watering when it is windy
- If you have an in-ground irrigation system:
 - Time it to run just before or after a rainfall to get a deeper soaking while using less water –the plants/lawn will benefit, too as the roots will grow deeper
 - Do not set the timer with a “standing” automatic program – it shouldn’t run when it’s raining out!
- Avoid watering at night to avoid fungal diseases

Retaining soil moisture

- The more water you retain, the less you need
- Add a layer of ~ 2 to 3 inches of mulch (but be careful not to pile it up to the base of the tree/plant as this may cause the trunk/stem to rot)
- Add organic matter to your soil – to also make for happier/healthier plants...using your compost pile.

“Harvesting” Water

- Direct rainwater from your gutters into a large barrel and use this to water plants and pots
- Don’t dump your dehumidifier water –use it, too
- Tip – ensure that these “collectors” have lids to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in the standing water

Minimize lawn area

- The single, most water-hungry plant in your yard is your luscious, green lawn
- Replace areas of your lawn with low-water use and native plants
 - for shady areas consider planting hosta, ferns, mosses
 - for sunny areas consider using native plants for a display of color
 - for sunny and/or partial sun areas make a little time to plant some thyme

The Little Things We Do

Whenever there is something at First Parish – worship service, adult, teen or children’s programs, social events – we want to be sure that no one is excluded for reasons such as lack of transportation or child care. As a rule, we strive to provide childcare and transportation for all First Parish events. When there is a major event, such as a congregational meeting, or a social event, an adult program, and for all worship services, we hire childcare providers in advance. We happily pay for these services whether or not they are needed simply because we feel an obligation to make our programs accessible to everyone. For smaller events, such as after-worship Hearthside Chats or daytime or evening programs during the week, we will gladly do our best to find and provide childcare and transportation if you can let us know at least a day or so in advance that it is needed.

We welcome your feedback. What else might make it easier for you to participate more fully in the life of our congregation? What might make it easier for you to ask us when you need assistance? (We know it’s sometimes hard or embarrassing to ask; but remember one of our favorite hymns: *From you I receive, to you I give, together we share, and from this we live.* That’s how it works.)

Also, we welcome your help. If you would like to be on a list of on call transportation or childcare providers, it would help enormously. When someone expresses a need, we will put the request out to our approved list and “presto” the need is likely to be filled.



Board of Trustees Report

by Ginny S, Clerk

The Trustees spent most of their last meeting on financial issues, which is not surprising at this time of year. The roundtable discussions about the draft budget had answered many questions, and had brought out some more. "Why is our building maintenance fund called the 'equity fund'?" "What is our investment policy?" "Does it include socially responsible investing?" Ah, yes, so glad you asked! You are invited to stay tuned for more on these topics.

In the meantime, the Trustees heard an interim report on the annual canvass, in which all of us are asked how we can help support the congregation financially for the next fiscal year. Not everyone had responded, but it looked as though the total pledges were approaching the number needed to fund the proposed budget. This is the critical time. We know what we want to do, what we want to pay our staff, what we must pay for utilities and other necessities. Will we be able to do it? Has each of us given as generously as possible? Has everyone who can do so made a pledge, a commitment, so the Finance Committee will know what it has to work with?

And then there are the fundraisers. How can the Service Auction be inviting for children and their families? What kinds of fundraisers bring in the most money from beyond our congregation?

There was good news about raising money for a good cause. The Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM), which supports the Algerian refugee family in Sudbury, will benefit from the big birthday party for Katie Lee, as donations to that cause will take the place of traditional gifts. And the proceeds from a concert later in May will go to the same worthy cause.

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 D. 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@uua.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.

Announcements, Announcements, An-nou-ounce-ments!

Have you noticed that we've been experimenting with placement of announcements in our Sunday Worship services? We've been striving to balance so many factors and still provide the maximum number of people with the most information possible. The only definitive conclusion we've made is this: it's not possible to get it perfect!

For now, we have settled on this practice. If you have something that you'd like to tell people on Sunday morning please take the following steps:

- 1) Send the text of your announcement (via email or phone) to the Administrator by 5 PM Thursday; she will put your announcement in the Sunday News which is distributed with the order of service. If she faces space issues or has to delay an announcement for any reason, she will contact you, if at all possible.
- 2) If, on Sunday morning, you have an urgent announcement (e.g. the printed information in the Sunday News is incorrect, or something entirely new relating to the upcoming week has come up quickly) please give a written announcement to the Board Member who is doing the Welcome that morning.
- 3) The Board Member offering that morning's greetings will assess whether your announcement can be made in any of several ways: before the children and their guides leave (so they have the benefit of hearing its content), after they leave, or in the Parish Hall during our social time.

Please understand that we are doing our best to keep people informed, but we are also trying to honor the quality and tone of each worship service, provide a true worship experience for our children and youth while in the sanctuary (not fill their time with "business"), and respect the time set aside for religious exploration so that guides will have adequate time for their carefully prepared programs and, at the same time, families will not be delayed at the conclusion of the morning's activities.

- 4) Please remember, too, that your announcement can also be posted on our First Parish website. So be sure to ask the Administrator to add it to the website and then, be sure to tell your friends to check the website! It's a treasure-trove of information about what's happening.

- 5) Oh yes, we welcome your ideas and suggestions about what works best for you. We are always trying to improve our communications. Would a message board as you enter or in the Parish Hall help you? Would an ever-changing phone message devoted to weekly activities and announcements work? Let us know what you think. ... And thanks.



Summer Services—Sign Up Now

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 Sharp or Carol W, the 2007 Summer Service coordinators.

The Unsung Heroes Award



How about that choir?! For those of you who weren't with us on Easter Sunday, you missed not only great music, and a great sermon, but also a great feat on the part of our First Parish Choir. Debra, our Music Director was home, *really* sick in bed. But, the choir rallied, especially Cilla R who accompanied the hymns, played unfamiliar musical pieces, and accompanied *her own vocal solo* on the piano! And, it was beautiful!! Thanks to all of you talented and wonderful choir members— **You Are Amazing!**

Movie&Discussion: “Maxed Out”

Saturday, April 28, 7:00pm
The Commons



“Maxed Out” is a disturbing yet oddly-entertaining new documentary. It's about America's addiction to debt – especially the so-called “sub-prime” variety -- and more importantly about the “debt pushers” who market this high-cost debt to millions of vulnerable families. The result of this historically unprecedented change in the way America does business is that millions of families are watching their wealth – and their aspirations for middle-class economic security – be systematically destroyed.

First Parish's own Steve T, an economic affairs correspondent for the nationwide public radio business program "Marketplace," will lead a discussion after the film and answer questions about this radically-new “American way of debt.” Come watch it with us in The Commons on Saturday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Admission's free, and what you learn may help save you, your neighbor or the larger world loads of pain.

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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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