

# First Parish of Sudbury News

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## Making Meanings

I have a button that says: "Have faith and vote." And I do.

I also have a favorite poem by Marge Piercy, "The Report of the Fourteenth Subcommittee on Convening a Discussion Group," that says "I believe in this democracy as I believe there is blood in my veins," but, sometimes, it sure feels like a messy, crazy way to make decisions, doesn't it! Listen... Piercy says it much better than I can (an excerpt):

*This is how things begin to tilt into change,  
how coalitions are knit from strands of hair  
of barbed wire, twine, knitting wool and gut,  
how people ease into action arguing each inch,....*

*Let us meet to debate the meeting, the day, the time,  
the length. Let us discuss whether we will sit  
or stand or hang from the ceiling or take it lying  
down. Let us argue about the chair and the table and  
the chairperson and the motion to table the chair.*

*In the room fog gathers under the ceiling and thickens  
in every brain. Let us form committees spawning  
subcommittees all laying little moldy eggs of reports....*

*This is true virtue: to sit here and stay awake,  
to listen, to argue, to wade on through the muck  
wrestling to some momentary small agreement  
like a pinhead pearl prized from a dragon-oyster.*

*I believe in this democracy as I believe  
there is blood in my veins, but oh, oh in me  
lurks a tyrant with a double-bladed ax who longs  
to swing it wide and shining, who longs to stand  
and shriek YOU SHALL DO AS I SAY....*

Truth is, I do believe in this democracy as I believe there is blood in my veins. And while it's not the easiest system, we Unitarian Universalists lift it up as one of our principles – a value we covenant to affirm and promote – *the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.*

I also believe in the separation of church and state as I believe there is blood in my veins, So as we enter the latest national election frenzy (so soon?) I offer a few reminders.

Houses of worship, like ours, may not support political candidates or causes. We may not – as a community of faith – campaign, openly or otherwise – for those seeking public office.

We can urge you to vote, organize voter registration drives (as long as they are open to everyone), hold public forums for candidates (as long as they heed IRS rules) and speak out on, even take a position on, issues or ballot initiatives; but **we may not tell you or anyone how to vote.**

As individuals, of course, we may endorse a particular candidate and get involved in countless ways. We simply cannot do so in the name of our congregation, or, on the property owned by the congregation. (Some may note that the local Democrats meet at First Parish; they rent our space. As part of their rental agreement, they store issues-oriented signs on our property. We would be obliged and, of course, willing to rent space to other political-based organizations as well, unless their principle values were in direct opposition to our own. We would not rent to the Ku Klux Klan, for example, even if it meant asking our current renters to seek new space.)

I have a 15-page pamphlet titled "Religion and Politics: A Campaign Season Guide for Houses of Worship." It is published by the Interfaith Alliance Foundation, "people who cherish the value and integrity of religion." It's full of red-light, green-light and caution-light guidelines for houses of worship.

In it, they affirm "a partnership between religion and government that preserves the autonomy of houses of worship and ensures that religious institutions are not held hostage to the priorities and interests of federal, state, or local governments." They urge communities of faith "to speak about issues of the day, but don't compromise religion's powerful healing force by using your authority to advance particular sectarian interests over America's shared values."

They also note that what may be legal under current law may not be moral. They acknowledge that communities of faith sometimes face what they call "finer choices" about the role between ourselves, our congregations and our faith.

I know it's not easy and rarely crystal-clear. I wonder, for example, how various individuals or congregations would interpret "America's shared values" in today's world.

Still, I urge you to Have Faith: Participate & Vote.

Katie Lee

**Seekers of the Light***A Recipe for Being Together With Youth*

## Ingredients:

Several youth  
A few youth-friendly adults  
Heaps of empowerment  
Desire to develop leadership  
Spiritual longing  
Loads of tolerance  
Helpful parents  
A bit of a budget  
Huge amounts of humor  
Lots and lots of listening  
Willingness to take some personal risk  
Worship and celebration  
An open-minded, loving congregation

Mix youth with youth-friendly adults in an open-minded, loving congregation. Acknowledge and allow spiritual longing to lead you. Commit to empowering the youth and to leadership development for youth and adults. Invite youth to everything where there might be a place for their involvement.

Listen carefully and fully to what people say with words, body language, action and silence. Adults allow the youth to generate ideas and make decisions—comment to facilitate, not to direct.

Pour in generous amounts of tolerance and humor. Stir, adding more as needed. Add enough willingness to take risk as you are just barely comfortable—enough to stretch, but not to break.

Take your bit of a budget and use it well—for fun, for learning, for service. Make sure to add in helpful parents to drive, chaperone and shop when necessary. Thank them! Thank everyone.

Worship together in varied ways. Celebrate your successes and just being together.

Repeat all the above as often as possible.

*Love, Tracy*

**First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates**

|                |               |
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| Annmarie Allen | Polly Meltzer |
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*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 web version of our newsletter. Contact Fran in the office if you need help.*

*If you have news for this column, send it to the First Parish Office. ([office@fpsudbury.org](mailto:office@fpsudbury.org))*



*GreenSprouts...  
from the seeds of change*

Our new family room addition was built using 'green building' practices.

- Fran & Philip

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!

**Chalice Circle Update**

Three evening Chalice Circles will continue: two meet on Monday evenings and one on Friday evening. There is room to join any of these circles if desired.

Also, there is interest – but not enough, yet – in a daytime Chalice Circle and a time-limited Chalice Circle focused on "Being Greener." If you are interested in either of these types of circles and just forgot to say so, now would be the time. Then we can form one or both of these circles, too. Please phone or email Katie Lee to express interest.



## Worship at the Meeting House

Sunday, October 21, 10am

### **Right-Relations as a Spiritual Discipline**

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Sixty-two years after the United Nations Charter took effect, we review its promise and today's reality. Katie Lee asks "What if we actually lived this way?" and explores right-relations as a spiritual discipline.

*There will be a Hearthside Chat at 11:45 to discuss the day's sermon topic and the issues it raises.*

Sunday, October 28, 10am

### **Where Have All the Stories Gone?**

Ms. Alorie Parkhill

Alorie quotes Mark Schorer: "Myths are the instruments by which we *continually* struggle to make our experience intelligible to ourselves." Myths have historically taught and inspired, exploring the mysteries of the cosmos, and ordering societies. While these great sacred stories were not necessarily historical realism, truth lay deep in the metaphors.

Alorie asks "what are today's great myths and rituals?" What can heroes teach us now? What has become of the wise ones? Do codified religions offer what we need? Many people long for a new kind of spirituality, one that fits today's global perspective. Joseph Campbell, the great mythologist, and others, suggest that we need a new *planetary mythology*. Perhaps we do.

Let us explore together what such a mythology for this present world might be, harking back to some of the old traditions and what they have to teach us still, looking forward.

Sunday, November 4, 10am

### **Music Sunday, "A Celtic Harvest"**

The First Parish of Sudbury Choir, and guests

Please plan on joining us for our Fall Music Sunday, called "A Celtic Harvest" on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Sunday, November 11, 10am

### **Stories from the Front (and the home front)**

Rev. Katie Lee Crane

Katie Lee asks veterans of any war (and of peacetime, too) to share what it's like to serve in our armed forces, what they need from the folks at home, and what they need most when they return home. She will be exploring with those who have in the past – and are now – living the experience of military service whether it is possible for any of us – those at home as well as those serving – to object to armed conflict (all conflict or simply a specific engagement) and at the same time "support our troops."

*There will be a Hearthside Chat at 11:45 to discuss the day's sermon topic and the issues it raises.*

Sunday, November 18, 10am

### **The Gifts in the Box**

Katie Lee Crane, Tracy Duncan, Emily Melcher

Katie Lee and Tracy, joined by Emily Melcher, singer-songwriter and ministerial candidate, create an intergenerational Thanksgiving service by wondering what it would be like to share a month of meals with a girl from Nairobi, or a mother whose family was displaced from their home in New Orleans, or a teen in the inner city. We will wonder out loud what we might learn from each other and explore what gifts each of us at the table has to share with the others. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Guest At Your Table boxes will be distributed at this service. The service will begin with the Naming & Dedication Ceremony for Truman Sarazen, son of Kelly and Dan.

We will "Share the Plate" on this day with the Women's Collective in Darfur.

**Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Worship at Congregation B'nai Torah**  
Sunday, Nov. 18 at 4 PM



This year the annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Worship service will be hosted by Congregation B'nai Torah. Join us for this joyous occasion for the whole town. Bring the kids. Invite the neighbors. Watch for more information in the upcoming ENews Bulletin, and on the FPS website.

***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*



We've started composting again!

- Katie Lee and Jonas

### **Tuesday Lunch Fourth Tuesday's – Speaking of Faith**

Join Katie Lee, Tracy, Fran and others who drop in for lunch every Tuesday in The Commons. Most weeks it's a wide-ranging conversation about ... whatever.

Each fourth Tuesday, we offer a focused conversation. This year, we're trying something new. We will gather at noon and listen to the popular podcast, "Speaking of Faith," hosted by Krista Tippett. Each podcast lasts approximately 50 minutes.

We'll eat our own brown-bag lunches, and craft while we listen and, then for those able to stay a little longer than an hour, we'll continue our conversation about the topic of the day.

Tuesday, October 23 noon: Evolution & Wonder:  
Understanding Charles Darwin

Tippett, along with James Moore, Darwin's biographer, take a fresh and thought-provoking look at Darwin's life and ideas. Moore concludes that Darwin did not argue against God but against a simple understanding of the world - its beauty, its brutality, and its unfolding creation.

***Faith in Action News***

**The "Gift Bag Project"** A bar of soap...a tube of toothpaste...shampoo...a calendar. Ordinary, everyday items that we all take for granted. These are among the gifts that First Parish and scores of other faith-based communities are gathering for 1700 inmates at the two correctional facilities in Concord. The tradition of remembering our incarcerated neighbors during the holidays has been an important aspect of the Concord Prison Outreach ministry for many years.

First Parish Friends and Members are invited to provide a complete gift set or donations of individual items from the list below:

- 1 bar of deodorant soap
- 1 6 oz tube toothpaste
- 1 pack #6-3/4 envelopes (6-1/2 x 3-5/8")
- 1 writing pad (no wire: 6"x9")
- 1 pair white socks (no tube socks or knee highs)
- 1 bottle (plastic) shampoo (15 oz max)
- 1 stick deodorant (no roll-ons)
- 1 pocket calendar (no wire)
- And a holiday greeting card ("Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas; no religious cards)

signed with first name(s) only. Handmade cards are appreciated

Upon receiving their gifts, some of the men write notes expressing how much they appreciate the gifts. One man wrote: "In prison it is very easy for a person to become very bitter....(but) the day came when I received my care package. Everything in that package was wonderful and has been put to good use...I thank you. When I returned to my cell I opened up the package to reveal the identity of my "prison Santa". Then I found the card with a handwritten message from Fred and Sara. I quickly did some math in my head and realized how much effort every one of you must have put into finding products, raising money, writing out cards and of course the countless hours spent for us. I was instantly humbled...I had to write to say thanks...Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart".

It's not too early to shop for these items. A box labeled "The Gift Bag Project" will be at the Faith in Action table through December 2nd. Please call Carol J with any questions you may have.

**Other Prison Outreach Opportunities**--Volunteers are also needed to tutor at Northeast Correctional Center. If you can help with math skills, budget-making, banking, filling out applications, business letter writing or using a computer, your time would be well spent.

If you are interested in reaching out to the inmates at MCI Concord or NCC, please call or email Carol J or pick up a flyer from the Faith in Action bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



**Unitarian Universalism:  
Nurture Your Spirit.  
Help Heal Our World.**

On the front page of the UUA website ([www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)) one finds the following news:

The Unitarian Universalist Association's national advertising campaign has begun, and with it, our efforts to welcome many newcomers to our faith have been given new energy. For seekers who wish for a religious home that is guided by a quest for truth and meaning, Unitarian Universalism will be an exciting new experience.

As sponsors of the new Time.com Religion Pages, available in late October, we will bring our liberal religious perspectives to the public discourse on faith and values in our society. The Time.com Religion Pages will offer links to articles and essays authored by Unitarian Universalists on important topics including:

- The Relationship Between Religion and Science
- The Role of Religion in American Democracy
- Religion, Morality, and Sexuality”

Advertising in Time Magazine began with the October 15, 2007, issue and will continue over the next several months with ads and advertorials (PDF). Information on our national campaign is available along with answers to frequently asked questions. Watch our new DVD, "Voices of a Liberal Faith—Unitarian Universalists," and share it with your friends on YouTube. You can also see a new thirty-second ad on Unitarian Universalism (also available on YouTube), and view our new print advertisements (PDF) which are available for use in your local media or in your congregation.

Now is a great time to share our faith with your family and friends and to help welcome newcomers to Unitarian Universalist congregations.

### UU Tube?

Yes, have a look at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "Unitarian Universalism". You will find several videos—some produced by the UUA, some by congregations, some by individuals.

For example, a recent search found these videos:

- ◊ “Unitarian Universalism: You're a Uni-What?” by Peter Bowden (artist/creator of many chalice graphics) and his wife, UU minister Amy Freedman
- ◊ a medley of UU hymns on the pipe organ
- ◊ “Heritage of Heresy”—an historical video on Universalism in Minnesota in the late 1800s.

**Halloween FUNdraiser—  
Paint your pumpkin**  
Sunday, October 28  
to benefit The Food Project  
and Youth Group



Fun, food and service all in one! The Youth-Adult Committee invites everyone, especially the young and young-at-heart, to come paint-a-pumpkin during Coffee Hour. (If you paint it, you can eat it and its seeds after Halloween!) We'll also raffle several large, spectacularly decorated jack-o'-lanterns. Proceeds will be split between *The Food Project* and the First Parish Youth Group.

From *The Food Project* website: “Our mission is to grow a thoughtful and productive community of youth and adults from diverse backgrounds who work together to build a sustainable food system. We produce healthy food for residents of the city and suburbs and provide youth leadership opportunities. Most importantly, we strive to inspire and support others to create change in their own communities.”

*GreenSprouts...  
from the seeds of change*



I now organize errands to save trips in the car, and I keep a log to see if I'm driving less each month.

- Tom A

*Katie Lee writes:*

“I'm dreaming of a GREEN Christmas... (and Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa, and Solstice, and New Year, and Epiphany, and EVERY day)” I'd rather spend all my holiday gift-giving money on helping others, or give gifts of time and service, or even go on a service trip like those to the Gulf Coast featured elsewhere than I would have lots of packages under a tree. And, if there are packages under that tree, I'd like them to be gloriously wrapped in recycled paper and other imaginative home-made, handmade creations. If you share my dream, would you join together with a few others to create something like the Simple Gift Swap we did a few years ago? Everything is donated. No money changes hands. Gifts of time, service, and goods that are nearly new can be chosen, wrapped, and taken home without ever spending a dollar or setting foot in a shopping mall. If there's enough interest and enough help, we'll do it.

Circle December 1-2 on your calendar, just in case.

### **Little Things We Do**

**... Publishing our Worship Services**

We like to have almost every Sunday's worship service available for our members and friends in a variety of ways: in print in the foyer, on CD for listening, and on the website (in print and sometimes also as a podcast). We especially like that prospective visitors exploring our website can sample how we worship together.

However, we've learned that we may be violating certain copyright laws when we publish the *whole* service in these ways. For months Katie Lee and the Worship Associates, along with some of our best technical gurus, have been striving to understand our responsibility to protect intellectual property rights legally and still balance those rights with our desire to extend our ministry through distribution of our Sunday Services. Here's what we've decided (this is a work-in-progress):

- Publish our worship services as we have been doing – print in the foyer, CD from the office, website as text and as podcast – **FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS ONLY**. This will require active members and friends to use a password-protected part of the website to gain access to the complete sermon archive and would mean that we would put our Creative Commons AND a "Do Not Distribute" statement on each published copy.
- Choose a select number of worship services that reflect the diversity and range of our worship and for which we either own the intellectual property rights or can get them; put these on the public website in text and podcast formats as examples of how we worship together.

### **Youth Group Halloween Bash**

**October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 p.m.**

Music, games, costume contest, pumpkin decorating, "haunted room", food and fun! All youth in grades 7-12 are invited to come and to bring a friend. The party will be followed by a sleepover with a movie on the big screen and a bonfire in the Garden Sanctuary. The sleepover will begin at 11:00 p.m. and go until 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Bring: yourself, a friend or two, CDs or iPods with favorite music, board games, Ouija board, movies and munchies if you want to share. Sponsored by the First Parish Youth-Adult Committee.

If you and your friend plan to sleep over, you will need signed permission slips. They will be available online at [www.fpsudbury.org](http://www.fpsudbury.org) Just print it out, get it signed and bring it along.



### **UU New England Conference**

Join your Unitarian Universalist brothers and sisters from across the New England Region in exploring this important topic.

#### **"Ministry Matters: Strengthening Lay & Professional Leadership"**

Saturday, October 27, 9am-5pm  
Beechwood Hotel, Worcester, MA

Get warmed up on Friday evening, October 26 at the 8:00pm Spirituality & Justice, a musical worship service with Matt Meyer

On Saturday, October 27

- Worship led by The Rev. Aaron Payson, UU Church of Worcester, MA
- Keynote Speakers, Gini Courier (Moderator, UU Association of Congregations) and Rev. Rob Eller-Isaacs (President of the UU Ministers Association)
- Lunch, workshops, and more worship!

Participants will choose afternoon workshops from:

- Fostering Positive Relationships Among Lay and Professional Leaders
- Your Congregation's Greatest Gift: Worship
- Beyond Fundraising: Money, Stewardship and Faith
- The Congregation as a Lifelong Learning Community
- Therefore, Choose Life! (Advocacy and Witness)
- Pastoral Care and Lay Ministry
- And more...

Registration fee is \$100—see [www.mbduu.org/](http://www.mbduu.org/) or contact Fran in the FPS office for the registration form.





## Musicians of the Old Post Road

### **Concert at First Parish of Sudbury Friday, October 26, 2007, 8p.m.**

Musicians of the Old Post Road presents:  
**"A Scarlatti Celebration"**

\$25 general admission, \$20 seniors & students  
**Children ages 7-17 with an adult admitted free.**

Tickets are available at the door or in advance online at [www.oldpostroad.org](http://www.oldpostroad.org) or by calling 781-466-6694.  
Questions: ask Marge & Bruce Langmuir

The opening program of Musicians of the Old Post Road's 2007-08 season will feature rare performances of works by the Scarlatti family, including its most famous member, Domenico Scarlatti, whose 250th anniversary is commemorated this year.

This program will include one of his solo cantatas and a pair of his beloved harpsichord sonatas. Works of Domenico Scarlatti's father Alessandro will be represented with a sublime cantata and selections from his lively *Sinfonie di concerto grosso*. Domenico Scarlatti's brothers Giuseppe and Pietro were also fine composers and will be introduced to modern audiences through performances of some of their cantatas. Guest mezzo-soprano Pamela Dellal will be featured.

Musicians of the Old Post Road is a non-profit, period instrument chamber music ensemble performing music of the baroque, romantic and classical eras throughout eastern Massachusetts in historic buildings.

In addition to presenting its annual concert series, the group has toured in the U. S. and abroad, including Mexico, Austria and Germany. Musicians of the Old Post Road have won several awards in the U. S. and abroad for their performances of early music.

### *Greensprouts... from the seeds of change*



I get a lot of mail asking me to contribute to charities. I never give money to organizations that send their requests in an envelope with a plastic window.

- Rick R

### **We can help rebuild the Gulf Coast Three Trips Coming Up**

Let's go! Individuals can go. Families can go. A bunch of us can go together. We can bring friends. Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul, founded by UUs, is a non-profit corporation established to organize relief trips to the Gulf Coast.

We know all too well that conditions in New Orleans and in much of Louisiana and Mississippi will need volunteers for years to come. The Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul organizes the trips – arranging for lodging, transportation and food. You pay for airfare and donate \$100. While the Long Haul was founded by UUs, the trips are open to all.

There are a few upcoming trips planned, including:

- **December 2-8, 2007:** This will be an adult trip working with schools and homeowners. What a holiday gift this would be for everyone involved!
- **February Vacation Week: (February 17-23, 2008)** Intergenerational service trip for adults and teens over 15, staying in Louisiana and working with the local Houma Indian population.
- **March 16-22, 2008:** This trip is being planned largely for college students on March break.

This group was formed shortly after August of 2005, when the hurricane hit. On November 1, 2005 Rev. Mary Harrington, then serving the Winchester (MA) Unitarian Society, led a group of 15 adult and youth relief workers from Winchester to assist the North Shore UU congregation in Lacombe, Louisiana. Six other trips have since been led by Rev. Harrington, and more are in the planning stages.

*If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please contact Tracy Duncan.*

### **Women— Make Your Plans**



The next two Potlucks (with brief meetings) for all women of First Parish of Sudbury—members, friends, guests are planned for:

- Thursday, Oct. 25 at the home of Maria v B in Marlboro
- Sunday, Nov. 25 at the home of Sue C, Sudbury.

All are very welcome. Watch for more information coming in the Sunday News and ENews bulletins, or contact Alliance President Donna S.

***Who, Me? I'm Not Homophobic!***

Workshop Series beginning Oct. 28

Maybe we all are. It's hard to get away from it. The negative message about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people comes at us all, sometimes quietly, and sneaks into our unconscious minds. And no one is immune – gay or straight.

Although there has been significant legal progress, especially in Massachusetts, homophobia and heterosexism are still alive and well in this congregation, in MetroWest, this state and across the nation. The oppression has become more sophisticated. As oppression has changed in nature, so our resources for dismantling it must change. Join with others, gay and straight, and take this series that explores the effects of homophobia in our lives. Peg E and Mary McC will co-lead the workshops.

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***The workshop will take place in four sessions:  
Sundays from 6-8pm in the Brackett Room:  
Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18***

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How can you register? By emailing Donna S, signing up on the WCC bulletin board in the Parish Hall, or by contacting Fran Sharp in the First Parish office.

***Getting Ready for the Holly Fair  
Saturday, December 8, 2007***

Now that the very successful Harvest Fair is behind us, we need to focus on the upcoming Holly Fair. This FUNdraiser depends on the efforts of FPS members and friends for everything we offer for sale. We've already begun crafting workshops every Monday from 7-9pm and every Tuesday afternoon from 1-3 (following the brown bag lunch), both in The Commons.

We're working on various exciting and fun projects. No special talent is required! Come and enjoy spending some time together either working on one of our planned projects or on your own creative and meaningful works of art. Our work together will intermingle with our words and camaraderie. This Sunday we will have a table in the Parish Hall to display items we're working on.

Another way to help would be coming to our Greens Workshop, Friday, Dec. 7th from 9am until ?? and/or our cookie decorating workshop Wednesday, Dec. 5th at 7PM in the kitchen. We'll need set up and clean up crews, folks to help the day of the Fair, and, of course, your jams and jellies, baked goods, cookies for the cookie walk, greens for the workshop and your "gifts again". It's a fun and festive fair. Lots of helping hands make light work. Any questions or suggestions, call Cilla R or Dawn S.

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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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