



Summer@FPS 2019



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

The best way to reach the staff is:

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During July, to reach a pastoral associate
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Our Minister, Rev. Marjorie...is working through the month of June. During the summer, Marjorie has one month of **vacation—July**, and in August she plans and prepares for next year's programs and worship. During July, the Pastoral Associates will refer all pastoral emergencies or urgent First Parish business to the appropriate lay leader and/or to the area minister on call.

Our Music Director, Rev. Debra...is busy preparing for next year, taking vacation time, and attending professional conferences.

Our Director of Religious Exploration, Michele...is contracted to work until mid-June and begin again at the end of August 21.

Our Administrator: Fran will be transitioning from her role and orienting our new administrator. (News coming soon about that.) The office will be staffed at least Wednesdays from 9am to noon during the summer. Phone messages and email messages will be checked on weekdays and responded to as soon as possible.



Meetings...For the most part, regular First Parish meetings are not held during the summer.



The **Mindfulness Meditation Group** continues to meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1-2:30 in The Commons. Sangha members lead, meditate, and enjoy thought-provoking readings on the topic of mindfulness meditation.



Our Dedicated Landscapers work hard throughout the summer on routine gardening tasks and special projects. They would be very glad of offers to help. Whether you can water on a regular basis or only help occasionally, please offer to help. They have a job that's just right for you! Valerie Tratnyek, Landscape Committee chair, or contact Marge Langmuir.



Sundays in the Summer Our lay-led summer worship services take place every Sunday, beginning with coffee and nibbles at 9:30am, followed by the service at 10:00. The summer season will run from June 16 through Aug. 25. The schedule will soon be posted in The Commons and on our website.

Our Ingathering Sunday on September 8 will begin the regular worship year of 2019-20. Bring a tiny bit of water back from your vacation, from travels to far-away places, or maybe from a special place very close by. Your water, either actual or symbolic, will be part of our Water Ceremony on September 8.



The Fourth of July Grill This fun-fund-raiser is a great chance to hang out on our lawn watching the parade, chat with friends and neighbors, and have some great food! The grill opens at 11:00am, and stays open through the end of the 4th of July parade. This year it is being coordinated by Leslie Lowe and Tom Yelton. Volunteers are needed for big jobs and small. What would YOU like to do to help?



The Connector and News U Can Use

Our News U Can Use newsletters will be sent on Wednesdays: June 12, 19, 26 (if there is news), July 17, August 28, and weekly from then on. Send submissions to the Administrator at office@fpsudbury.org by Tuesday at 10am for that week's News U Can Use.



Use of Space Be sure to check with the Administrator in the office before planning to use space at First Parish, including during the summer. There are events scheduled, rentals, and there will be work taking place in the building and outdoors.

Have a safe and fun summer. See you in September!