

*First Parish
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Universalist of
Medfield*

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June Newsletter 2018

The Parson's Packet

Dear friends,

This morning I got a notice from my Medfield apartment landlord. Guess what – the rent is going up! Who told them I am staying another year?

Okay, I won't demand the DOJ investigate. They have their hands full at the moment and we already decided I would continue as minister through August of 2019.

Somebody mentioned that my last "Packet," written at the end of April for the May newsletter, didn't have much information about what was going to happen in your pulpit. Well, no – at the time we didn't know. The deadlines overlapped for your Ministerial Search Committee to complete their candidate search and for me to enter the process for another interim position. I agreed with the Executive Board that the MSC

should carry through with its process and make its decision entirely on its own best judgment, which it did.

Tolerance for ambiguity when necessary is a sign of organizational health, and First Parish has done well with what could have been a damaging anxiety. Some of this quality comes from the discipline of your leadership – being able to stay in the right lanes while also providing for contingencies. They were able to do it mostly because you were as a community able to stay attentive but confident in each other and the ultimate outcome.

It is also significant that we have already set out in the direction we need to go. The minister is in place. The MSC is committed to continuing, the Executive Board has affirmed its

support and so has the congregation at the Annual Meeting. It is very good news the MSC talked frankly to the UUA's Transitions Director and came to the Executive Board to report his observations. We spent more than an hour in wide-ranging discussion. The especially good news is everybody talked and listened and nobody pushed for premature decisions – except that you should be assured no final decisions would be made without your participation.

How does the MSC best present the First Parish opportunity? How does the minister you are looking for get the message? How do you close the deal?

We don't know yet. But we are already working on good answers.

Best wishes, Rev. David

Upcoming Services

Sunday – June 3

“My Uncle, Leonardo”

Rev. David W. Chandler

Yes – *that* Leonardo. We are relatives, you see. So are you. It turns out the gene pool is broad but a little shallower than we may have suspected. The next family reunion may be crowded, but think of the stimulating conversations you'll have! **Religious Exporation for children.**

Sunday – June 10

Flower Communion for All Ages

Rev. David W. Chandler

A service to celebrate the beauty of nature, rededicate us to a better world, and honor those martyred for freedom of conscience. Please bring fresh flowers to be joined together, given our blessing and then taken home by each of us. **Bridging Sunday.**

Summer Minister? - Yes

I will be away in CA June 12 through June 19 to celebrate our granddaughter's first birthday. Otherwise I expect to be in Medfield as normal Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday most weeks. I am available other days by appointment. You can call me any time at 484-252-1044, and are also welcome to email with any questions or concerns, minister@firstparishmedfield.org.

– Rev. David

Last Year's Flower Communion Photo



Sent by Kirsten D'Abate

Greetings from your Executive Board Chair



As your newly elected Chair of the Executive Board, I am honored by the confidence that you have shown me to take on this great responsibility. We have very good momentum going into next year even with all its challenges. There is a lot of positive energy in our congregation, its committees and our Executive Board, not to mention our minister. We have done some great things together and will continue to do so. I have been serving on your Executive Board for the last 4 years and am very proud of the progress we have made as a congregation toward our vision and mission through Fritz's leadership. I am ready to pick up where Fritz left off. I look forward to

working with the other Executive Board Members, Rev. Dave and all of you. I also want to thank Susan Stromgren, who is leaving the Executive Board after many years of dedication and hard work. Her contributions to the Board will be missed, but I am sure she will continue to serve our congregation in many ways.

While we were unsuccessful in finding the right settled minister this year, we are very fortunate to have Rev. Dave stay on for another year. And, even though we have not identified the right ministerial candidate yet, our excellent Ministerial Search Team will continue on and is "pumped up" and ready to think outside the box to continue the search in the fall.

Our Executive Board has 2 new members, Bill Wians, as Clerk, and Dave Russell, as Member-at-Large. I am sure they will bring additional energy and competence to our already great Executive Board team, Mary Corthell (Vice Chair), Margaret Rolph, Nate Razza (Treasurer) and Darline Lewis.

Feel free to contact me or any of the Executive Board members with comments and questions. Have a great summer. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Rich Mastronardi

The End is near!



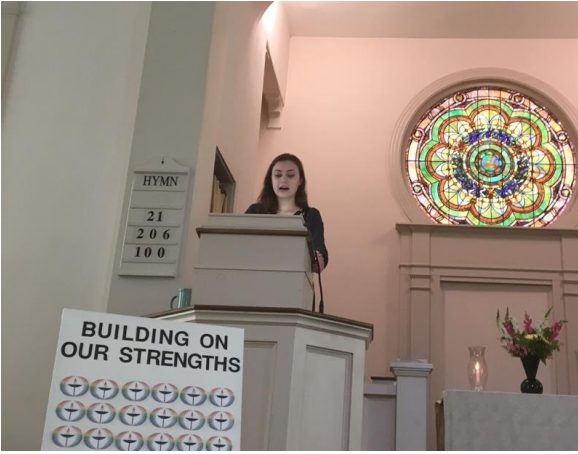
We are nearing the end of this church year. The last service is Sunday, June 10th. The status of your pledge contribution was sent out this past week and you should have received it by now. As you know, we operate on a very tight budget and every dollar matters. As we end this church year, we are a little behind and it is very important that we have the operating budget to see us through the summer. Please make any amount left on your 2017/2018 church year pledge by Sunday, June 3rd. This will give Nate Razza (Treasurer) time to get our finances in good order before the summer break. Your effort to do so is greatly appreciated.

~Rich Mastronardi

Coming of Age 2018

Here are some photos from the May 20 CoA ceremony.





(Photos submitted by Eva Kendrick, Duncan Glover and Becca Kornet.)

Neighboring Faiths Roundup



Our small but mighty Neighboring Faiths class was able to visit five houses of worship over the course of the church year:

- Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland
- Guru Ram Das Sikh Ashram in Millis
- Cambridge Zen Center
- Temple Beth David in Westwood
- Encounter Church in Westwood

We also had discussions about Jainism and pagan/Wiccan traditions although we were not able to make visits happen for these faith traditions.

Thank you so much to Tina Behn, who co-taught the class this year, and to Sue Sheppard, who attended every class and joined us on all our visits. And of course my biggest thanks to Emily and Marcus for all their interest and energy over the course of the year. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did!

Becca Kornet

Farmers' Market to Start on June 14th!



The Medfield Farmers' Market will return to the

grounds of our Church for a 7th season on **Thursday, June 14th from 2:00 to 6:00 pm**

Susan Stromgren is the Market Manager.

Lots of new vendors including farms providing lamb, beef and pork, and fruit from Fairmont Fruit Farm, along with lots of veggies, flowers and more from White Barn Farm.



Congratulations to Medfield High School Class of 2018 graduate Rachel Kornet!



Rachel grew up at FPUU Medfield, as her family started attending when she was just a few months old. She was part of the RE program from kindergarten through Coming of Age, where her final project was composing and performing a song entitled, "Lifelong Journey." Rachel is a scholar, an athlete, an artist, and a performer.

She is off to Oberlin College in the fall, where she will play on the varsity softball team as she enjoys the next chapter of her lifelong journey!



Thank You Clover Leaf Lawn Care!!!



Tim from Clover Leaf Lawn Care has offered to cut the grass at First Parish all summer long as a gift to First Parish. Thank you Tim! Because of you we are able to put the money saved towards some other budget items. Your care and attention to the church lawn is most appreciated!

Clover Leaf Lawn Care, Inc. is a locally owned full service lawn care company providing a wide range of lawn care and landscaping services to customers in Medfield and surrounding towns. Tim McCormack, owner/operator, has been providing customers with professional and highly personal lawn care services for more than twenty five years.



Coffee Hour Hosts for June

June 3: The Harvey Family

June 10: Open

Food Cupboard's Current Needs

The Medfield Food Cupboard thanks you for your on-going support. Your continued efforts help us to maintain a huge service that would be so difficult to maintain without your generosity.

Juice-Large and boxes
Kid Friendly Cereal
Cookies/Crackers
PB

Jam/Jelly
Canned Fruit
Spaghetti



Donations can be left in the basket in the narthex.



EXPRESSO YOURSELF COFFEEHOUSE

The Espresso Yourself Coffeehouse is an opportunity for spoken word artists to share their poetry, stories, and songs. It is held the last Saturday of every month at 7pm at First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Medfield, MA.



Photo: Phil Knudsen

**The next Coffeehouse will be held on
Saturday, June 30th at 7:00 p.m.!**

**Theme: Making Adjustments
with
Singer/songwriter Tom Smith**

Tom Smith's songs are in turns humorous, touching, thought provoking, and inspiring. Deeply rooted in the old-school folk tradition, his timeless stories are told with a voice that is honest and sincere with melodies that you will remember forever.

Open mic readers have 5 minutes to share: original or non-original poetry, stories, performance art, music or songs welcome (sticking to theme encouraged).

Teens and adults welcome.

Refreshments are served. Medfield TV films event and posts to YouTube.
\$5 suggested donation (\$3 students)

Notes from the Church Office:



Please note that from June 14th until August 30th, the church office will be open on Thursday afternoons only. I can be reached via email and will be collecting the mail and messages weekly throughout the summer.

Email: admin@firstparishmedfield.org
Sandra Andreassi-Administrator

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***Thank you Dan Bibel, for coordinating both programs for First Parish!**

FPUU Calendar of Events for June

Monday, June 7	Medfield Meetinghouse Supper Club/4:00 pm/Vestry
Sunday, June 10	Last Service/Flower Communion/Bridging Ceremony
Thursday, June 14	Medfield Farmers' Market Begins/2:00pm/Grounds Private Memorial Service/3-8 pm/Sanctuary
Saturday, June 16	NewLife Home Refurnishing/Volunteer Day
Sunday, June 17	Father's Day Medfield Huddle/4:00 pm/Vestry
Thursday, June 21	Farmers' Market/2:00 pm/Grounds Executive Board Meeting/7:30 pm/U-House
Tuesday, June 26	Membership Meeting/7:30 pm/Vestry
Thursday, June 28	Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00 pm/Grounds
Saturday, June 30	Espresso Yourself Coffeehouse/7:30 pm/Vestry Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00 pm/Grounds



Have a wonderful summer!

Our In-gathering Sunday service will be held on
September 9, 2018