

# First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Medfield

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## May Newsletter 2013

### Ministerial MUUsings...

Dear friends,

By the time you get this newsletter you will be in the midst of one of the most important times in the life of a free church: the choosing of a minister. The Ministerial Search Committee you elected to recommend a candidate has done a wonderful job going through what used to be reams of paper but now consists of bytes and megabytes of information. From all that, they have chosen a minister, the Rev. Meg Soens, they believe is the right person for Medfield's pulpit. I wish all of you well as you make this most important decision.

As for me, many of you have kindly asked about my future. To put it simply, it is uncertain. The pool

of interim ministries within reasonable commuting distance is quite shallow this year, but we will see. If any of you know of employment possibilities that can use the talents I have, I would appreciate you letting me know. There will be a time for goodbyes but just let me say now that it has been a privilege to be your minister these past two years.

Peace

Rich Stower

***Parish Meeting – May 5th at 11:30 in the Sanctuary: A congregational meeting on voting to call the candidate to become First Parish's next minister will be held following the May 5th service.***

## News and Views from the RE Desk *Patricia Hatch, Interim Director of Religious Education*



Many of you know that the children often have their own worship service on Sundays. A few weeks ago, I included part of this quote from a theoretical physicist, Lawrence Krauss: "Every atom in your body came from a star that exploded. And, the atoms in your left hand probably came from a different star than your right hand. It really is the most poetic thing I know about physics: **You are all stardust.** You couldn't be here if stars hadn't exploded, because the elements - the carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, iron, all the things that matter for evolution and for life - weren't created at the beginning of time. They were created in the nuclear furnaces of stars, and the only way for them to get into your body is if those stars were kind enough to explode...The stars died so that you could be here today."

The children really seemed to find this quote interesting and enjoyed talking about it. So I decided that I would share it in this month's newsletter. What does it mean that we are made of stardust? To me, it is both exciting and grand and also humbling. It also shows again how much we are a part of the interconnected web. Stardust is not just "out there;" it is also "in here."

What else is "not just out there?" Love, peace, justice, creativity? What about divinity? Now that we know that stardust is inside us, maybe we can learn to see more clearly that we already have our highest ideals in our hearts. May we – and our children – learn to live more fully in the light of this knowledge.

## Nominating Committee Invitation:

The Nominating Committee invites suggestions and nominations, including self-nominations, for three board positions beginning in the coming church year:

**\*Board Chair**

**\*Treasurer**

**\*At-large Representative**

All positions are for a two-year term. It should be noted that candidates have stepped forward for treasurer and the at-large position, though other names are welcome. Positions on other committees (e.g., Worship and Music, Social Action, Religious Education, Building and Grounds) are filled by members of those committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee other than the Board, please contact that committee directly. You may also contact us and we will be happy to relay your name to the appropriate person.

We ask that all nominations be submitted to us by Sunday, May 12. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

For more information please contact Nominating Co-chairs, Bill Wians or Julie DeSorgher.

## Executive Board Notes

The Executive Board Meeting was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ **Ministerial Search:** The Ministerial Search Committee has selected Meg Soens as the candidate for settled minister at First Parish UU Medfield. Meg will be in the Pulpit on April 28 and May 5. To get to know Meg, a full agenda of meetings, gatherings and social events has been published for the time between April 28 and May 5. Every FPUU member should plan to attend one of these get-togethers. A Parish Meeting is scheduled to follow the service at 11:30 on May 5 to vote on acceptance of Meg Soens to be the settled minister for First Parish.
- ❖ **First Parish Annual Meeting** is scheduled for June 2. There will be elections for Chair, Treasurer and two At-Large positions on the Executive Board. The Nominating Committee Chair will also be open. If you are interested in a Board position, please contact Bill Wians or Julie DeSorger. The last service for the year is June 9.
- ❖ **Committee Changes:**
  - \*Social Action activities will continue at FPUU outside the traditional committee structure. Green Sanctuary has been chartered as a separate committee. Activities such as Family Promise network, Urban Ministry ESL tutoring, Food Pantry, Walk for Hunger will operate independently by the people interested in those causes. All Social Action activities are encouraged to seek help from the Executive Board as needed.
  - \*Religious Education has been asked by the Executive Board to take responsibility for ensuring Child Care during Worship Service. RE has the knowledge of the Church youth interested in child care. It is recommended that the schedule of youth responsible for child care be posted in the vestry and website similar to the coffee hour list.
  - \*Chancel Committee responsibilities will be absorbed under the Music and Worship Committee.
- ❖ **Yard Sale:** The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Indoor Yard Sale netted over \$2000 so far. There are several pieces of antique furniture and several boxes of china, silver plate and art glass that will be put out for consignment sale.
- ❖ **Annual Fund Drive for Next Year:** To date, pledges have been received from 22 of the 58 pledge units. The life of First Parish depends upon everyone contributing their fair share. **PLEASE return your pledge cards sooner rather than later.**
- ❖ **Pledge Collections for 2013:** To date, only \$90,100 of the \$117,500 pledged has been received. **If you are behind in your pledge, please catch up.** Dawn will be sending out pledge status reports soon.
- ❖ **Wireless News:** No change since the February report. Waiting for MetroPCS to file with the Town.

## Among Ourselves... Sally Adams 1918-2013

A service celebrating the life of Sally Adams was held on Saturday, April 27 at First Parish. Revs. Richard Stower and Fayre Stephenson led the service. Sally was raised in this church as a young girl and was married here to Dwight Adams in 1943. Sally loved this church and the many friends she met in the congregation along the way like CB Doub, Eve Potts and Buck Buchanan. She also loved Medfield. Sally will be remembered for her writing; her reporting on events large and small; and her wit. Our condolences go to her sons Roger and Joel and their families.

## Church Distribution Lists

**A reminder about the mailing lists used at First Parish.**

1) [firstparishmedfield@yahoogroups.com](mailto:firstparishmedfield@yahoogroups.com) goes to ALL members and friends of First Parish. It is only to be used for information concerning church activities or efforts. Generally you would only use this list if you are emailing on behalf of a committee or are employed by the church.

2) [fpuu-agera@yahoogroups.com](mailto:fpuu-agera@yahoogroups.com) goes to only those members who have opted to take part in First Parish community conversations (87% of the official list, incidentally). These can concern everything under the sun: for sale, wanted, can

someone help, look at this article, I need a recommendation, I want to talk about this issue, look at my dog, etc.

**\*\*\*Please note\*\*\* It is no longer necessary to email both lists for church activities. Everyone on Agora is on the Official List.**



Thanks-  
John Kornet

## A Call for Music from Our Music Director....

We are holding our Music Sunday Service on Sunday, May 12th this year.

Last year we had a great variety of musical talent from members of our congregation, and I was especially pleased to have so many youth involved. If you or your child(ren) are interested in participating, please let me know!

You can respond with music selections and ideas to me at [evakendrick@comcast.net](mailto:evakendrick@comcast.net) or speak with me after any Sunday service during coffee hour.

Thank you very much!  
Eva



*Mother's Day is on May 12<sup>th</sup> - Happy Mother's Day to all our FPUU Moms!*



# CALLING ALL KIDS!!!!

Lucy, Ellie and Rev. Meg Soens

Request the Pleasure of Your Company

For a Make Your Own Ice-Cream Sundae Party

In the First Parish Medfield Vestry

Saturday, May 4th

3:00 - 5:00pm



Lucy and Ellie Soens are interested...

# You're Invited!

Dear First Parish Members and Friends,

As many of you know, Bob Luttman, Mary Finlay and their daughters Michaela and Kirkley are in the process of relocating to Maine.

Bob and Mary served in many roles and carried-out many responsibilities over their years at First Parish. Most recently, Bob was a multi-year member of the Executive Board and it was Bob's initiative to get the Medfield Farmers' Market started.

The members of First Parish will miss the Luttman/Finlay family and wishes them well in their new home.

First Parish UU is joining with the Medfield Library Trustees in hosting a reception in honor of Bob and family on May 4.

*The Board of Library Trustees  
Cordially Invites You to a Reception  
In Honor of  
Bob Luttman  
Library Trustee 2001-2013*

*Saturday, May 4th 2013  
5-7pm  
Memorial Public Library*

*R.S.V.P. to Deborah Kelsey  
[dkelsey@minlib.net](mailto:dkelsey@minlib.net)  
[508-359-4544](tel:508-359-4544)*

# Project Bread Walk for Hunger Sunday May 5, 2013



*Team First Parish 2012 Duncan Glover, Louise Rachin & John Kornet*

Last year Team First Parish Medfield raised Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars! Won't you help with a donation to support the fight against hunger?

Yes, Team First Parish can count on my support! Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ other

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to "Project Bread" and return your contribution along with this form to Louise Rachin, 11 King Philip Trail, Norfolk, MA 02056

# APPLICATION FOR SIGNS APPROVED – DONATIONS REQUESTED

The FPUU Sign Committee is pleased to report that the Town of Medfield Sign Advisory Board has formally approved our application for the following two signs:

1. A new sign (see rendering below) that will be placed at the approximate location of the existing Wayside Pulpit in front of the Church and UHouse. The new sign, to be constructed of High Density Urethane mounted on 6"x6" granite posts, will be double-sided and face perpendicular to North Street. Total installed cost is \$4,425 including an additional "drop" to replace the "Worship Service Sunday 10:00 AM..." drop during summer months. The existing Wayside Pulpit will be demolished.



## NEW SIGN RENDERING – Final Wording To Be Determined

2. A replica of the existing Wayside Pulpit that will be placed at the location of the signposts (where we advertise our yard sales and other events) along North Street on the south side of the church driveway. The replica, to be constructed of wood and PVC materials with message boards enclosed in hinged Plexiglas, will also be double-sided and face perpendicular to North Street. Total installed cost is \$2,600. The existing signposts will be demolished, but the capability to advertise yard sales and other events at this location will continue.

The total project cost for the two signs is \$7,025. To date, a total of \$4,250 in donations has been raised through personal contact with Members.

The FPUU Sign Committee requests your donation to help raise an additional \$2,775 to complete the project. Please make your check payable to First Parish Medfield, write "Sign Donation" in the comment line, and return to First Parish Medfield, 26 North Street, Medfield MA 02052. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Respectfully,

FPUU Sign Committee: Barbara Bungler, Duncan Glover, Don Rolph, David Stephenson & Susan Stromgren





## 2013 Medfield Farmers' Market To Open on May 30th!

Mark your calendars! The Medfield Farmers' Market will re-open on Thursday, **May 30th**. The Market, located on the grounds of the First Parish UU Church at 26 North Street, will be open from 2:00 to 6:30 pm every Thursday through **August 29th**.

We are pleased to welcome back **Ward's Berry** and **Langwater Farms, Garden Farms** with jams, jellies & relishes and **Wild Daisy Soap**. We are thrilled to announce that **Jordan Brothers Seafood** and **Proofed Artisan Breads** will be joining us this season! More vendors to follow.

More information can be found by visiting our website at [www.firstparishmedfield.org](http://www.firstparishmedfield.org). You could also email us at [admin@firstparishmedfield.org](mailto:admin@firstparishmedfield.org). Check us out on Facebook!

Come by and do your shopping. Provide your family with healthy nutrition, support local agriculture and strengthen your community ties.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday afternoons.

First Parish Medfield Farmers' Market  
Eve Potts, Market Manager



## Other Announcements

### Notes from the Church Office:



Please remember the following deadlines:

*Church Newsletter:* Third Sunday of the month.

*Order of Service:* Wednesdays

by 5:00 pm. If you miss this deadline but have an announcement to be made at the church service, please submit a typed announcement to the service manager for that given Sunday and send a copy to the office.

Church Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Email: [admin@firstparishmedfield.org](mailto:admin@firstparishmedfield.org)

Sandra Andreassi-Administrator

### Supporting FPUU through Amazon.com and Equal Exchange

There are many ways to support First Parish - becoming a member is one, volunteering is another. But you can also help by buying things through Amazon.com or by getting your coffees, teas, and chocolates through Equal Exchange. Getting the things that you would ordinarily order anyway, but using the links available on our website will let you do your part in supporting the work of this congregation, helping our social action agenda, and preserving our historic Meeting House.

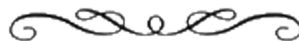
Go to our website [www.firstparishmedfield.org](http://www.firstparishmedfield.org) and click on the

“Support First Parish-Amazon & Equal Exchange” link on the left. It’s easy!

**The Medfield Food Cupboard has requested the following from our church for the month of May:** Applesauce Cups, Canned Pears, Cereal, Juice-plastic bottles or juice boxes, Raisins and Zip Lock bags- all sizes.

Please double check your food item to ensure that it is undented, unopened, and unexpired. Thanks for your efforts. The Food Cupboard tries to be specific so that people know what they really need, but as always, any donations are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the basket in the narthex.

*\*Special thanks to Sam Flaherty who delivers the items to the Food Cupboard on behalf of First Parish.*



## Upcoming Services (All Services Begin at 10:00 AM)

**May 5, 2013**

**"Tree of Life, Oak of Righteousness"**

**Rev Meg Soens**

There is a wonderful narrative therapy tool called "the Tree of Life." Drawing upon the week's experiences with you, I will use it to lift up some of the possibilities of our shared ministry.

***Second Candidating Sunday - Congregational Vote to follow.***

**May 12, 2013**

**Music Sunday**

A celebration of music and song

**May 19, 2013**

**"Do Machines Dream?"**

**Rev. Richard Stower**

Our thirst for knowledge and for understanding, can, if taken to an extreme, rob us of the mysterious, and fool us into thinking that, all mysteries can be solved if only we try hard enough. To a certain degree that has already happened. We see the earth not as the home for ourselves and the world's other forms of life, but as a means to an end – and not the end itself. This has everything to do with what we think of the world around us.

**May 26, 2013**

**"Wonder and Worship"**

**Rev. Richard Stower**

The question we might often ask ourselves is why do we come to church? What is it that draws us out of our homes on one of the two days most of us have set aside for rest from all the fret and fever of the days of the past week? One of the Biblical commandments is to honor the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. But we may ask ourselves, "What for?"



*Memorial Day observed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you to all our veterans!*

## FPUU Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 4	Ice Cream Social/3:00-5:00 pm/Vestry
Sunday, May 5	Parish Meeting/11:30 pm/Vestry OWL Meeting/7-9 pm/Vestry
Thursday, May 9	Worship & Music Committee Meeting/7:30 pm/Vestry
Thursday, May 16	Executive Board Meeting/7:30 pm/U-House
Sunday, May 19	OWL Meeting/7-9 pm/Vestry June Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, May 21	Membership Meeting/7:15 pm/Bunger's
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day Observed/Office Closed
Thursday, May 30	Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00-6:30 pm/Grounds
Sunday, June 2	Annual Meeting/11:30 am/Sanctuary OWL Meeting/7-9 pm/Vestry
Thursday, June 6	Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00-6:30 pm/Grounds
Sunday, June 9	Last Service until September 8 <sup>th</sup>
Thursday, June 13	Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00-6:30 pm/Grounds Worship & Music Committee Meeting/7:30 pm/Vestry
Tuesday, June 18	Membership Meeting/7:15 pm/Bunger's
Thursday, June 20	Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00-6:30 pm/Grounds Executive Board Meeting/7:30 pm/U-House
Thursday, June 27	Medfield Farmers' Market/2:00-6:30 pm/Grounds

For a complete listing of events, please visit our website at [www.firstparishmedfield.org](http://www.firstparishmedfield.org). If you would like to book the Sanctuary, Vestry or U-House for an event or meeting, please check availability and then contact the church office at [admin@firstparishmedfield.org](mailto:admin@firstparishmedfield.org)