



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2009

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COFFEE HOUSE AND OPEN MIKE...(SEE POSTER ATTACHMENT)

Featured performers are The New England Weather and our own Terry L

Sponsored by The Women's Alliance
Saturday, March 7th, 2009
7:30 pm Admission: \$12
Refreshments Available starting 7:00 pm

Our coffeehouse will feature live music in the Parish Hall where the performers can easily connect and interact with the audience. Some singing along by the audience will be an option.

In addition to our featured talent, the Open Mike part of the evening will include short performances by FPS members. If you wish to participate as an "open-miker" please contact Judith C or Peg E. We welcome all types of music, poetry, other spoken word, magic acts, you get the idea. Time allowed to each act will depend on how many performers sign up to reserve a slot. Performers pay only ½ price! Act now to reserve a slot, as the number of slots will have to be limited.

WOMEN'S ALLIANCE RETREAT: APRIL 3-5, 2009

The **blue** Alliance Retreat flyers are now in the First Parish lobby.

All women are warmly invited to a weekend of solitude and companionship, fun and laughter, while building community with other women of the parish. Are you in need of introspection, reflection, and spiritual renewal? Then come to the Women's Alliance 22nd Annual Retreat April 3-5, 2009. No previous participation in any Women's Alliance event required.

For more details, contact Donna Scalcione at office@fpsudbury.org or speak with Susan C, Annmarie A or Dusty R at coffee hour.

This Sunday's Worship Service

February 8, 10 am
"We Live in Evolutionary Times"
Rev. Katie Lee Crane

This week, people around the world will be celebrating the bicentennial of Darwin's birth. Every year, Katie Lee receives a birthday notice from those who use Darwin's birthday as an occasion to celebrate science and humanity. Since many contemporary Unitarian Universalists call themselves "religious humanists," we will take this opportunity to celebrate and to find out just what it means to be a religious humanist.

Katie Lee will draw on resources provided by multiple sources including two Unitarian Universalists, Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow, who call theirs a "mobile ministry." It is the Dowds, she says, who inspired today's title. For six years they have been crisscrossing the continent to, in their words: "evangelize an inspiring, deeply meaningful view of evolution". They count themselves among millions who see science and religion as two sides of the same coin of human existence.

There will be a Hearthside Chat at 11:45 to have a conversation about the day's topic and the issues it raises.

TO CALL OR NOT TO CALL - THAT IS THE QUESTION

A member of the Pastoral Associates Group is always on call when Katie Lee is away from First Parish, and the group will provide pastoral coverage during her medical leave from February 9 - April 1. The Pastoral Associates are always backed-up by an ordained UU minister in the case of serious emergencies.

If you are active at First Parish, you may call a Pastoral Associate * anytime* you could use a listening ear or a helpful heart (even when the minister is residence). Their names are in the Sunday news and The Connector. You can find their telephone numbers in the FPS directory or by calling the office.

Please Do NOT release the home phone number of a Pastoral Associate or the Minister to someone whom you do not recognize as an active congregant. Should such a person seek pastoral assistance – whether or not the minister is in residence – the person should be instructed to call First Parish 978 443-2043 and leave a detailed message on the minister's extension #2. That phone is monitored daily and the person on call will return the call as soon as possible. Obviously, in the case of a more urgent situation, the person should be advised to phone 911 or the local police.

This policy helps us to continue to meet the pastoral needs of First Parish members and friends, while also protecting all of us from unnecessary risk.

Katie Lee

FIRST PARISH OF SUDBURY'S PASTORAL ASSOCIATES

Annmarie A	Fred P
Audrey K	Paul R
Polly M	Dawn S
Bruce P	

KATIE LEE'S MEDICAL LEAVE

Katie Lee will be on medical leave from Monday, February 9 until April 1. She is having bi-lateral knee-replacement surgeries in February.

During that time, our pulpit will be filled with a mix of lay leaders and guest ministers; the Worship Associates, coordinated by **Fran Sharp**, will host each guest.

Our Pastoral Associates, coordinated by **Dawn S**, will respond to pastoral needs with the help of several local UU ministers on call and available to help in the event of a pastoral emergency.

Other questions and concerns may be directed to **Annmarie A**, chair of the Board of Trustees, and **Donna Scalcione**, Administrator.

Each of these people will know whom to call if further help is needed, and their contact information can be found in the FPS directory, or by calling the office.

The Bulletin Board

Village Worship:
Saturday, Feb. 28
4:00-6:30pm
Hymn Sing followed by
potluck supper

First Parish Service Auction
Hold the Date: Sat. March 28, 6pm

Women's Alliance Spring Retreat
April 3-5
Info: see blue flyer on FPS lobby
table or contact Donna Scalcione.

FPS Women's Alliance Coffeehouse
Saturday, March 7
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FPS Weather Closing Information
Click on:
<http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/Public/EmergencyClosingInfo>

Podcasts and Sermon Texts
of our Sunday Worship Services
on our website: www.fpsudbury.org