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***Coffee House and Open Mic this Saturday...be sure to come***

Saturday, March 7 at 7:30pm; \$12 admission; proceeds to benefit local food pantries

If you would like to contribute baked goods (cookies, brownies, sweet breads, etc.) to the Women's Alliance to sell at Saturday's Coffee House, please contact Dawn S

***It's Party Time! The Auction is coming***

SAT., MARCH 28., 6 p.m. Save the date and come join your friends as we "Spring Ahead" at the First Parish Service Auction. Lots of good food, fun, music, and company. \$10 Admission.

Call Ted and Elaine J to donate, or input items yourself on the form available from the [www.fpsudbury.org](http://www.fpsudbury.org) link under the What's Happening section.

***Nominating Committee Seeks Your Participation***

Want to get involved in this vibrant community? The FPS Nominating Committee is currently seeking names for 2 people to serve on the Board of Trustees and also for 4 people who would like to attend General Assembly being held this year in Salt Lake City! If you are interested in hearing more about either of these opportunities open to members of the congregation, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee – Sara H

***"Learn About Us" workshop Saturday, March 21, 9am-1pm with free brunch***

Whether you are considering membership or are already a member but missed this workshop previously, plan to join us. Learn about how this congregation is organized, financed and governed; learn about how it came to be Unitarian (and then UU); learn some history about Unitarianism and Universalism; learn what brings individuals here and what diversity we now encompass. Come on Saturday, March 21, from 9-1, for an orientation workshop – with a free brunch. Please contact Ginny S for more information or to sign up. Childcare will be provided if it is requested in advance.

### This Sunday's Worship Service

March 8, 2009

**"DISCOVERING YOUR CREATIVE SELF"**

Ms. Beth Rust

This Sunday we will welcome back to our pulpit FPS member Beth Rust who will explore the possibilities that ensue from developing ones creative life. By broadly defining creativity as those actions which give shape to that that which is previously unknown, we can easily see the artist within each of us. Cooking with a creative flair, planting a garden, designing a website – these acts of faith tap into our creative nature, and open ourselves to greater synchronicity.

As Louis Pasteur, the great scientist, observed, "Chance favors a prepared mind". Ms Rust will discuss the benefits of acting upon the opportunities in your life to further your luck and fortune. Taking action on the 'what would happen if' in our lives, not only realizes our dreams, but improves the chances of more serendipitous encounters. The service is titled "Discovering Your Creative Self" and builds upon the teaching book by Julia Cameron titled *The Artist's Way*.

*There will be a Hearthside Chat in the Brackett Room following social hour at 11:45 a.m. to continue the conversation on the day's topic and the issues it raises.*

### **Mass Bay District Board Spring Conference and Annual Meeting**

Our District staff invites you to participate in our Annual Meeting from 8:30 to 10:00 AM immediately prior to our Spring Conference on April 25, 2009 at the Bentley Conference Center.

They ask each member congregation of the Mass Bay District to identify three delegates - lay members and/or settled ministers - who can join us in conversation about the purpose of the District, receive the reports about District activities, learn about the use of your District dues, and elect District leadership. Ideally your delegates would include people who are active leaders in your congregation interested in the broader impact of Unitarian Universalism in our area.

We are pleased to offer delegates breakfast at this event and encourage them to stay for the remainder of the day for our Spring Conference on the theme "Seeking Wholeness in a Fragmented World." Individuals who are not delegates may attend the Annual Meeting, though they will not be permitted to vote on district business.

If you would like more information, or to register, please contact Donna Scalcione in the FPS office

### **Interested in Reviewing and Editing First Parish's "Equity Fund" document?**

Last year, the Equity Fund Task Force (EFTF) gathered lots of feedback and made some recommendations about changing the Equity Fund in their annual report. This year, we plan to bring a modified version to the Annual Congregational Meeting this spring. We propose to add a covenant to the document. What would you think of the following?

*We, the Congregation of First Parish of Sudbury, in order to preserve our historic meetinghouse for future generations, do covenant to provide adequate knowledge, planning, labor and funding for the long term maintenance of First Parish buildings and grounds.*

We have planned three sessions for reviewing and editing as a group:

Sunday March 8th at 11:45, Thursday March 19th at 7PM and Sunday March 29th at 11:45. If you cannot attend these meeting, we welcome review and suggestions via email, too. Please contact Jan H, Annmarie A, Rich D.

**Meetings Spaces at FPS**

Donna wishes to remind everyone to let the office know if they are cancelling a meeting.

Our spaces are much more in demand than years ago. Frequently, there is another group that has asked about a space that is already reserved. When Donna finds out about cancellations in advance, then others can use the spaces. Also, please be sure to use the space reserved for you and not another, since a group may have that room reserved for a later time. Thanks!

**Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert**

All proceeds will go to the Sudbury House on Dutton Road.

Friday, March 6th 7-9 p.m. at Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury

Featuring area musical groups--Instrumental, jazz trio, Gospel choirs, and more

Tickets are \$10 for adults (17 and older), \$5 for youth (7-16), free for children under 7.

Tickets will be available at the door.

**Habitat FPS Build Day**

Things are moving right along with the Habitat house on Dutton Road. Last call for the First Parish build day, MARCH 14, 2009. We have room for one or two more if you are interested. Let Beth R know.

There are great pictures at the website: <http://www.gwhfh.org/>

**Remember January 11...**

... when we celebrated Debra's 20<sup>th</sup> and Katie Lee's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries with FPS? During coffee hour we began to write each of them cards, to be included in a scrapbook and given to them at the end of this spring. This Sunday, and for the rest of the month, blank cards will be available during coffee hour. See Kelly S with questions. (Thanks, Kelly, for organizing this!)

**The Bulletin Board**

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

Annmarie Allen	Fred Pryor
Audrey Kipp	Paul Reising
Polly Meltzer	Dawn Shilts
Bruce Porter	

*In the event of a pastoral need, please call any of these Pastoral Associates.*

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

This Sunday morning (2am)  
Set your clocks **AHEAD**

**FPS Weather Closing Information**

Click on:  
<http://fpsudbury.org/wiki/Public/EmergencyClosingInfo>

**Women's Alliance Spring Retreat**

April 3-5  
See brochure in FPS lobby,  
or contact Donna Scalcione.