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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday, April 25, 2009
“Village Worship: Celebrating Earth Day”
Roberta Altamari and Katie Lee Crane
(WITH POTLUCK SUPPER AND CLOTHING SWAP)

This Saturday First Parish of Sudbury is holding a Village Worship to celebrate Earth Day. The service is open to everyone and families are especially encouraged to attend. It will be held upstairs in The Commons starting at 4:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the art of reducing, reusing and recycling. While definitely great for taking care of our earth, practicing these green actions can also be fun and help build connections with others in your community. Together we will enjoy Village Worship on this inspiring theme, a potluck supper and a clothing exchange. Bring your gently worn clothes that you would like to pass along to a friend.

Sunday, April 26, 10am
First Parish Welcomes New Members
and Recalls an Active Legacy
Rev. Katie Lee Crane

This Sunday First Parish of Sudbury honors its new members, those who have joined its congregation in the last 12 months including several who will sign the Membership Book on Sunday. At the same time, First Parish will recall some members throughout the history of the congregation who made a difference in the Sudbury community and beyond. This Sunday’s service provides an excellent perspective on what it means to be Unitarian Universalist for those who are curious and would like to know more about one of the nation’s oldest faith communities.

“As the congregation welcomes its newest members, we pause to remember those who, each in their own distinctive ways, throughout the history of this congregation—gathered in 1640—were stewards who gave shape and substance to the congregation we are today,” writes the Rev. Katie Lee Crane. “These people (some in quiet ways and others in major ways) made a difference. Were it not for them, we would not be here today.” So, she asks today’s community, what legacy will we leave for the generations that follow us?



Here is a suggestion from the Green Sanctuary team about how we can all become greener—that is, more ecologically-minded--Earth citizens...



Happy Earth Day!

That means it's time for an annual haj to the EPA to see again the environmental Big Picture. The EPA seems to be dispensing tips that form a long-range approach for dealing with environmental problems.

The message remains: **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.** (There is a fourth R, but we will save that for another issue.)

Here, then, are EPA's enduring tips for green living.

Reduce:

- Buy permanent items instead of disposables.
- Buy and use only what you need.
- Buy products with less packaging.
- Buy products that use less toxic chemicals.

Reuse:

- Repair items as much as possible.
- Use durable coffee mugs.
- Use cloth napkins or towels.
- Clean out juice bottles and use them for water.
- Use empty jars to hold leftover food.
- Reuse boxes.
- Donate instead of throwing away.

Recycle:

- Recycle paper (printer paper, newspapers, mail, etc.), plastic, glass bottles, cardboard, and aluminum cans. (Sudbury transfer station takes more kinds of plastics than other towns.)
- Recycle electronics.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Compost food scraps, yard cuttings, and dead plants.
- Close the loop - buy recycled products and products that use recycled packaging. That's what makes recycling economically possible.



Come learn more about the **Finance Committee** and **Worship Associates Group** at the "Spotlight" Committee Mini-Fair during Social Hour this Sunday, April 26.

The Finance Committee at First Parish oversees all aspects of the congregation's finances ranging from monitoring banking and accounting details to the oversight of the total budget and long-range planning for the future health of First Parish.

Serving on FinCom are the Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer, a liaison from the Board of Trustees, and several members at large.

Does FinCom have any openings on the committee presently? Yes, they are actively welcoming new members.

FinCom members would like you to know that:

They are involved of lots of projects at FPS in addition to managing the budget, such as fundraisers and other special events.

Please stop by the FinCom table during Social Hour on April 26 to hear more, straight from the members of the committee, about why they choose to share their gifts with the Finance Committee at First Parish.

WALK FOR HUNGER—DONATE NOW

First Parish will be sending its team of walkers to raise money for Project Bread on Sunday May 3. This will be the 5th time First Parish has been represented in this fundraiser. Money raised through The Walk for Hunger funds more than 400 food pantries, soup kitchens, food banks, and food salvage programs in 126 communities across Massachusetts. Our team consists of Sue C, Beth R, Roger C, Tom McG and Sherri C. Please join our team and help raise money toward our goal of \$6500.00 - OR donate to our team. You can donate on line be going to the following link - or give any team member your check, made out to Project Bread, or cash. We have to turn in our money on the day of the walk, May 3, so please have you donations to us by then.

http://www.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/General?pg=team&fr_id=1110&team_id=

PRIDE PARADE JUNE 13

Come be a part of First Parish's contingent as we march on Saturday, June 13 in Boston's Pride Parade for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) awareness, dignity, and understanding. You'll have a fun and meaningful day. Contact peggydy@verizon.net to carpool from Sudbury or dscalcione@verizon.net for details about the day.

Boston hosts the largest Pride celebration in New England (12,000 marchers last year and over 750,000 in attendance). Come proudly carry our First Parish banner and get energized by the cheering crowds, the music and costumes, the floats and marching bands, and the Pride Festival at the end of the Parade. All ages and diversities welcome!

The Bulletin Board

Spring Outdoor Cleanup
Saturday, April 25
9am-1pm
Bring kids and rakes for
Good Honest Work
followed by pizza at 1:00

Coming of Age service—
Sunday, May 3, 10:00am

Maypole Dance
Sunday, May 3 during
Social Hour

Village Worship & Potluck
Saturday, April 25, 4:30pm
See p. 1 or contact
Roberta Altamari

Women's Alliance Annual Meeting & Potluck
Sunday, May 3, 5-8pm at FPS

Annual Congregational Meeting
June 7 11:30am
~ add this to your calendar ~

Music Sunday: May 10
The Holocaust Cantata
FPS Choir and guests directed by
Debra Morris-Bennett

Annual Reports Due
May 13
Watch your email for more
information, or contact Fran

First Parish of Sudbury's Pastoral Associates
Annmarie Allen, Audrey Kipp, Polly Meltzer, Bruce Porter, Fred Pryor, Paul Reising, Dawn Shilts
In the event of a pastoral need, please call any of these Pastoral Associates.