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Minister's Musings

"Hey, are you that church that hangs mittens and hats on their front fence?"
"Isn't your congregation the one that does that program with the homeless families?"
"I know that church! You're the one that flies a rainbow flag from your tower."
"Wait, are you that church that looks like a castle and does a lot of stuff over at Lifebridge?"
"Is your church the one that had a lecture program about Islam?"
"You're the UU church that's still Christian, right?"
"How old is that place?"

I spend a lot of time meeting and chatting with people locally. Over and over again I have the opportunity to introduce myself and our congregation to the larger community. And over and over again, I hear questions and comments like those above from people who have some association with the First Church from afar. These lines above are all "real life" examples that I have heard recently during these quick interactions. It's nice to have a reputation, especially when it is one that most people like.

No community or church is perfect - there can be no doubt. But if my informal conversations with folks out in the community are any indicator, the First Church is doing well these days. The members of this congregation are finding ways to make difference in a variety of local, tangible and meaningful ways. This is something that all of us who are members and supporters can be proud of. We are part of community that is making a difference.

The Stewardship Committee is busy with our pledge campaign for this year. I know they have increased our annual goal with the hope of raising modestly more funds to support our growing programs and work. I do hope all of you will join me in making a pledge of support to the First Church and perhaps increasing your pledge if you are able. It's clear to me that our donations make a difference locally: by paying our staff fairly, by funding our outreach efforts, and supporting our music and religious education programming. In addition, we are supporting a progressive minded religious community, one that respectfully and compassionately projects its values out into the community. This is something that we can all be proud of and feel good about. Our way of being religious is worth our support!

Our Annual Meeting is on Sunday, May 7. We will hear reports from some of our committees, elect officers and board members, and welcome new members. We will also have an opportunity to celebrate our outreach efforts over the last year and the good work we do in the community. I thank all of you for your support and your good will. The First Church is a fun and inspiring place to be and we have a message that's only becoming more important.

See you in church,

The stars we are given.
The constellations we
make. That is to say, stars
exist in the
cosmos, but
constellations are the im-
aginary lines we draw be-
tween them, the readings
we give the sky, the sto-
ries we tell.

- Rebecca Solnit



May Schedule of Events

Sat, May 6

9am Choir Rehearsal

Sun, May 7

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Service & Annual Meeting Sunday and the Welcoming of New Members

1pm Coming of Age Group Lunch with Minister

1pm First Church Earth Spirit Group Mtg

Tue, May 9

12pm Lunch with the Pastor, brown bag

Wed, May 10

7:15pm Standing Committee Mtg

Sun, May 14

10:30am Service: Mother's Day Sunday

Fellowship Hosted by Gentlemen and Children of First Church
Family Promise Week begins

Tue, May 16

6pm Social Justice Meeting

Sat, May 20

9am Choir Rehearsal

9am Garden Clean Up and Mulching

Sun, May 21

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Service Flower Communion Service followed by
"Sundae Sunday," one of the most popular fundraisers of the year.

Family Promise Week concludes

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

Sat, May 27

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

Sun, May 28

10:30am Service: Memorial Day Sunday, Jeff Barz-Snell Preaching

Thur, June 1

Coming of Age Dinner with Students and Parents

Sat, June 3

9am Choir Rehearsal

Sun, June 4

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Coming of Age Service and Celebration of Youth
Annual Church Picnic to follow [Rain Date: June 11]

Sun, June 11

10:30am RE Sunday

Around the Parish

We are very sorry to report that **Marlene Warner's** father passed away suddenly in April. He was 71 years old and had a history of heart disease, although by all accounts had been doing fine in recent years. Our thoughts are with Marlene and her family during this difficult time.

Youth Sunday was a huge hit on April 2nd, complete with a songs, skits, inspiring stories and moments of learning and inspiration. Thank you to **Valentina and Max Burbank** for putting together the service and working with **Deb DiGuilio** to make it such a fun and inspiring day at the First Church.

Pam Wilmot presented a timely and very informative program on "Gerrymandering and the November Election" in April. Pam is Executive Director of **Common Cause Massachusetts**. She came to First Church to speak as part of our ongoing "Resistance Speaker Series" this year. The program was videotaped is now available on the church's YouTube Channel.

Richard L'Heureux recently completed his work with the newly renovated courthouse here in Salem. Richard works as a staff architect for the Massachusetts Trial Court System and has built and renovated courthouses all over the state. The newly renovated building on Federal Street is being named for Judge Thaddeus Buscko, who was on hand for the dedication. Richard plans to retire this year after 29 years working as an architect for the Commonwealth.

Bonnie Hurd Smith attended the same courthouse dedication, having created a wonderful multi-table display on the life of Judge Buscko, who is a Salem native and WW II veteran.

Charlie Phipps participated in this year's Walk for HAWC on Sunday, April 30. The annual walk begins and ends on Salem Common and is one of the local agency's largest fundraisers each year. First Church teamed up with folks from First Parish in Beverly for the walk. Charlie, **Brenda Brianna** and several others participated.

We held our annual Maundy Thursday service again but this year we moved the venue to First Parish in Beverly. This was the first time that First Parish hosted this service. Both churches' choirs were in attendance as was **Don Glover and Robert Littlefield**. This is not a well-attended service but the music is always beautiful.

Easter at the First Church went very well this year and the weather was lovely. The 170 or so folks in attendance were treated to a fine music program with **Don Glover** directing our choir and **Rebecca Hains** performing as our soloist. Plus, not only did the Children's Moment have a good message, it involved bunny ears and dance music.

Claire Donaldson recently moved from Vinnin Square to Lynn and is quite happy with her new apartment on Essex Street.

Jeff Barz-Snell was featured in the latest issue of *Salem Magazine*. The quarterly magazine is published by the *Salem News*. The article about Jeff was entitled "Progressive but Prudent."

Brenda Marean was recently appointed to serve on the church's Social Outreach Committee, joining current members **Valentina Burbank** and **Jim Ognibene**. Working with the Minister, the Social Outreach Committee is responsible for helping local organizations

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 <i>May the Fourth Be With You</i>	5	6 9am Choir Rehearsal
7 Annual Mtg 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Service & Annual Mtg 1pm CoA Lunch 1pm Earth Spirit Mtg	8	9 12pm Lunch with Pastor	10 7:15pm Standing Cmte Meeting	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day 10:30am Service Fellowship Hosted by Gentlemen and Children FAMILY PROMISE	15 FAMILY PROMISE	16 6pm Social Justice Mtg FAMILY PROMISE	17 FAMILY PROMISE	18 FAMILY PROMISE	19 FAMILY PROMISE	20 9am Garden Clean Up 9am Choir Rehearsal FAMILY PROMISE
21 9am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Flower Communion Service Sundae Sunday Fellowship 4:45pm Lifebridge FAMILY PROMISE	22	23	24	25 4pm Salem Pantry Bagging	26	27 9am Salem Pantry Distribution 4:45pm Lifebridge
28 10:30am Service	29	30	31	June 1 Coming of Age Dinner	June 2	June 3 9am Choir Rehearsal

and individuals during times of need. The First Church gives away approximately \$9,000 each year to groups like Lifebridge, HAWC, ECCO, NAGLY, and the Salem Food Pantry.

Jerrie Hildebrand is one of the editors of a new book to be published this month by the UUA's Skinner House Books. *Pagan and Earth Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism* is edited by Jerrie and Shirley Ann Ranck and features 22 essays by some of the most prominent leaders in the UU Earth Centered community.

Graduating from high school over the next month: **Jacob Barz-Snell** from St. John's Prep, **Julia Rose Channing** (daughter of Mary Col-lari) from Marblehead High School, **Mae Viccica** from Hamilton-Wenham, and **Lillian Waxman** from Salem High School.

Stewardship: Pledge season is here!

It's that time of year when we ask you to consider your financial giving to First Church for the coming Fiscal Year. You should be receiving a letter in the mail that includes a pledge card to return to First Church. For those of you who have already returned your pledge card – THANK YOU!

Pledging for the year is important, as it allows the Finance and Standing Committees to plan and budget for the fiscal year, so we ask that you return your pledge card as soon as possible. We know that situations change throughout the year, so always feel free to talk to one of the members of the Stewardship Committee if you need to change your pledge.

Also, please consider signing up for Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). This allows us receive your monthly giving electronically, direct from your bank. It means less paperwork for us, and relieves you from having to remember to make your gift every month. There is a form on the reverse of the pledge card that you can complete if you think this route is for you.

As always, thank you for your generosity when it comes to your time, talents, and your financial gifts to First Church over the past year. We look forward to sharing more with you in the next Fiscal Year.

The Stewardship Committee

Marlene Warner, Co-chair; Tommy Leon, Co-chair; Lloyd Woodcock, Alicia Diozzi, Russell Lane



Standing Committee

During fellowship on a Sunday three years ago I was approached by Duncan Cox and asked to be on the Standing Committee. My first thought was, "What exactly is the Standing Committee?" My daughter, Julia's first reaction was, "No, don't do that!" It has been a quick three years since that invitation was extended to me and I feel I now have had a pretty good education of the role of the Standing Committee. I can say I have thoroughly enjoyed being on this committee and participating in the work of overseeing our church, working through budgets, dealing with issues that span from interpersonal to water in the basement. I am truly amazed by the work that goes on under our roof. Getting just the smallest glimpse into the active life of all the subcommittees was awe inspiring, it is a very busy and active environment.

I want to thank the members of the Standing Committee Liv Radue, Eric Kenney, Ben Waxman, Patti Roka, David Helen, Claire Donaldson, Marlene Warner and Richard L'Heureux, it has been a real treat working with you all and I appreciate your time, humor, thoughtful considerations and input into all the items we have covered this year. Thank you to Ben Waxman for taking on the chair position of the Standing Committee, it's a piece of cake and you will do great, just remember to "labor down" when needed.

I especially want to thank the staff of the First Church. Billy, Deb, Catherine and Tricia, I have loved working more closely with you and getting a glimpse into all you do on the days that are not Sunday. Busy place we have at the First Church you all have been a pleasure to work with I appreciate all you do to keep RE programs, Henny Penny and the church running smoothly.

Katherine Palmer is stepping down from the Chair of Human Resources after several years of guiding our HR Committee. Your professionalism and competence in this field has been a blessing for the First Church and your guidance to the Standing Committee was invaluable. Thank you for your many years of service.

Bill Henning stepped down from the position as Treasurer and Chair of Finance in January. His many years of serving in this role have left the church in a healthy financial state. Your availability to the Standing Committee and eye to detail has been greatly appreciated. Thank you for such a tremendous effort and contribution of your time.

Thank you to Bob Allen for stepping into the role of Treasurer. We look to be off to a great start and we appreciate your volunteering for this role.

Tommy Leon and Marlene Warner are stepping down as co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee. I want to thank them for all their work educating our congregation on the importance and role of giving to support everything from our local social programs, RE, salaries of our staff and keeping our big beautiful building up and running. You have both helped catapult the stewardship committee into a successful and dynamic part of the church.

I also want to thank my beloved Garden Committee for their patience with my more or less absence this past year in and around the garden. Lynn Taggart, Jan Eschauzier, Brenda Marean and Iris Weaver, thanks for cutting me some slack this year. I am reporting back to duty ASAP.

Last but by far not least, I want to thank Rev Jeff Barz-Snell. I thank you for your patience with me as I learned the ropes of the chairwomanship of the SC. I am not sure how you do that every year, but you do it with grace. To be able to witness what your role as Minister involves both through your monthly reports to the SC and from trying on my own to attend most programs you hosted this past year has been inspiring. You are a bit like Waldo in Where is Waldo Now? Where is Jeff now? I see you at your Conversations Circles, new member orientation, preparing Lifebridge dinners, helping promote Sanctuary City ordinance in Salem, Muslim speaker series, encouraging thought about Black Lives Matter banner, "A Time To Choose" film presentation, Hillbilly Elegy book club, lectures from authors on the witch hysteria, Pride marches, Halloween parking fundraising (dressed like a Trekkie), leading the march in costume for the reenactment of Leslie's Retreat, Women's March in Boston, Climate March and the yard sale to name a few places we see you. You have an amazing ability to get to all of this in addition to the fulltime work of tending to members emotional, spiritual, physical or financial needs, baptisms, marriages and funerals. All I can say is wow. It was a privilege to work with you over this past year and I appreciate how you balance the many hats you wear and do it with apparent good will and cheer. Thank you Jeff, you are so very valued by me and all of us for your leadership and vision.

I could go on and on thanking members of committees for their great work. The bottom line is this is an amazing community. We may not be perfect all the time, but I am sure grateful to be part of this energetic, kind, intelligent, generous, forgiving and warm community. Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving on the Standing Committee this past year it has been an incredible gift to me.

Mary Collari, Out Going Chair of the Standing Committee



Religious Education

I can't believe May is upon us! And one of the most fun events for Religious Education classes is Sundae Sunday!! May 21st join the First Church students as they raise money for their social justice project. This year's project stems directly from our First Church Heroes theme. Our students will honor two amazing Salem legacies founded by two special First Church ancestors. These two First church members lived their Unitarian faith by going out into the world to make the changes they believed in. Today we can remember them through the institution each founded; Carloline Emmerton and the House of Seven Gables and Caroline Plummer and the Plummer Home for Boys. So be sure to join us on Sunday, May 21 for a delicious and fun way to learn about and support our First Church heroes!

It has been an exciting journey of discovery this year and our Coming of Age students are in the homestretch as they prepare their Faith Statements for the Coming of Age Service on June 4th.

The Coming of Age program is centered on solid learning, faith exploration and self discovery. Students have debated the "big questions" in life, they have explored other beliefs and visited other houses of worship. Each young person has come up with a Faith Statement which they will share with the congregation during the special Coming of age service. Students will then be presented to our congregation as young members of the adult community. Our students who will Come of Age this spring are Rebecca Truong, Leah Barz-Snell, Eli Brandt, Samantha Truong, Erin Keenan, Sarah Cayouette- Gluckman, Nora Waxmam and Sarah Cox. Deepest thanks to our mentors Russell Lane, Stacia Woodcock, Valentina Burbank, Donna Fritz, Tiffany Magnolia, Joan Hannah and Beth Schultz. Denise Granniss leads the COA group and does it wonderfully. Many thanks to Denise for sharing her love of youth with our church.

Weather and special event schedule permitting we will continue our First Church Hero outings on Sundays. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us. Look to your RE Snapshot on Fridays for more details.

In Faith,
Deb DiGiulio
Director of Religious Education

Henny Penny

Enrollments for September 2017 are filling quickly. We still have a few 2-day (Monday/Wednesday) spaces available. Henny Penny is the last half-day preschool program operating in Salem, so spread the word if you know families in search of a quality half-day preschool.

Our Third Annual Art Show was held in the Cleveland & Barnard Rooms on April 27th. The teaching staff was overwhelmed with the enthusiastic response from families. It is one of our favorite events! The next big family event is the Henny Penny Year End Celebration on the evening of June 9th. The celebration consists of a short performance by all students and then the awarding of Certificates of Learning to the younger children and Preschool Diplomas to those moving up to kindergarten. All are welcome to attend and the performance begins promptly at 6pm.

The Henny Penny Teaching Team: Tricia Pini, Stacey Dupuis and Barbara Hermann





Views From the Garden

Dare we say that Spring has arrived? With temperature swings from 85° to 35°, the weather has kept us guessing, taking a toll on the hellebores and muscari hyacinths. Seemingly undaunted, they are bouncing back, and the daffodils are thriving. The planters have been transitioned from the spare pussy willows of Lent to the graceful fronds of Palm Sunday and culminating in the exuberant yellow and copper of forsythia and pansies for Easter. Indoors, the Meetinghouse was perfumed with lilies and hyacinths and the altar was filled with the flowers generously donated by church members and friends.

On the Saturday of Palm Sunday we held our annual spring cleanup, and we are so grateful for the support that makes our volunteer efforts so effective. Several people arrived just as we were finishing, but we hope they will be back for the next garden event. We thank all who helped:

Jan Eschauzier
Chris Finn
Jeannine Helen

Brenda Marean
Jean Petta
Mark Stevens

Clementine, Kelly, and Nick Tyler-Lewis
Lynn Taggart
Iris Weaver

Within the next several months we will be transforming the two crescent-shaped berms in front of the church with the addition of a flowering tree, ground cover, and accent shrubs. Several members have asked if it would be possible to donate a shrub in memory of or in honor of a loved one, and the answer is a resounding “yes!” As we finalize our plan, more information will be available. In the end, we hope to make the face of the church even more welcoming.

A church garden is a community effort, ever challenging and ever joyful. We invite all, no matter their level of knowledge or capability to join us. Having recently celebrated Earth Day, we once again realize our garden here is truly a constant source of inspiration, fun, and renewal.

Your Garden Committee Co-chairs,
Jan Eschauzier, Mary Collari, and Lynn Taggart

Archives Committee

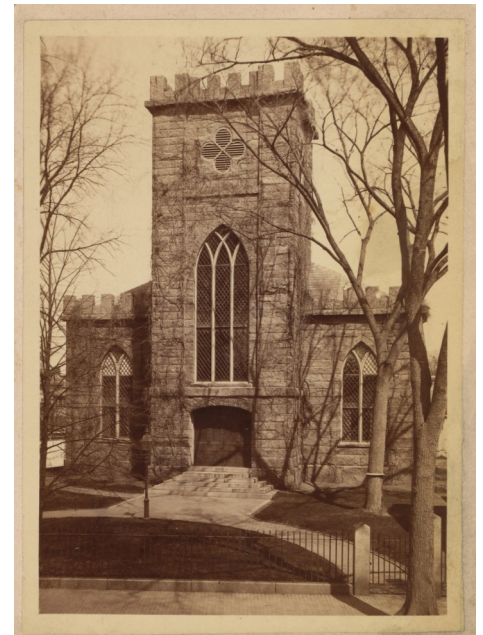
Your Archives Committee is currently working with the Garden Committee on a brochure about our grounds to answer the many questions asked by passersby and members alike. Here is an excerpt. Now that the weather is “with us,” we hope you will enjoy the outside of our Meetinghouse as much as the inside with a renewed sense of appreciation!

The grounds you are standing on served as the kitchen garden for the Judge Corwin House (the “Witch House”) in the 17th century; as a source of sustenance for the Putnam family in the 18th century; as a decorative garden for the Osgood family in the 19th century; and, since 1836, as lovely, inspiring church gardens for all to enjoy.

Sadly, very few of the old plantings remain due to Hurricane Carol (1954) and the 2012 addition. But we do still have the wrought iron fence and gates from 1836; the tablet from the 300th anniversary of First Church (1929); and, from the 1870s, the “Wayside Pulpit” where our minister posts inspirational words and the magnificent Linden tree. In the side garden, the large granite step at the bottom of the walkway was saved from North Church’s 1772 Meetinghouse.

After Hurricane Carol, the church Garden Committee oversaw a massive restoration of the grounds. At the time, Salem was tearing down the old train depot and the Committee secured a large granite block to use as a bench in the side garden. The ca. 1757 two-piece millstone in the side garden, used to grind wheat to produce “the bread of life,” was obtained from Grafton, NH, to use as an outdoor Fellowship Table for “breaking bread” every Sunday. The larger piece was set with a sun dial to point five degrees east of true north—the position of the sun in Salem at high noon on Midsummer’s Day. The sundial’s inscription reads: “Man shall not live by bread alone” (Matthew 4:4).

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Hurd Smith, Archives Committee Chair



Events and Goings on At and Around First Church

Yard Sale Update

This year's Yard Sale, the third one under my tutelage, while not quite as successful as the past two years, was, nonetheless, a rousing community event at which all had a good time. It is still too early to announce the financial results, but I can say, thanks in large part to the Ladies Boutique run by Carol Hedstrom, that we won't be too far off from last year. The Yard Sale could never be carried off without the enthusiastic participation of so many volunteers. Thanks go to, in alphabetic order, Connie and Jan Arlander, Ellen Brandenburg, Christina Carrick, Mary Collari, Jan Eschauzier, Hugh Evans, Chris Finn, Debra Greel, Joan and Richard Hannah, Carol Hedstrom with her team, Ben Hedstrom, Judy Kearney, Brenda Marean, Billy McCarthy, Jean Petta, Jacqui Rae, Patti Roka, Kathleen Salas and her daughter and daughter's friend, Stephen Sawtell, Andy Schultz, Lynn Taggart, Nancy TenBroek, Crystal Truong, Rebecca Truong, John Wathne and Adam. If I missed anyone, please let me know, so I can correct my records.

As I stated in my remarks at last Sunday's service, I will not be heading up the Yard Sale next year. I hope someone will come forward and I will be happy to assist as much as I can.

Peter G. Eschauzier

Social Justice Committee News

Tue, May 16 after 6pm

Are you interested in racial justice? Climate change? LGBTQ issues? Saving the world through the resistance? The Social Justice Committee is looking for friends to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00 in the Barnard Room. Feel free to bring snacks or beverages. We will be talking about the latest work with ECCO, and UUMassAction, including Salem's sanctuary city ordinance. We will also be thinking about new initiatives we would like to undertake.

Also, please consider donating to ECCO's No One Stands Alone Fund. We are sad to report that on Easter Sunday, two active ECCO members were the victim of a shooting in Lynn. Lenny Clement passed away from his injuries and Prince Belin was hospitalized. This fund will ensure that Lenny's family can pay for his funeral, that Prince can move to a safe place as he recovers from his injuries, and that no one in the ECCO community should ever stand alone. The website is: <https://www.youcaring.com/lennyclementandprincebelin-804728>.

Questions about the Social Justice Committee? Contact tanyastepasiuk@gmail.com.

Family Promise returns May 14

The First Church will once open our doors to 3-4 homeless families for seven nights in the middle of May. We will again need volunteers to make dinner, host dinner, and stay overnight. Ideally, we need one male and one female to sleep over night for each of the seven days we are hosting the families. Overnight volunteers have their own private room (one of the two offices upstairs) and a comfortable bed to sleep on. To sign up to help out, see our online sign-up page on the Church's website or speak with Jessica Kane or Hannah Diozzi.





Life, Love, and Loss
Opera Arias and Choruses
Soloists: Evelyn Griffin, Giovanni Formisano

Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 PM
First Parish Church
255 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA

 The Paul Madore Choral

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Beverly Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

\$20 for all tickets, available on our website (beyond) or at the door.
www.paulmadorechoirale.com, www.paulmadorechoirale.com
www.facebook.com/PaulMadoreChorale
For more information, call (978) 219-4866.



Earth Songs

MYSTIC CHORALE LED BY NICK PAGE
FEATURING JIM SCOTT

Singing for Our Home

May 20 · 7:30 pm | May 21 · 3:30 pm

\$18 general admission

For information and tickets:
www.mysticchorale.org
www.brownpapertickets.com

Converse Hall at Tremont Temple
88 Tremont Street, Boston

Science and Climate Marches

Rev. Barz-Snell attended the March for Science on April 22 and the Climate March on April 29.

On April 22, 2017, in more than 600 cities around the world, **we marched as an unprecedented coalition of organizations and individuals.** We marched because science is critical to our health, economies, food security, and safety. We marched to defend the role of science in policy and society.

On the 100th day of Trump's presidency more than 300,000 people in Washington DC and across the country joined together in a powerful demonstration of unity for jobs, justice, and climate action.



Get Involved/Thank You!!!

Lifebridge Dinner Team

Next Dinners: Sun, May 21 and Sat, May 27 at 4:45pm

The Lifebridge teams of the First Church serve dinners at 56 Margin Street on the third Sunday and the fourth Saturday of every month. There are THREE ways you can sign up to help; the easiest is to just use the sign-up sheet in the Barnard Room. Alternatively, you can always join our Facebook page, or send an email to Alan Hanscom (alanh1954@gmail.com) to be put on the email list.

Thank you to our April volunteers: Crystal, Samantha, and Rebecca Truong; Richard L'Heureux; Susan Engelke; Maria and Elisa Voss; Mike Keester; Alan Hanscom; and our shoppers: Sara and Paul Massari

Fellowship Committee

Thank you to all our April Fellowship Hosts, Kara McLaughlin and John Keenan, Nathan Chio and Jessica Sedgewick, Liv and David Radue and family, Nancy Peluso, Neil Alsip and Laura Caron and family, Jeannine and David Helen, Amy Prodanas, and Kathleen Salas. Also thank you to everyone who contributed to our beautiful and tasty Easter table. What a memorable spring Easter day!



Coming up in May:

Annual Meeting Fellowship, will be hosted by the Fellowship Committee. This is a simple set up to allow us to get back down to business for the Annual Meeting!

Mother's Day Fellowship on May 14th- hosted by the gentlemen and children of the congregation. Please bring in a snack or dessert to share in order to celebrate all of the women at our church who make a difference in our lives and the people around them every day.

From Your Favorite Foodies,

The Fellowship Committee; Donna Fritz, Stephanie Diozzi, Chris Finn, Chritiane Hansen-Mitev, Indra Milowe, Nancy Peluso

Meeting House Flowers

The Garden and Decorating Committee are pleased to announce several enhancements to the Altar Flower Program:

- Three different price points: \$15, \$25, \$45.
- We supply the arrangement in consultation with you.
- Or we gratefully accept the arrangement you provide.
- Your donation will be acknowledged in the Order of Service.
- If possible, plant material will be re-purposed in the foyer or in the garden.
- Committees are encouraged to participate once a year to highlight an aspect of their work.

We hope this new program will inspire more members to celebrate an event, memorialize or honor a loved one. Sign Up Online! Additionally, a signup sheet will also be circulated during Fellowship Hour or you may email Catherine in the office at firstchurchinsalem@gmail.com or contact Jan Eschauzier directly at 978-969-1820 or janeschauzier@gmail.com.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Minister: Reverend Jeffrey Barz-Snell

Interim Director of Music: Don Glover

Director of Henny Penny: Tricia Pini

Director of Religious Education: Deb DiGiulio

Administrator: Catherine Bertrand

Sexton: Bill McCarthy

Chair of the Standing Committee: Mary Collari

Chair of the Deacons: Mimi Ballou



WARRANT

CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

To the Members of the First Congregational Society:
You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Society in Salem will be held in the Meeting House of the church at 316 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts, on
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017,
directly after the morning Service,
for the following purposes:

- 1) To receive and act upon the reports of the Society;
- 2) To elect a Moderator and Officers of the Society;
- 3) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Flower Communion followed by Sundae Sunday on May 21.

Bring a flower with you to church on May 21 for our annual celebration of spring and flowers. This distinct Unitarian ritual was brought to the United States in the 1940's from the Unitarian church in Prague.



After the service, join us for one of the more popular fellowship hours and youth fundraisers of the year- Sundae Sunday. Ice cream sundaes during fellowship: what's not to like!? All proceeds will go to a local charity project selected by our kids.

