



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston



The Parish Press

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Working for Peace

Confronted with genocide, global pandemics, human trafficking, economic exploitation, torture, and other deplorable realities that tear apart our human family, we have covenanted to affirm and promote justice, equity and compassion in human relations. We dare to dream of a world free from oppression and injustice, where all can realize their full human rights.

—Credited to the Unitarian Universalist (UU) Service Committee Vision Statement

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9-8 *Field Day*
9 am to 4 pm
- 9-9 *Church begins*
- 9-30 *Annual Meeting*
11 am
- 10-7 *Food Collection Begins*
- 10-19 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 10-20 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale*
9 am to 2 pm
- 11-3 *Vendor Fair: 9 am to 1 pm*
- 11-18 *Thanksgiving Farmer's Market*
Williamsville Chapel
12 noon to 3 pm
Food Collection Ends
- 11-23 to 25 *Laurel Wreath Making*
9 am to 4 pm
- 11-30 *Gingerbread Fair Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 12-1 *Gingerbread Fair*
9 am to 3 pm
- 12-2 *Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet*
5:30 pm
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve Service*
5 pm

Pianist: Lisa Utzig

Church 10:00 am

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Websites:

www.hubbardstonunitarian.org
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The Annual Community Giving Campaign for the 2012-2013 Church year is now underway – This annual appeal helps to determine the programs and projects this Church will be able to offer in the next fiscal year. Please return your community gift or pledge forms as soon as possible. We are very grateful for the financial support received during this campaign. With your help we are able to continue our ministry, community involvement, and preserve our building. You may mail your tax-deductible contributions to the Church at P.O. Box 509. For further information on giving and membership, please contact any Parish Committee Member.

Visit our Booth at Field Day – Saturday, September 8th we will have a table at the Annual Lion's Club Field Day from 9 AM – 3 PM at Curtis Field on Rt. 68. The "Monkey Wrench" Country Quilt will be on display and chances may be purchased. The quilt will be raffled off at the Gingerbread Fair on December 1st. Available for purchase are homemade jams and jellies, hand packed spices, knitted goods and the Fall 2012 Round of 1-20 Club tickets. Be sure to pick up a copy of our Church 2012-13 Schedule of Events. Again this year the Church will be sponsoring a Baby Contest beginning at 10 am, near the Bandstand.

Baby Contest - Calling all babies from infant to 2 years old – At 10 AM on Field Day September 8th, we will be holding a Baby Contest near the Bandstand. The categories include: King, Queen, biggest blue eyes, biggest green eyes, curliest hair, rosiest cheeks, sleepest, biggest brown eyes, fastest crawler, baldest, best smile and shyest. The contest will be judged by the Candidates for State Representative, Anne Gobi (D) and Jason Petraitis (R). Prizes and certificates will be awarded for each category. There is no entrance fee.

Sunday Services Resume – Sunday September 9th, services will resume at 10 AM. Sunday services include singing, prayer, sharing of joys & sorrows, visiting guest ministers and speakers.

New Pianist - Please welcome Lisa Utzig as our new pianist. She is a Junior at Wachusett Regional High School. She has been taking piano lessons from Chris Bergquist for several years. Lisa is also the pianist with the Jazz Band at school. The Church would like to say thanks to Chris Bergquist for her time playing with us, and best wishes in her future endeavors.

Annual Meeting – September 30th – The Annual meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, September 30th, directly after church. The agenda includes election of officers, presentation of annual reports, membership review, ministerial concerns and new and old business. Please try to attend this meeting. It is an important part of our church government.

Prepare for Fair Meeting – Lots of planning goes into our Gingerbread Fair to be held on Saturday, December 1st. The pre-fair meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21st directly after Church in the vestry. Fair chairs will be chosen. People may volunteer to staff tables, set up and clean up and sign up for other tasks needed to be done that day.

Fall Indoor Yard Sale – Saturday, October 20th is our Fall Indoor Yard Sale from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Donations for the Chinese Auction Table are always welcome. Donations: Each item must be in good condition, clothing, books, CDs, movies, puzzles, household & kitchen items, linens, toys, decorative items, sporting items, collectables and jewelry. We will be accepting donations on Friday night, October 19th from 7 – 9 PM and let the sorting begin. Please: no car seats, cribs, PCs or outdated electronics. We will have for sale our huge array of jams & jellies, knitting, spices and chances for the "Monkey Wrench" Country Quilt will be sold. Our famous Church Lady Luncheon of soup, sandwiches and homemade baked goods will be served all day. This is a great place to get your Halloween duds.

In-Door Yard Sale activities are a good opportunity for inter-generational fellowship. JOIN US! We have a lot of fun! We don't mind if you just "walk in" as we are always happy to see a new face. Any length of time you can help will be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work for all.

Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series – Beginning for a sixth year and back by popular demand, is our series of musical presentations on the second Sunday of the month taking place during our Church service at 10 AM. Each musician or group will perform for about 20 minutes as part of the worship service. This is a nondenominational service. Please contact Carol Whitney if you would like to do a performance or know someone else that would like to perform.

Oct 14th	<i>Thomas DiBuono, Guitarist/Vocalist</i>
Dec 2nd	<i>Pioneer Valley Brass, Vesper Service</i>
Jan 13th	<i>Resurrection Brass, Brass Quintet</i>
Feb 10th	<i>Circle of Song, Chorus</i>
Mar 10th	<i>Chair City Pipers, A Capella choir</i>

All Second Sunday Visiting Musician programs are at 10 AM except Dec. 2nd which is at 5:30 pm.

Trick or Treat at the Church Wednesday, October 31st. Be sure you put the Church on the list for one of your Trick or Treat stops. Please contact the Hubbardston Police Department closer to the date for the exact time of Trick or Treat. Church members will be passing out candy at the Church. We are always looking for candy donations. About 400 Trick or Treaters come to our front door each year.

Vendor Fair – The Church will be hosting the Vendor Fair Saturday, November, 3rd from 9 AM – 1 PM for the fourth year. It is an “At Home Party” shopping extravaganza. Vendor space is available. Please contact Stephanie LeBlanc at 978-928-1160 or e-mail her at sleblanc_pc@hotmail.com to reserve your space. Our famous “Church Lady Luncheon” of soup, sandwiches and homemade baked goodies will be served all day. Anyone attending is encouraged to bring a non perishable food item and drop it in the box in the entryway for our Community Food Collection.

Thanksgiving Farmer’s Market – Sunday, November 18th from 12 noon – 3 PM the Hubbardston Historical Society will hold its annual market at the historic Williamsville Chapel on Burnshirt Road. Locally grown foods to grace your Thanksgiving table will be sold, including fresh organically grown vegetables, baked goods and treats. Come early!! The Church will have a table with jams & jellies and seasonal decorations made from locally grown earth products.

“Monkey Wrench” Country Quilt - This year’s colorful country quilt to be raffled at the Gingerbread Fair is a design used in the Underground Railroad. The “Monkey wrench” quilt was the first quilt displayed as a signal for any slaves who planned to escape. It symbolized the time to collect tools they would need on their journey north to freedom. Tools such as those needed to construct shelter, defense and telling direction, along with food and a few coins. This meant mental tools as well, including being cunning and alert, plus knowledge and the ability to discern motives of strangers. The blacksmith, was known as the “Monkey wrench” because of the tools he used. He had very strong skilled hands and could talk to the slaves by the rhythmic hitting of the hammer on the anvil. The “Monkey wrench” was often loaned to neighboring plantations, so he would know the lay of the land and daily operations of the plantations without raising suspicions. This traditional “Monkey Wrench” country quilt is 92” x 92”, hand quilted and machine pieced. It has rich shades of green, red, blue, and brown. With coordinating window pane trim and backing this quilt would complement any décor.

Fall 2012 Round of 1-20 TICKETS ON SALE NOW – Each ticket is \$20. One winner of \$50 will be drawn for each of 12 weeks. The drawings are held on Sunday at the Church. In addition to the 12 weekly drawings, there are 4 drawings done the final week for: 1st Prize – \$150, 2nd Prize – \$100, 3rd Prize – \$100 and 4th Prize – \$50. We will be selling tickets at Field Day or you may contact Barbara Hubbard to purchase a ticket. This money benefits our Restoration and Renovation Fund.

Spring 1-20 Club Winners - Spring 2012 winners were: \$50 June Hubbard-Ward, Mathew Marean, Walter & Joan Ducharme, David Girard, Eric & Sue Berlo, William Heald, Gerry Morrissey, Marcia Howlett, Sue Vaida, Dot

& Paul Valley, Johanna Henning and Lorna Rivers. The final \$50 winner was Dennis O’Donnell. The final \$100 winners were Al Doane & Sue Motta. The final \$150 winner was Roy Grandone. Thank you all for your continued support.

Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free Concert – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Sunday December 2nd at 5:30 PM. The quintet includes trumpets, horns, trombones and a tuba. The concert includes an array of our favorite holiday songs. These services are given to any church desiring a musical service of high quality at the vesper hour. This musical organization was formed when the towns of the Quabbin Reservoir were flooded. The First Universalist Parish of Dana established a trust fund to keep the memory of North Dana and their church alive. Light refreshments to follow.

Flowers for Sunday Services – Placing flowers in the Sanctuary, on the altar, is a unique and tender way to celebrate a special occasion, mark an important milestone or remember a loved one. If you and your family would like to provide flowers for a Sunday Service, please call the Church and leave a message with your name, date of service and the occasion or mark the flower calendar on the downstairs bulletin board.

Special Veterans’ Service - In November 1919, president Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: *“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with the peace and justice in the councils of the nation.”* Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11th, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11th, not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve for the common good. We will be observing Veterans Day by having a special sermon, songs and prayers. This is a perfect time to remember all who have served by lighting a candle in our “Joys and Sorrows” part of the service.

Community Food Collection - Beginning Sunday, October 7th and ending Sunday, November 18th, the Church will be collecting food to be given out to Hubbardston families in need. You may drop off your canned and/or non-perishable foods any time the Church is open, or call 978-928-5822 to make arrangements. Donations of frozen turkeys to complete

the Thanksgiving meal are also accepted. Please call the Church to make arrangements for freezer space.

Wish List at the Church – Please contact the Parish Committee if you are able to help with this.

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>COST</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
<i>Folding Tables</i>	10	65	650
<i>Building Drainage</i>		<i>Unknown</i>	
<i>Sanctuary Fire Sensors</i>		<i>Unknown</i>	
<i>Volunteers</i>		<i>Priceless</i>	
<i>Entrance way carpeting</i>			750
<i>Jelly Jars (8 oz.)</i>	30 cs	7	210

Hubbardston Community Theatre (HCT) – HCT will hold auditions on Sunday, October 21st at the Church from 12:30 – 3 PM. Their show this year will be announced at Field Day on September 8th. The performances will be Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 16, 17 & 18, 2013 at Hubbardston Center School. The HCT will be conducting a food drive on that day. Please bring your canned goods and/or non-perishables to your audition. For more information please contact them a Hubtheatre4U@gmail.com

Jams & Jellies – Church ladies: Barbara Hubbard, June Hubbard-Ward, and Mary Taylor have been busy picking, and processing all kinds of native fruit to make delicious jams & jellies. Grape, Elderberry, Crabapple, Currant, Blackberry, Raspberry, Black Raspberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, Gooseberry, Pear, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Rhubarb and Peach are on the list of favorites. Carol Whitney, Brianna Whitney, Cyndy Washburn-Doane, June Hubbard-Ward and Mary Taylor alternate weeks selling the product each Friday from 3-6:30 PM at the Westminster Farmer’s Market on Academy Hill. Please recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars by returning them to the Church. Special thanks go out to all our neighbors and friends that have let the ladies pick at all their secret patches and to all who donated jars and ingredients.

Electrical Work Completed – Phase I of the Church’s electrical upgrade is now complete. Over the summer Tattan Electric installed a 200 AMP main breaker with a

40 circuit panel. Over the next year we are planning Phase II. This will provide new and additional outlets and new wiring throughout most of the building.

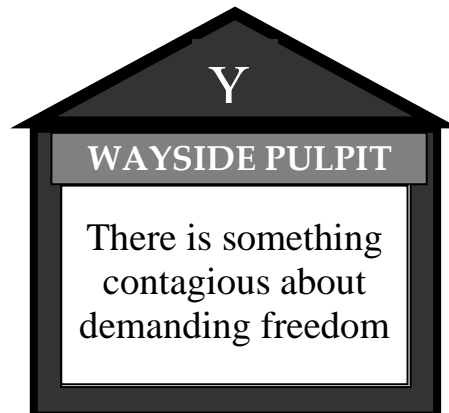
Fuel Assistance – With the high cost of fuel oil, many folks could use help paying their fuel bill. The fuel assistance office for North Central Massachusetts is located at 473 Main St, 3rd Floor, Fitchburg, MA. For eligibility information call: 978-342-4520

Knitting Club - Wednesday evenings at 7 PM there is a drop-in knitting group at the Church. If you have a project you need help with, would like to try something a little more complicated than what you usually knit, or want to try to knit for the first time, come on by. We are currently a lively group of 6, ranging in age from 14 to 60. We laugh, visit and plan projects. We will meet each week as long as there is interest; even in the summer, with maybe a change of venue once in a while. You can contact Nancy Hubbard at hopkinson34@charter.net or by phone at 978-928-5964. Happy Knitting!

Change Your Address - If you change your address, either U.S. Mail or email, please let us know. You may email Cyndy at cwdoane@charter.net or send a written note to the Church at P.O. Box 509, Hubbardston MA 01452. Thanks

Parish Committee – The Parish Committee continues to be very busy. They meet every Wednesday at 4 pm at the Church and have been working out the details of the many issues that the Church has to deal with. If you need to contact any of them please refer to the following list or come to a meeting. This committee is looking for one more member.

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| Carol Whitney: Pres. | 978-928-3748 |
| Barbara Hubbard: Treas. | 978-928-4475 |
| Cyndy Washburn-Doane: VP | 978-928-4866 |
| Mary Taylor: Clerk | 978-928-4289 |





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Coming Events 2012 – 2013

September 8 th , Saturday	Field Day, Rt. 68	9 am – 4 pm
September 9 th , Sunday	Church Services resume	10 am
September 30 th , Sunday	Annual Meeting Potluck	11 am
October 7 th , Sunday	Food collection begins	10 am
October 20 th , Saturday	Fall Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
November 3 rd , Saturday	Vendor Fair	9 am – 1 pm
November 18 th , Sunday	Thanksgiving Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel Food Collection ends	12 noon – 3 pm
December 1 st , Saturday	Gingerbread Fair	9 am – 3 pm
December 2 nd , Sunday	Dana Brass Concert	5:30 pm
December 24 th , Monday	Christmas Eve Service	5 pm
February 10 th , Sunday	Valentine Card Making	11:30 am
March 31 st , Sunday	Easter Service	10 am
April 20 th , Saturday	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
May 5 th , Sunday	Recognition Service Potluck	10 am
June TBA	Town wide Yard Sale	8 am – 2 pm

For additional events go to our website hubbardstonunitarian.org or watch local papers and cable TV

“Prepare for Fair” workshop dates

October 19 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 pm – 9 pm
November 14 th , Wednesday	Berry Bowl Making	6 pm
November 18 th , Sunday	Cemetery Basket Assembly	12 noon
November 23 rd -25 th , Fri/Sat/Sun	Laurel Wreath Making	9 am – 3 pm
November 30 th , Friday	Gingerbread Fair Set up	7 – 9 pm
March 27 th , Wednesday	Sanctuary cleaning	6 pm
April 19 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm



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2012/2013 CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER		9	16	23	30
		Church P. Pomerleau	Church K. Balmfort	Church Rev. Blanchard	Church P. Pomerleau Annual Mtg Pot Luck
OCTOBER	7	14	21	28	
	No Church I	SSVMS Tom DiBuono Coffee Hour	Church S. Thomas	Church Lay Service	
NOVEMBER	4	11	18	25	
	Church P. Pomerleau	Church P. Raymond Veteran's Day Coffee Hour	Church P. Raymond Potluck	No Church Thanksgiving Holiday	
DECEMBER	2	9	16	23	30
	SSVMS Dana Brass 5:30 PM Refreshments	Church Rev. Blanchard	Church	No Church 24 Christ. Eve Rev. Woodward 5:00 PM	Church A. Stockwell
JANUARY	6	13	20	27	
	Church	SSVMS Resurrection Brass Coffee Hour	Church	Church I	
FEBRUARY	3	10	17	24	
	Church	SSVMS Circle of Song Coffee Hour	No Church Presidents Week/ Vacation	Church	
MARCH	3	10	17	24	31
	Church Lay Service	SSVMS Chair City Pipers Coffee Hour	Church	Church Palm Sunday	Church Easter Coffee Hour
APRIL	7	14	21	28	
	Church	No Church Patriots Day/ Vacation	Church	Church I	
MAY	5	12	19	26	
	Church Recognition Serv Potluck	Church Mother's Day			

NOTES:

Church is at 10 AM.

SSVMS is Second Sunday Visiting Musician Series which will be held at 10 AM.

Potlucks will be brunch at 11 AM if no other time is noted.

