



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston



The Parish Press

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Fall 2013

“Come Anyway”

Sometimes I wish we could do away with advertising sermon topics in advance altogether and just say for every week, "Today's sermon is called COME ANYWAY." Sermons are living things. They are a response to our life together and may wind up taking a very different direction than what the preacher originally advertised. You never know.

Come anyway. The church needs you. You are, in fact, the church. Worship services are very consistent around here: The music is beautiful, the flowers are pretty, and your minister does her utmost best to craft a relevant, thought-provoking sermon. But for my money, the most powerful moment that we share comes in the silence right before our meditation. How does that happen? It happens simply by virtue of all those people in all those pews, breathing and being together as one in the spirit of hope and healing, gathered not by common belief (amazingly enough) but by common values and common need. Come be a part of that. Come "Anyway!"

An excerpt from “Come Anyway” by Victoria Weinstein

Victoria Weinstein is a minister at First Parish Unitarian, Norwell, MA

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9-7 *Field Day*
9 am to 4 pm
- 9-8 *Church begins*
- 9-29 *Annual Meeting*
11 am
- 10-6 *Food Collection Begins*
- 10-25 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 10-26 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale*
9 am to 2 pm
- 11-2 *Vendor Fair: 9 am to 1 pm*
- 11-24 *Thanksgiving Farmer's Market*
Williamsville Chapel
12 noon to 3 pm
Food Collection Ends
- 11-29 to 12-1 *Laurel Wreath Making*
9 am to 4 pm
- 12-6 *Gingerbread Fair Set-up*
7 pm to 9 pm
- 12-7 *Gingerbread Fair*
9 am to 3 pm
- 12-8 *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
www.uua.org
www.cbd.uua.org

The Annual Community Giving Campaign for the 2013-2014 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 7th 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 "Jacob's Ladder" Country Quilt will be on display and chances may be purchased. The quilt will be raffled off at the Gingerbread Fair on December 7th. We will also be selling tickets for our cord wood raffle that will be drawn on October 26th, at 2 pm, at the end of the Fall In Door Yard Sale. Available for purchase are homemade jams and jellies, hand packed spices, knitted goods and the Fall 2013 Round of 1-20 Club tickets. Be sure to pick up a copy of our Church 2013-14 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 7th, we will be holding a Baby Contest near the Bandstand. The categories are King, Queen, youngest, biggest blue eyes, biggest green eyes, biggest brown eyes, fastest crawler, baldest, best smile, shyest, curliest hair, rosiest cheeks, shyest and sleepest. Judges will be announced the day of the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the King and Queen. Certificates will be given for each of the categories. There is no entrance fee.

Sunday Services Resume – Sunday September 8th, services will resume at 10 AM. Sunday services include singing, prayer, sharing of joys & sorrows, visiting guest ministers and speakers.

Pianist – Welcome back, Lisa Utzig, as our pianist for her second year. She is a Senior at Wachusett Regional High School. She studies piano with Chris Bergquist, our previous pianist. Lisa is also the pianist with the Jazz Band at school.

Annual Meeting – September 29th – The Annual meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, September 29th, 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. This is the most important meeting for our Church governance. It will also be a Pot Luck Sunday.

Pulpit Speakers – The First Parish Unitarian Church has many similarities to other small New England churches. We are very old, small congregation in size, very active in keeping our services available to everyone, and we have no settled minister. This fact allows us to have an eclectic selection of speakers in the pulpit. This Church calendar 2013-2014 year we continue this selection with a grouping of semi-retired ordained ministers, Masters of Divinity, Students of Divinity, and Lay persons. Not to leave out our Second Sunday Visiting Musician Series where music is the sermon. Our speakers reflect on many topics. Topics drawn from the news, seasonal importance, personal, and biblical inspiration that will encourage us to look inward and outside of ourselves in our daily lives. The popularity of this is reflected by our increased attendance. We are very lucky to have access to a diverse and talented group of people to come to us. Since everyone has been here last year I can tell you their sermons were all very well thought out and presented in an engaging fashion. Come join us, not just on Christmas and Easter but all year long. We are not the typical boring church.

Prepare for Fair Meeting – Lots of planning goes into our Gingerbread Fair to be held on Saturday, December 7th. The pre-fair meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20th 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.

Cord of Wood Raffle – Sawyer's Trucking & Logging of Hubbardston has donated a cord of wood, including delivery. The drawing will be held at the Fall In-Door Yard Sale on October 26th at 2 pm. We have enclosed 4 tickets for the cord wood raffle. Chances are \$3/1 and \$10/4. Please return the sold ticket stubs or mail them to P.O. Box 509 before October 26th.

Fall Indoor Yard Sale – Saturday, October 26th is our Fall Indoor Yard Sale from 9 am – 2 pm. Donations for the Chinese Auction Table are always welcome. Donations: Each item must be in good condition, clothing, books, CDs, puzzles, household & kitchen items, linens, toys, decorative items, sporting items, collectibles and jewelry. We will be accepting donations on Friday night, October 25th 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 "Jacob's Ladder" Country Quilt will be sold. The quilt raffle will be drawn at the Gingerbread Fair. Also, our cord wood raffle which will be drawn that day at 2 pm. This will be your last chance to get in on the cord wood raffle. 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. Indoor Yard Sale activities are a good opportunity

for inter-generational fellowship. It is a great time to fulfill community service requirement. Please call Cyndy at 978-928-4866 to arrange times. 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.

Trick or Treat at the Church Thursday, 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.

Holiday Extravaganza (Vendor Fair) – Saturday, Nov 2nd 10 am – 2 pm – The Church will be hosting this "At Home Party" Holiday 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 goods will be served all day

Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series – Beginning for a seventh 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 20th** Fred Ellsworth & Friends
- Nov 10th** Susan and Steve Nickerson
- Dec 8th** Pioneer Valley Brass
- Jan 12th** Lisa Utzig
- Feb 9th** Surround Sound (formerly Chair City Pipers)

All Second Sunday Visiting Musician programs are at 10 AM except Dec. 8th which is at 5:30 pm.

Thanksgiving Farmer's Market – Sunday, November 24th 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, tickets for our Jacob's Ladder quilt raffle and seasonal decorations made from locally grown earth products.

Jacob's Ladder Quilt – Carol Whitney continues with the Underground Railroad series of quilts. This year she

has completed the Jacob's Ladder quilt. This vibrant quilt is made using the Jacob's Ladder square in blues, greens, reds, and browns. The double border widens the quilt to 80" by 80". This size makes for a very versatile quilt. The contrasting edging and colorful backing add interest as well. This machine pieced, hand quilted quilt is heirloom quality. Tickets for this year's Quilt Raffle may be purchased at Field Day, Fall Indoor Yard sale, The Holiday Extravaganza (Vendor Fair), Williamsville Chapel Farmer's Market, and the Gingerbread Fair. The ticket prices are \$3 for 1 and \$10 for 4. The winner will be drawn December 7th, at the Gingerbread Fair.

Spring 1-20 Club Winners – Spring 2013 winners were: Al Doane, Carol Curtis, Tom & Mary Robinson, Robert Hubbard, Frank Washburn, Nancy Hubbard, Connie Lucier, Diane & Steve Lanney, Carol Beauvais, Cyndy Doane, Mary Taylor and Gene & Marcey Hallock. The final \$50 winner was Pat Woodward. The final \$100 winners were Claudia Provencal and June Hubbard-Ward. The final \$150 winner was Gwen Bertrand. Thank you all for your continued support.

Fall 2013 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 ticket at Field Day or you may contact Barbara Hubbard to purchase a ticket. This money benefits our Restoration and Renovation Fund. This fund was used to make needed repairs to the sanctuary floor over the summer.

Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free Concert – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Sunday December 8th 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.

Community Food Collection – Beginning Sunday, October 6th and ending Sunday, November 24th, 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.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Folding Tables	4	80	240
Building Drainage		Unknown	
Sanctuary Fire Sensors		Unknown	
Volunteers		Priceless	
Entrance way carpeting			750
Jelly Jars (8 oz.)	30 cs	7	210

Jams & Jellies – Church ladies: Barbara Hubbard, June Hubbard-Ward, Carol Hubbard-Kelley, Rose Kelley, Brianna Whitney, Betty Bumpus 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 of our neighbors and friends that have let the ladies pick at all their secret patches and to all who donated jars and ingredients.

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!

Order of Service – If you want any information in our order of service, please get that information to Carol at

caroljwwhitney@charter.net or 978-928-3748 by Tuesday of the week you want something posted.

Joys & Concerns – April 5, 2013 Frank Washburn passed after a brief illness. Frank & his wife Fran moved to Hubbardston from Washington D.C. in 1950. He was a WWII Veteran. He leaves behind his daughter Cynthia and her husband Al Doane and a granddaughter Caroline.

Gingerbread Fair – Always the first Saturday in December – This year the fair is Saturday, December 7th from 9 am – 3 pm. Raffles, Auctions, wreaths, holiday baskets, crafts, baked goods, candy are just some of the tables this year. A Swedish meatball luncheon will be served beginning at 11 am. Look for the Holiday Parish Press for more information.

All Church Trip – A great day at Higgins Armory – Sadly, this wonderful museum in Worcester will be closing. A group of Church members and friends toured the armory for one last time this past spring. Fun was had by all. Does anyone have any suggestions for next year’s all Church trip?

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. Thank you.

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.

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

Preserved Children – Take 1 large field, half a dozen children, 2 or 3 small dogs, a pinch of brook and some pebbles. Mix the children and dogs well together; put them on the field, stirring constantly. Pour the brook over the pebbles; sprinkle the field with flowers; spread over all a deep blue sky and bake in the sun. When brown, set away to cool in the bath tub.

(This was reprinted from a 1950 cook book from the Social Union Alliance of the Unitarian Church titled: “Hubbardston Famous Recipes”.)



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Coming Events 2013 – 2014

September 7 th , Saturday	Field Day, Rt. 68	9 am – 4 pm
September 8 th , Sunday	Church Services resume	10 am
September 29 th , Sunday	Annual Meeting following 10 am service Potluck	11 am
October 6 th , Sunday`	Food Collection Begins	10 am
October 26 th , Saturday	Fall Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
November 2 nd , Saturday	Holiday Shopping at the Vendor Fair	9 am – 1 pm
November 24 th , Sunday	Thanksgiving Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel Food Collection Ends	12 noon – 3 pm
December 7 th , Saturday	Gingerbread Fair	9 am – 3 pm
December 8 th , Sunday	Dana Brass Concert	5:30 pm
December 24 th , Tuesday	Christmas Eve Service	5 pm
April 13 th , Sunday	Spring Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel	12 noon – 3 pm
April 20 th , Sunday	Easter Service	10 am
April 26 th , Saturday	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
May 4 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 25 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm
November 13 th , Wednesday	Berry Bowl Making	6 pm
November 23 rd , Sunday	Cemetery Basket Assembly	12 noon
November 29-30 /Dec. 1 Fri/Sat/Sun	Laurel Wreath Making	9 am – 3 pm
December 6 th , Friday	Gingerbread Fair Set up	7 – 9 pm
April 16 th , Wednesday	Sanctuary cleaning	6 pm
April 25 th , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm



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