



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston



# The Parish Press

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## “Call From Beyond”

From beyond the playful summer clouds,  
 beyond the earth's thin blue line,  
 from beyond the bright moon and meteor  
 showers,  
 we hear the call to look and listen carefully,  
 to turn away from a world that buys and sells  
 happiness,  
 to fully experience the luring whisper of your  
 heart's truth.

Why not today, why not now?

We are here and together at home in this  
 evolving place,  
 home in this ever changing breath and body,  
 home in this dewy morning even as it reaches  
 toward a hot high noon.

We hear the call from far beyond and deep  
within and we do not hear it alone.

Come, let us worship together.

-Susan Maginn

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9-12 *Field Day*  
9 am to 3 pm
- 9-13 *Church begins*
- 9-27 *Annual Meeting*  
11 am  
*Potluck*
- 10-4 *Food Collection Begins*
- 10-23 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale Set-up*  
7 pm to 9 pm
- 10-24 *Fall Indoor Yard Sale*  
9 am to 2 pm
- 11-22 *Thanksgiving Farmer's Market*  
*Williamsville Chapel*  
12 noon to 3 pm  
*Food Collection Ends*
- 11-27to 11-29 *Laurel Wreath Making*  
9 am to 4 pm
- 12-4 *Gingerbread Fair Set-up*  
7 pm to 9 pm
- 12-5 *Gingerbread Fair*  
9 am to 3 pm
- 12-12 *Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet*  
5:30 pm
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve Service*  
5 pm

Pianist: Hallie Martin

Church 10:00 am

### How to contact us:

First Parish Unitarian Church, Box 509, Hubbardston, MA 01452

Church Phone:  
978-928-5822



Websites:  
[www.hubbardstonunitarian.org](http://www.hubbardstonunitarian.org)  
[www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)  
[www.cbd.uua.org](http://www.cbd.uua.org)

**The Annual Community Giving Campaign for the 2015-2016 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 “Bear’s Claw” Country Quilt will be on display and chances may be purchased. The quilt will be raffled off at the Gingerbread Fair on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will also be selling tickets for our cord wood raffle that will be drawn on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 2015 Round of 1-20 Club tickets. Be sure to pick up a copy of our Church 2015-16 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 are to be announced that day. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, services will resume at 10 AM. Sunday services include singing, prayer, sharing of joys & sorrows, visiting guest ministers and speakers.

**Annual Meeting – September 27<sup>th</sup>** – The Annual meeting of the Church will be held Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 a 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 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 are 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. What follows is the schedule of the first few months of Pulpit Speakers. Come join us, not just on Christmas and Easter but all year long.

<b>Sept.</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Rev. Eliza Blanchard</i>
	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>SSVMS/TBA</i>
	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lay Service</i>
<b>Oct.</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Elizabeth Siwo-Okundi</i>
	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lisa Kirk</i>
<b>Nov.</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<i>Rev. Phyllis Pomerleau</i>
	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Lay Service</i>
	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Rev. Eliza Blanchard</i>
	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<i>C. Hubbard-Kelley</i>
<b>Dec.</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Pioneer Valley Brass</i>
	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Carol Sing</i>
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>TBA</i>

**Pianist** – On September 13<sup>th</sup> we welcome back our Pianist Hallie Martin for her second year. She is a junior at Wachusett Regional High School and a student of our former pianist, Chris Bergquist.

**Prepare for Fair Meeting** – Lots of planning goes into our Gingerbread Fair to be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The pre-fair meeting will be held on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. 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** – The Church is continuing our cord of wood raffle. The wood has been graciously donated by Chris Pirner for the second year. The drawing will be held at the Fall In-Door Yard Sale on October 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series** – Beginning for the ninth 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. All Second Sunday Visiting Musician programs are at 10 AM except Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> which is at 5:30 pm.

**Fall Indoor Yard Sale** – Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 “Bear’s Claw” 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 Carol at 978-928-3748 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 Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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.

**Thanksgiving Farmer’s Market** – Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 “Bear’s Claw” country quilt raffle and seasonal decorations made from locally grown earth products.

**“Bear’s Claw” Country Quilt** – The Bear’s Paw Quilt was the third quilt used to help prepare slaves for their journey to freedom. Runaways were directed to follow the actual trail of a bear’s footprints. Animal footprints would indicate the best path, just like a road map, through the mountains. Following the bear’s paws would also lead tired, hungry runaways to food and water. This colorful quilt is done in shades of red, brown, green, and blue. The background is light tan. The backing material and binding are complimentary to the colors of the top of the quilt. The simple hand quilting sets off the overall pattern of the Bear’s Paw. This 83” square quilt is just right for any home and is an heirloom for the future.

Tickets may be purchased at the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston Field Day Booth, Fall Indoor Yard Sale, and the Gingerbread Fair. The tickets are \$3.00 for one and \$10.00 for four. The drawing of the winning ticket will be Dec.5 at The Gingerbread Fair.

**Spring 1-20 Club Winners** – Spring 2015 \$50 winners were:

1. Tom & Lynne Monfreda
2. Marcia Howlett
3. Gene & Marcie Hallock
4. Steve Chapman
5. Paul & Dot Valley
6. Carol Hubbard-Kelley
7. Fran Ward
8. Carol Curtis
9. Bob & Doni Cohn
10. Carol Whitney
11. Carol Beauvais
12. Bill & Donna Shea

The final \$50 winner was Sherry Prescott. The final \$100 winners were Carol Saulnier and Karen Marean. The final \$150 winner was Carol Pearsall. Thank you all for your continued support.

**Fall 2015 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – \$100 and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Gingerbread Fair** – Always the first Saturday in December – This year the fair is Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3 pm. Raffles, Auctions, wreaths, holiday baskets, crafts, baked goods, candy are just some of the tables this year. A Home Made Ham and Beans luncheon will be served beginning at 11 am. Look for the Holiday Parish Press for more information.

**Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet Free Concert** – The Church will host a free performance by the Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Change Your Address** – If you change your address, either U.S. Mail or email, please let us know. You may email Mary at Mjt0123@charter.net or send a written note to the Church at P.O. Box 509, Hubbardston MA 01452. Thank you.

**Community Food Collection** – Beginning Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and ending Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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>
Building Drainage		Unknown	
Sanctuary Fire Sensors		Unknown	
Volunteers		Priceless	
Entrance way carpeting		750	
Jelly Jars (8 oz.)	30 cs	8	240

**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. Apple, Grape, Elderberry, Crabapple, Currant, Blackberry, Raspberry, Black Raspberry, Blueberry, Strawberry, Pear, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Rhubarb and Peach are on the list

of favorites. Carol Whitney, Brianna Whitney, Gail Dorval, Carol Hubbard-Kelley 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** – This past spring two members of our Church family graduated with master's degrees. Maegan Powers with a Masters in Library Science from Drexel University and Deirdre Watkins with a Master's in Business Administration Marketing from Nichols College. They are both daughters of Diane and the late John Watkins.

**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
Carol Hubbard-Kelley: VP	978-928-4473
Mary Taylor: Clerk	978-928-4289



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On the Common  
PO Box 509  
Hubbardston, MA 01452

### Coming Events 2015 – 2016

September 12 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday	Field Day, Rt. 68	9 am – 3 pm
September 13 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday	Church Services resume	10 am
September 27 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday	Annual Meeting Potluck	11 am
October 4 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday	Food Collection Begins	10 am
October 24 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday	Fall Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Sunday	Thanksgiving Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel Food Collection Ends	12 noon – 3 pm
December 5 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday	Gingerbread Fair	9 am – 3 pm
December 12 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday	Dana Brass Concert	5:30 pm
December 24 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday	Christmas Eve Service	5 pm
March/April TBA, Sunday	Spring Farmers Market Williamsville Chapel	12 noon – 3 pm
March 27 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday	Easter Service	10 am
April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Saturday	Spring Indoor Yard Sale	9 am – 2 pm
May 1 <sup>st</sup> , Sunday	Recognition Service Potluck	10 am
June TBA Saturday	Town wide Yard Sale	8 am – 2 pm

*For additional events go to our website [hubbardstonunitarian.org](http://hubbardstonunitarian.org) or watch local papers and cable TV*

### Prepare for Fair workshop dates

October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm
November 15 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday	Berry Bowl Making	11 am
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Sunday	Cemetery Basket Assembly	12 noon
November 27, 28, 29 Fri/Sat/Sun	Laurel Wreath Making	9 am – 3 pm
December 4 <sup>th</sup> , Friday	Gingerbread Fair Set up	7 – 9 pm
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Wednesday	Sanctuary cleaning	6 pm
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Friday	Yard Sale set up	7 – 9 pm



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**2015/2016 CHURCH CALENDAR**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	
	No Church	Church	Church SSVMS	Church Lay Service Annual Meeting Potluck	
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	
	Church	No Church	Church	Church Lay Service C.Hubbard-Kelley	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>
	Church	Church Lay Service Vet's Sunday Coffee Hour	Church	Church Lay Service C.Hubbard-Kelley	No Church
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	
	No Church	Church Lay Service Carol Sing	No Church 24 Christ. Eve 5:00 PM	No Church	
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>31</b>
	No Church	Church Lay Service	Church	Church Lay Service	No Church
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	
	Church Lay Service	No Church	Church SSVMS Coffee Hour	Church	
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	
	Church Lay Service	Church SSVMS Coffee Hour	Church Palm Sunday	Church Easter Coffee Hour	
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	
	Church	Church SSVMS Coffee Hour	No Church	Church	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	
	Church Recognition Service 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.

