



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

# The Parish Press

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Holiday 2009

## COMING EVENTS

**Gingerbread Fair** – Come one, come all...this is our big day – Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 3 pm. It is a day we fill our vestry with friends, neighbors and family, tables piled high with baked goods, crafts, raffles, chinese and silent auction prizes and our famous Swedish meatball luncheon on the stage.

The Silent Auction, Chinese Auction and large item raffle tables give everyone a chance to bid on items including gift certificates, passes & services from businesses, friends and attractions from Hubbardston and the surrounding towns. We will be raffling a signed picture of a Red Sox player. Betty Bumpus, Cyndy Doane & Lori Prentiss will be chairing these tables.

The Baked Goods table will have Jeanne Donahue, Pat Woodward and Mariann Ward selling some of the finest baked goods around, like Finnish coffee bread, homemade pies, quick breads, squares, Indian pudding, gingerbread cookies and other goodies.

The Homemade Jams and Jellies table will have Amy Leslie and Abby Taylor as the sellers of many wonderful flavors including Concord grape, wild red grape, blueberry, elderberry, blackberry, gooseberry, pear, peach, strawberry & crab apple.

### Important Dates:

- 11-18 *Berry Bowl Making*  
7 pm
- 11-20 *Meatball Making*  
1 pm
- 11-22 *Memorial Basket Making*  
12 noon
- 11-27 *Wreath Making*  
9 am – 3 pm
- 12-4 *Gingerbread Fair Set-up*  
7 pm – 9 pm
- 12-5 *Gingerbread Fair*  
9 am – 3 pm
- 12-6 *Dana Brass Concert*  
5:30 pm
- 12-13 *Messiah Sing - QCO*  
3 pm
- 12-20 *Kid's Christmas Party*  
10 am
- 12-24 *Christmas Eve*  
5 pm
- 1-10 *SSVMS: Nancy Brunelle*  
10 am
- 2-21 *SSVMS: Resurrection Brass*  
10 am
- 2-21 *SSVMS: Chair City Pipers*  
10 am

Pianist: Melissa Dymek  
RE Director: Nancy Hubbard

Church 10 am  
Sunday School 9 am

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Be sure to stop by and see Carol Whitney and Kim Pirner at the Candy table. You can pick up a pound or two or buy it by the piece. Remember; nobody can eat just one. Some of the favorites at this table are peneuche, peanut butter, chocolate fudge and butter cream mints.

Laurel Wreaths will be for sale and they go fast. Give Barbara a call at 978-928-4475 with your order. The Naturals table has berry bowls, pinecone garland, memorial baskets and other beautiful earthy items. Be sure to say hello to Diane Watkins & Nancy Hubbard here.

The Craft table will have many one-of-a-kind handmade items, such as ornaments, tree skirts and unique gift items. Mary Taylor, and Carol Hubbard-Kelley will be chairs. Fair goers may also purchase hand knitted items. Barbara Hubbard and Janet Dubois will be working at that table. The Spice Shoppe will be open, be sure the visit Asta Anderson at this aromatic table of hand packed spices. Among some of our favorites are cardamom, and catnip for your feline friends.

To give you a head start we are enclosing 6 Four Patch Country quilt raffle tickets with your Parish Press. When you attend the Fair, please return the sold ticket stubs, or mail them to Box 509 before December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are 1 for \$2 and 3 for \$5. The winner of the quilt will be drawn at the end of the Fair. Sonya Grady will staff this raffle and right next to her will be our Gingerbread House raffle with chances being sold by Molly Guertin.

The delicious Swedish Meatball Luncheon served by Fran & June Ward will begin at 11 am and will be served on the stage. The meal includes meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, and biscuits and for desert; gingerbread with whipped cream and a beverage for only \$8. Take out is available. Working in the kitchen will be Bob Hubbard, Billy Bumpus, Charlie Woodward, Jason Ward and Angie Wirtinen.

The winners of the Silent and Chinese Auction and all raffles will be announced at the end of the fair.

**Laurel Wreath Making** –. Let There Be Wreaths. Beginning Friday November 27<sup>th</sup>

of Thanksgiving weekend through Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 4 pm, we will create, assemble, fashion, build and construct close to 70 big fluffy laurel wreaths decked out with large pinecones and big red bows. If lots of us help, Sunday will not be necessary. Please bring a snack to share and 2 bags of laurel. If you do not have laurel on your property, give us a call and we will direct you to the great laurel pickin' patches. The laurel can be picked a few days in advance. Make it an after dinner family excursion to get rid of those calories from that extra slice of pie. Better yet, pack up the pie and bring it for a snack. Place your orders for these handsome wreaths with Barbara at 978-928-4475. They go quickly.

**Dana Brass Concert** - December 6<sup>th</sup> our Church will be hosting a free concert with The Pioneer Valley Brass Quintet at 5:30 pm. The Quintet features trumpets, horns, trombones and a tuba. The performance includes an array of Holiday songs, arranged by the Quintet members. These services are given to any church desiring a high quality musical service. This organization came into being when the Quabbin Reservoir was constructed, which flooded 4 towns during the 1930's. The First Universalist Parish of Dana established a trust fund to keep the memory of North Dana and their churches alive. Save the date and join us for this Christmas Tradition. Light refreshments to follow.

**Children's Christmas Party** – Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, the Sunday School will hold their Christmas Pageant upstairs in the Sanctuary. Directly following the pageant a party will be held downstairs with cake & presents. We hope an Ambassador from the North Pole will pay us a visit if we sing very loud. Please let Nancy Hubbard know if you are bringing a younger guest. She will notify the Ambassador that they will be coming to the party.

**Christmas Eve Candle Light Service** – Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE TIME FROM THE REGULAR SERVICE. This will be a very traditional service. We

light candles and sing carols. Please join us for this very special service.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

There will be no 10 am Church service on:

November 29<sup>th</sup>  
December 6<sup>th</sup>: Dana Brass 5:30 pm  
December 13<sup>th</sup>: Messiah Sing 3 pm  
December 27<sup>th</sup>  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
January 17<sup>th</sup>  
January 24<sup>th</sup>  
January 31<sup>st</sup>  
February 14<sup>th</sup>  
April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting Held September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Our annual meeting was held September 27<sup>th</sup> in the vestry at 11 am. During the business meeting annual election of officers was held. The new officers for the upcoming Church year of 2009-2010 are Carol Whitney, President, Barbara Hubbard, Treasurer, Mary Taylor, Clerk, & Cyndy Washburn-Doane, Vice President. Those in attendance received an Annual Report. Welcome Officers and Parish Committee Members.

**120 Club Continues** – The 120 Club started by Barbara in 1990 benefits the Restoration Fund. During the year she completes two rounds of 1-20 club tickets. This fund permitted us to repair the septic system, work on the steeple, complete building work as needed and replace the roof. Thanks to our Members & Friends who purchase tickets over the years. Donations are accepted to this fund at any time.

**Take me out to the Ball Game 2010** – Be on the look out again for our “FUN” Raiser. Beginning in early January 2010 the Church will be raffling off 4 tickets to a baseball game at historic Fenway Park in Boston. Your tickets may be purchased from any member of the Parish Committee and members of the Church. Ticket prices are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The Raffle will be drawn on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> at our Mother’s Day Potluck & our Children’s Sunday at the Church beginning at 10 am.

For further information please contact Mary Taylor at 978-928-4289 or e-mail her at mjt123@charter.net. Proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Restoration Fund.

**Hubbardston Community Theatre** – The upcoming show for HCT will be “*Beauty and the Beast*”. Many of our Church members and Friends are part of this production, from actors to back stage and the orchestra. The show is March 19, 20, & 21 at the Hubbardston Center School Auditorium. See you there.

**Parish Press Spring 2010** – The spring edition of the Parish Press will be going out at the beginning of March 2010. Articles, ideas and news are always welcome. Please contact Editor Cyndy Washburn-Doane at cwdoane@-charter.net. There is also a drop off for articles in the Church kitchen.

**Second Sunday Visiting Musicians Series with Pot Luck Supper** – Back by popular demand, is our series of musical presentations on the second Sunday of the month taking place during our 10 am service. In addition, every second Sunday is Pot Luck in the vestry right after the service. Each musician will perform for about 20 minutes as part of the worship service. This is a nondenominational service.

### *Remaining Schedule:*

**Dec. 6	Pioneer Valley Brass at 5:30 PM Light refreshments to follow
Dec. 13	Quabbin Community Orchestra Messiah Sing at 3 or 3:30 Pot luck to follow
Jan. 10	Nancy Brunelle, singer
* Feb. 21	Resurrection Brass
Mar. 14	Chair City Pipers
Apr. 10	United Bell Ringers at 3:15 Light refreshments to follow
Apr. 11	Melissa Dymek & her students
May 10	Sunday School Children’s Play

*\*First Sunday  
\*\*No Pot Luck*

Our Hymn sing on October 18<sup>th</sup> was a lot of fun, as our enthusiastic voices rocked the house. Our performance on November 8<sup>th</sup>, was given by Gail Picard. Her voice

resonated though the sanctuary, as the gifted singer/song writer sang out to us. Anyone interested in being included for next year's series, please contact Carol Whitney at 978-928-3748 or e-mail her at caroljwwhitney@charter.net. Please pass the word.

**Hymnals** – These books of song are a wonderful way to acknowledge a loved one, mark a special occasion or just to purchase. A label will be placed inside each donated book in commemoration. Please contact Barbara to purchase a hymnal. Several more are needed.

**Annual Giving** - It is not too late to give to the 2009-2010 Annual Giving or to send in a pledge. These combined with the proceeds from our fairs, fund our operating budget and finance our Sunday services. If you need a pledge form or have any questions, please see Carol Whitney.

**Tribute Gifts** – these gifts support the Church's *Annual Giving Campaign* and are an excellent way to celebrate lifelong friendships and the organization where they all started. Tribute gifts are a meaningful way to mark the passing of a loved one. Other reasons why donors have made a tribute gift are to celebrate an anniversary, a birthday, wedding or any other special occasion.

**Parish History** - After the Meeting House was constructed and in the middle of the Revolutionary War, the town voted on December 14, 1775, to begin building seats and pews in the house, and chose a committee to do the work. But it was not done. It is probable, that in this building, without paint or ceiling, pulpit or pews, or even seats-except for rough boards laid on blocks-and even no fire, they worshipped for nine or ten years, though during that time, one or two attempts were made to finish it. We learned that the men sat on one side, and the women on the other.

**Planned Gifts** – Planned Gifts is established to recognize those individuals who have made arrangements to leave a planned gift to the First Parish Unitarian Church. The Church welcomes those who have included the Church in their will, trust, retirement plan, or other deferred gift plan

and have informed us of their generosity. Please consider supporting the Church's future through a provision in your estate plan and kindly let us know if you have already done so. We want to express our gratitude and acknowledge your generosity.

**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

**Looking for your e-mails** – Please send your email address to cwdoane@charter.net. We want to continue to provide you with any new events that have not been listed in our 2009-2010 schedules enclosed our Fall Parish Press.

**New Members** – If you would like to know more about membership, please contact a member of the Parish Committee.

**This Past Field Day** was a great day for our Church. We talked to a lot of people, passed out several events calendars, sold jams/jellies, fudge, knitting and spices. Thanks to all of those people that stopped our booth and our many the helpers.

**How can you help serve our Church in other ways?** – During the Church year we try to plan many different events. What would you, your family and friends like to see at the Church? Do you have a special talent, craft, or be a mentor, or plan a special event that you would like to share or teach us in an evening or afternoon or two? Our hope is that everyone, whether you have children in the Church or not, will get involved throughout the years. The 2009-2010 Event Schedule belongs to and depends on, the entire congregation. There are many ways you may share your skills and special abilities.