



First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston

The Parish Press

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Spring 2012

Praise the sun, the moon, the stars

*Praise the sun, the moon, the stars,
 Praise the ant, the tree, the shining leaf.
 Praise every child large and small,
 Praise the one within us all.
 Praise the swimmers, crawlers, and creepers.
 Praise the flower and the winding weed,
 Praise each blade of grass and every dewdrop.
 Praise dark moist earth.
 Praise rock, sand, and shoal.
 Praise wind -- nature's breath.
 Praise those with fin, fur, and finger,
 Praise the winged ones, the tiny ones,
 and all the ones that live unseen.
 Praise brightest morning and darkest night.
 Praise the prickly and the unpopular.
 Praise the crow's cry and the beggar's sigh.
 Praise the dancers, the doers and the dreamers.
 Praise those that give, those who love, and those who heal.
 Praise to wanderers, weavers and seekers.
 Praise sounds of thunder, crashing waves,
 and shouts for justice.
 Praise silence.
 Praise spirit.
 Praise all colors.
 Praise all acts of compassion.
 Praise all. Praise all. Praise all.*

Kathy A. Huff

Important Dates:

- 4-1 **Williamsville Chapel
Farmer's Market
12 - 3 pm**
- 4-4 **Sanctuary Clean-up
6 pm**
- 4-8 **Easter
Coffee to follow
10 am**
- 4-20 **Indoor Yard Sale Set-up
7 - 9 pm**
- 4-21 **Spring Indoor Yard Sale
9 am - 2 pm**
- 5-4 **Westminster Farmer's Mkt
Opening Day
3 pm - 6:30 pm**
- 5-6 **Children's Sunday
10 am
Potluck Brunch**
- 5-20 **Recognition Sunday
10 am**
- 6-2 **Town Wide Yard Sale
8 am - 2 pm**

Pianist: Chris Bergquist
RE Director: Nancy Hubbard

Church: 10 am
Sunday School: 9 am

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CHURCH NEWS

Spring Farmers Market at the Williamsville Chapel

The Hubbardston Historical Society will be holding a Farmers Market at the Williamsville Chapel on Burnshirt Road in Hubbardston on April 1st from 12 – 3 pm. Our Church will be selling Jams & Jellies made by our Church ladies: Barbara Hubbard, June Hubbard-Ward and Mary Taylor. For sale will be



Elderberry, Crabapple, Blackberry, Blueberry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Rhubarb, Peach Jam, Pear Jam, Gooseberry, Current, Reduced Sugar Concord Grape, Black Raspberry Jelly, Pear Jelly, Wild Red Grape and Concord Grape. We will have samples for you to taste. Please recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars back 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.

Let's Get Ready For Easter - Break out the brooms, mops and cleaning gear. Wednesday, April 4th at 6 pm is our Easter Clean-up. We move into spring by cleaning the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

Easter Sunday - Easter services will be held Sunday April 8th at 10:00 am, with Phyllis Pomerleau delivering the sermon and Chris Bergquist will be playing the piano. Please join us for coffee in the vestry directly after the service.

Annual Spring Indoor Yard Sale - This year's spring sale will be held on Saturday April 21st from 9:00 AM until 2:00 pm. Treasures of all sorts will be sold, usually yard sale items, clothing, toys and puzzles. Donations will be accepted on Friday night April 20th from 7 – 9 pm. Please do not leave any donations outside the church prior to Friday night. Please consider dividing your perennials and donating these handsome little potted surprises to our plant table. Disposal of unsold items is a major problem. Please, we need small salable items, no large furniture, appliances, or electronic equipment.

The famous Church Lady Luncheon will be served. The menu will include soup, sandwiches

and home-baked goodies. The Spice Shop will be open and we will hold a Chinese Auction. We will be selling homemade jams & jellies, knitting and perennials. We need donations for the auction table and goodies and volunteers are needed.

Children's Sunday – Children's Sunday will be held on May 6th at 10 am. This is a change from the calendar that was included with the Fall Parish Press. As part of the service the Sunday School children receive their attendance pins.

Town Wide Yard Sale - The Church will be having an Indoor Yard Sale during Hubbardston's Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 2nd from 8 am – 2 pm. We will have yard sale items; a bake sale, coffee & pastry and our famous Church Lady Luncheon all day; homemade sandwiches, pickles & chips, beverage & dessert for eat-in or take-out will be available. We need volunteers to set up, sell, bake and clean up. Please make us one of your stops during your treasure hunt around town.



Winners 120 Club Fall 2011 - The following people won \$50 in the fall round of the 120 Club: Nancy Hubbard, David Hallock, Sonia Grady, Amy Leslie, Roy Grandone, Donald Marean, Flo Pervier, Donnie & Bob Cohn, Carol Kelley & Connie Lucier. The final winners are: \$50 – Todd Keating, \$100 – John McWilliams & Lynn Franciose, \$150 – Bob Hubbard. Thanks to all our ticket holders for your continued support.

Ways to Give - There are many ways to give, and every dollar you give back or leave as a legacy will make a lasting difference to the future of the First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston. A program that is very popular is a Matching Gift. Many businesses have programs that match the personal gifts made by employees, retirees, and family members. This is an easy way to increase the impact of your gift. Information on your companies, matching gift program is usually available from your human resources department. To learn more about other specific gift plans, please contact a member of the Parish Committee.



Remaining Services:

April 1

Jennie Isbell
Palm Sunday

April 8

Phyllis Pomerleau
Easter
Coffee to follow

April 15

No Church

April 22

Aaron Stockwell

April 29

Phyllis Pomerleau

May 6

Nancy Hubbard, RE Director
Children's Sunday

May 13

Rev. Eliza Blanchard
Mother's Day

May 20

Carol Whitney
Recognition/Lay Service
Potluck

Facebook - For those of you who have Facebook accounts you can stay up dated with the Church and its many activities through Facebook. We will be posting who will be speaking each week, who will be performing on our Second Sunday Visiting Music Series and many other events and activities like The Gingerbread Fair and Indoor Yard Sales. Plus we will be able to inform you much sooner when we will be canceling Church services due to inclement weather. We are looking for pictures of our Church to add to our Facebook page, so if you have any, please post them on our page or send them to us via e-mail. Please add us by typing First Parish Unitarian Church of Hubbardston into the search bar on your Facebook page and click "Like". You may also visit us on the internet at www.hubbardstonunitarian.org. Our newsletters will be posted there and the site will be updated 3-4 times per year. There is also a link to Facebook there.

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!

Hymnals – These splendid books of song are a great way to remember a loved one, mark a special occasion or just to purchase. Our hymnals are in! Please check in with Barbara at 978-928-4475 to pay for your book and fill out your personalized label to be placed inside each book. The need for more hymnals still exists. In that we would like to have a book for each person on our well attended special occasions.

Wish List at the Church –As shown, we have gotten a fire proof file cabinet. We are still in need of the other items on the list. Please contact the Parish Committee if you are able to help with this. Thank you for your generous tax deductible donations.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<i>Plastic Folding Tables</i>	6	40	240
<i>Entrance way Carpeting</i>			750
<i>Fire Proof File cab..</i>	1	1300	1300
<i>Building Drainage</i>			Unknown
<i>Sanctuary Fire Sensors</i>			Unknown
<i>Volunteers</i>			Priceless
<i>Grantwriter</i>			Invaluable
<i>Jelly Jars (8 oz.)</i>	30 cs	7	210

Spring 2012 Round of 1-20 TICKETS AVAILABLE

– The Spring 1-20 Club tickets are available for sale now. Each ticket is \$20. There will be 12 drawings for \$50 each. The drawings are held on Sunday at the Church. In addition to the 12 drawings, there are 4 drawings done the final Sunday of Church on May 20th during Potluck for: 1st - \$150, 2nd - \$100, 3rd - \$100 and 4th - \$50. Thank you all for your continued support. Contact Barbara (978-928-4475) to purchase a ticket. This money benefits our Restoration and Renovation fund.

Jams & Jellies – Church ladies: Barbara Hubbard, June Hubbard-Ward and Mary Taylor are back at Jam & Jelly production. Last year was another successful year. This year we are looking for peppers, for Hot Pepper Jelly,



and plums. If anyone has any fruit that the ladies can use give Mary a call at 978-928-4289. Please recycle your 8 oz. jelly jars by returning them to the Church.

Joys & Sorrows - Sylvia Thompson, a life long Hubbardston resident passed away in December 2011. She leaves behind two children Ruth Smith and Sid Jr. Barbara Hubbard has been under the weather this past winter. We hope she feels better soon. Cards may be sent to her at 1 Barre Rd. Cut-Off, Hubbardston MA 01452. Joan Johnson is a grandmother (again) of triplets, born in July of 2011. Wayne Taylor is on the mend after a bone marrow transplant in June.

Future Services Needs Committee - The Future Services Needs Committee is a group of interested parishioners looking into the many needs concerning our services. These needs may be, but not limited to ministerial, music and content. Any topic that pertains to services will be touched on according to the group attending. This group will make recommendations to the Parish Committee (PC). The PC will bring any changes before the entire Church body before they are acted upon. Current committee members are Carol Whitney, Barbara Hubbard, Lori Prentiss and Nancy Hubbard. They are looking for a few more.

Got News? - Our Fall 2012 Parish Press will be going out at the end of August. Submissions for this issue are due by August 23rd.



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 meets every Wednesday at 4 pm. We schedule services and ministers, support the Sunday school programs, bring interesting programs to the community, plan fairs and continue our building maintenance. We continue to work with the Town to complete the land division and undertake the day by day business of the church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings.

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