

# BRIDGING



Newsletter of the First Parish Church, Bridgewater, MA, Unitarian Universalist

April 2015

## From the Minister...

### “Vulnerability”

Our theme for the month of April is vulnerability. Many of us don't like to think about being vulnerable because it makes us feel weak or powerless. Teenagers famously think of themselves as invulnerable in immortal – which is why so many of them suffer from accidents they could have avoided if they had taken more care. Growing up is partly about planning ahead to avoid those setbacks that we can prepare for: driving carefully, taking out life insurance, getting the education and training we need for success, saving for retirement and so on.

And then along comes life. Into each of our lives some rain will fall. There will be unexpected sickness in the family, stock and housing market crashes, lost jobs, stalled careers, disappointments of all sorts. If we are wise, we realize that resiliency is one of the most important aspects of our character to develop. If we are fortunate, we begin to develop a deep faith that we will manage somehow no matter what may befall us. And if we are very fortunate, the reversals we experience can be borne.

Rabbi Harold Kushner's book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* examines how we cope with disaster through the lens of the book of Job in the Hebrew Bible – the story in which God allows the Satan to take away from Job all of his wealth, his children and his health to test whether he will remain faithful. I once mistakenly referred to the title as *If Bad Things Happen...* and was quickly corrected by one of my Rabbi friends – it's *When Bad things happen* – because they surely will.

The story of Easter – right up to Easter morning – is a story of how very vulnerable the very human Jesus is, up to and including his crucifixion at the hands of the legionnaires of the Roman Empire, a brutal occupying power that exercises exploitive control and kills all who defy her. Unitarians and Universalists have historically focused far more attention on this human aspect of Jesus as an exemplary teacher rather than on the theology of his participation in the Trinity. It was in his human vulnerability that Jesus reached out to those who were outcast or scorned or left out and joined them in their vulnerability, and suffering, and humiliation.

It is when we suffer that we learn what suffering is like for others. It is when we are vulnerable that we are reminded what it feels like not to be in complete control of our lives. It is in suffering that we learn compassion for the suffering of others.

When we realize we are vulnerable, we come to value the community and the family around us. This is also a path to reaching out to others who have had less advantages – kids less privileged than our own who need a camp experience, those who are sick or in mourning who need a visit, those who are hungry who need food – and the earth itself, which is vulnerable to our insatiable human desires.

Our Blessed Community of Memory and Hope is a place where we tend one another when we are vulnerable, and support each other in reaching beyond our own walls to extend that community into the world around us.

Save the Date for our Installation Service Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m.

In Faith for the Journey,

Rev. Paul

# Installation of Rev. Paul Sprecher

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**Sunday, April 26, 3:00 pm**—Save the date for this Installation Ceremony in which the congregation and our new minister celebrate and express our mutual hopes and dreams for this ministry. We will be having lots of ministers and congregants from nearby churches, great music, and a party afterwards.

**Save the Date!**

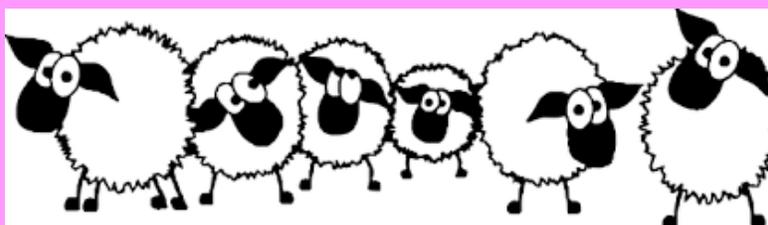


## It's "KIDS TO CAMP" time again!

One of the environmental justice projects First Parish committed to in our *Green Sanctuary Action Plan* is to help send children from low-income families to nature camp. As we approach our seventh "Kids to Camp" year to sponsor children's attendance to Sheep Pasture Nature Camp in Easton, we are grateful and excited to have experienced this project growing each year. You, our members have donated so generously we have been able to send increasingly more children each year.

Because of your generosity, these children were able to attend Sheep Pasture Nature Camp for a week of exploration, songs, games and crafts with other kids ages 6 to 12. Sheep Pasture Nature Camp, which is operated by the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, has 154 acres of farm, forest, meadows and streams that provide a perfect outdoor lab for children to learn about their environment and the important role that they can play in protecting it.

When the Green Sanctuary Committee began this project six years ago, our goal was to sponsor one child, but because of your overwhelming support we have been able to sponsor 24 children over the past six summers! We hope to continue this trend and sponsor as many children as possible!



Environmental Justice is the place where concerns for the environment and social justice intersect. It recognizes that the impacts of environmental damage often fall first, and most severely, on disadvantaged individuals and communities. Children from low income communities often bear the brunt of environmental pollution. Their homes and neighborhoods may be in areas that lack green space for them to play. They may never take a family vacation at a lake or at a cabin in the forest. "Kids to Camp" can change this for a small number of children for one week each summer.

As in previous years, camp staff will identify children from low-income families whom First Parish can sponsor. The cost for one week of day camp is \$210 per child. On Sunday, April 12, our collection proceeds will fund this project. Thank you for contributing to this worthwhile program.

# Worship Services April 2015

The Theme of the Month

## Vulnerability

### Upcoming Services

April 5–An intergenerational Easter service with Rev. Paul Sprecher. Lay Worship Leader is Beth Manchester-Howell; Ushers are Debbie & Sam Baumgarten.

April 12 –The theme is “Kids to Camp” with the Green Sanctuary Committee. Lay Worship Leader is Korin Zigler; Ushers are Sue & Tom St. Thomas.

April 19 –Rev. Paul Sprecher is preaching; Lay Worship Leader is Bob Messing; Ushers Kathy Keenan and Keir Manchester Howell.

April 26– An intergenerational “Blessing the Animals” Service with Rev. Eliza Blanchard. Worship Leader is Rev. Rachel Tedesco; Ushers are Kat & Scott Gillespie. For this service, you are invited to bring your pet. But pets must be restrained... leashed or caged. Your pet’s picture or a stuffed animal are also fine.

### The Usher Schedule through the end of June follows:

May 3 – Louella Mann & Ann Thomas

May 10 – Pat & Jack Hart

May 17 – Bobbe Anderson & Quentin Jarvis

May 24 – Stefan Michaud & Susan Irish

May 31 – Mark Young & Andrew Harding

June 7 - Kat & Scott Gillespie

June 14 – Debbie & Sam Baumgarten

June 21 – Betty Gilson & Bob Messing

If you cannot usher on your date, please try to find a substitute and let Rev. Rachel know as soon as possible. Call her at 508-378-3904 or email at [revrachel@comcast.net](mailto:revrachel@comcast.net).

**Go Now In Peace** – You may have noticed in a recent order of service that we have changed the printed words to this familiar hymn (#413 in our hymnal). Instead of “May the light of love surround you...” there appears “May the love of God surround you...,” the original wording. This is because of copyright laws. Although the author is now deceased, the owners of Natalie Sleeth’s copyright will not allow any printed or recorded version of her hymn to be changed. We certainly respect that and urge you to sing the words as originally written.

**Summer Services** – They’re coming... really! Who among our members would like to offer a creative and stimulating service? Or do you have a request for a service that someone else may want to do? Please talk to one of the Worship Committee members.

**A Course on Sermon Writing** – One of our ongoing goals is to improve lay-led services. What makes for a good sermon? Is anyone interesting in taking a course in sermon theme selection, writing and delivery? We’re thinking of offering one next fall. Talk to Rev. Paul or Rev. Rachel if you are interested.

**The next Worship Committee meeting** is Thursday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the church office. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

**Committee members:** Rev. Rachel Tedesco, Chair; Denise Haskins, Stefan Michaud, David Page, Tom St. Thomas and Rev. Paul Sprecher.

## Religious Education for Children and Youth

Hello All,

Spring is here and it's time for new beginnings! It seems fitting that I came on board as DRE at First Parish as the Spring RE session begins. I am excited to see the amazing curriculum underway that inspires wonder and questioning in young people.

We are also at an exciting point in growing the RE program with The Hive. I look forward to transforming the space into a flexible and fun space, comfortable for discussion and learning. I'm thrilled about all of the wonderful things happening in the church community, and I hope you are excited too!

The RE Committee is hosting an **Open House** of The Hive on **April 12th** after the service during coffee hour. Please come and see the progress as we prepare to open the building for use!

I look forward to learning the children's interests and helping to shape the curriculum along with them to help guide their discovery of faith.

Thank you for sharing your children with us, and thank you to the teachers for donating your time to a wonderful cause!

Sara



### Easter

As we explore Easter this year on April 5th, the sanctuary will be home to an egg tree (Ostereierbaum) in which the children will be able to decorate with eggs they have worked on during RE classes. We invite **everyone** to participate and to create decorated eggs at home and hang them in the sanctuary to appreciate a tradition started in Germany that is centuries old.

Pictured here is the Saafelder Ostereierbaum in Saalfeld, Thuringia.

Easter will be an intergenerational service, and the children will be invited to an Easter egg hunt and activities toward the end of the service.

### Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22nd, and we will be reflecting upon our seventh principle during this time. We look forward to sharing this time to appreciate our world and to work together to learn more about caring for the earth.



14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FIRST PARISH  
**GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015**  
6PM WINE & CHEESE AND SILENT AUCTION  
7PM LIVE AUCTION

The annual **Goods and Services Auction** is an evening of great fun and one of First Parish's biggest fundraisers. Invite one or two friends this year - you can be sure they will have a good time. Child care will be provided, so make it a family event.

Start off with a glass of wine while you check out the silent auction table. If you haven't carefully read the list of live auction items before the big night, arrive early so you have time to decide what to bid on. Every year the donated items include wonderful things to eat, fun places to go (and great people to go with), beautiful crafts, and useful and unusual services. This year will be no exception.

At 7 pm the live auction begins. The competitive bidding for coveted items can be intense creating lots of laughter, generally some confusion, and many happy high-bidders. Intermission is one of the highlights of the evening with a selection of gourmet desserts and artisan coffee available for \$5.

The best thing about the Auction is that the fun doesn't last just one night. It continues in the following months as buyers and sellers get together to share meals, go on outings, and give and receive helpful services. The Goods and Services Auction builds our church community all year long, while raising money to meet the financial needs of the church.

**WE NEED YOUR DONATED ITEMS AND SERVICES TO MAKE THE AUCTION A SUCCESS!**  
**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AUCTION DONATION FORMS BY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>.** A form is in this issue of eBridging. Forms will also be in upcoming weekly emails and available at coffee hour. Please e-mail your completed forms to Eileen Hiney ([fryleen@verizon.net](mailto:fryleen@verizon.net)) or leave them in the box marked "AUCTION DONATIONS" in the Upper Parish Hall during coffee hour.

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## **Don't Know What to Donate To The Goods and Services Auction?**

### **Here are Some Auction Donation Ideas**

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**TEACH US HOW:** • baking • chess • holiday crafts • calligraphy • bicycle repair • skateboarding • ethnic cooking • belly dancing • job hunting • bird watching • jam-making • cake decorating

**SHARE YOUR TALENTS:** • party music • yard work • pet sitting • babysitting • wood chopping • gardening • framing a family photo • painting • tarot reading • home organization • clothes alterations • create a website

**THROW A PARTY:** • scavenger hunt • chocolate extravaganza • Super Bowl party • afternoon at the pool • game night • ice cream sundae bar • birthday party • ethnic meal • s'mores around a campfire

**INDULGE US:** • home-cooked meals • homemade pies • car detailing • facial • cookies once a month • manicure • window washing • house cleaning • garden vegetables

**GO ON AN OUTING:** • visit a museum • enjoy a concert • take a hike • day at the Cape • nature walk • horseback riding

**PROVIDE AN ESCAPE AT:** • your time-share • mountain hideaway • ocean refuge • lake side cottage • castle in France!

**BUILD A PACKAGE:** • fruit picking and tart making • bowling and beer • golf and dinner • vineyard tour and tasting • themed basket of goodies • supplies and instructions for a craft product

**The possibilities are endless. Whatever you can donate will be most appreciated!**





## GOT METAL??

It's not too early to start saving your metal for our sixth annual town-wide METAL RECYCLING DAY, Saturday, May 2 from 9am to 12 noon. Metal of all sizes, shapes and composition will be accepted at our roll-off container in the church parking lot. Contact Debbie at 508-697-6848 or [catsmeow908@verizon.net](mailto:catsmeow908@verizon.net) for more info. Tell your friends and neighbors!! All proceeds benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry.

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION

There will be a meeting of the Science and Religion Discussion Group on Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm in the Upper Parish Hall. All are welcome.



## CALLING ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

First Parish Church of Bridgewater will be holding its annual meeting on a Saturday in June. In order to compile an annual report, all committee chairs must submit a yearly summation of the committee that they head. Please have your completed report sent to [firstparishbridgewater@hotmail.com](mailto:firstparishbridgewater@hotmail.com) by **Thursday, May 21**. Thank you for your cooperation.

## YOUTH GROUP PROJECT

The youth group is in the process of organizing fund raising for the homeless shelter that the Taunton UU Church has set up. We are collecting items for a program that includes donations to the homeless, called 'blessing bags'. These blessing bags will contain necessities that are often in short supply, like socks, soap, shampoo, blankets, hand, foot and body warmers, hats, gloves, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Tylenol, non-alcoholic hand sanitizer, small water bottles, and some non-perishable food items. Any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated by not only the youth group and Taunton's congregation, but the homeless of Taunton.



# Off the Common Coffeehouse

*Located in the Upper Parish Hall at First Parish Church  
50 School Street, Bridgewater*



## April 4, 2015 at 8pm

Potluck dinner at 6:30pm

*featuring*

## Girls, Guns and Glory

### Coming Attractions

May 2 — The Rafters and Lori Diamond & Fred Abatelli (Split bill)

*Admission: \$15*

*Enjoy our homemade  
Refreshments*

*Sign up for open mike!*

## COMMUNITY

- Thank you members of the Male Bonding Band and the First Parish Choir for making my birthday extra special. It was truly an evening to remember. It is nice to be cared about and loved by such a great group of people. John Dye
- Healing wishes to Michele Turner who had foot surgery back in February.
- Condolences to Deb Poesepf and family. Deb lost her father in March.
- Condolences to Vernon and Beryl Domingo and their family. Vernon's mother passed away in South Africa.
- Condolences to Mary Maruska and family. Mary's oldest brother, Michael, lost his life back on March 1.
- Thank you to everyone at First Parish who supported me following my father's death on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The countless cards, emails, messages, and hugs were invaluable. And a special thank you to those that came to the memorial service and helped with the celebration. Lori and I are grateful beyond words. Jamie

## APRIL SHARE THE PLATE

For the month of April the proceeds of half the loose collection at Sunday worship will be for a very familiar cause. It will be our very own "Kids to Camp" scholarship program which the Green Sanctuary committee will be kicking off for the seventh year at their April 12 service.

As most of you are aware, "Kids to Camp" is the Green Sanctuary's ongoing environmental justice project to send as many children from low-income families as possible to Sheep Pasture Nature Camp in Easton. Thank you for sharing in this worthwhile project.

## MAINSRING HOUSE LUNCHESES

Monday, April 6 at 9am MainSpring House lunches will be made in the LPH. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. Speak with Betty Gilson to help.

## UU MASS ACTION ADVOCACY DAY—APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Rev. Rachel, Eileen Hiney and Betty Gilson are attending. Why not join us?

## PEACE VIGIL MEETING

Watch for weekly emails for the date of the next Peace Vigil Meeting. If you were assigned tasks, please be ready to report on your progress.

New members are welcome to join the committee.

## CARING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 20 at 7pm the Caring Committee will meet at the home of Mary Hatfield. If you have issues for the committee to address, please contact a member.

Lisa Foos, Betty Gilson, Andrew Harding, Mary Hatfield, Louella Mann, Jan Thompson, Korin Zigler

## T"UU"RNING LEAVES BOOK CLUB

Friday, April 24 at 7pm, location TBD the T"UU"rning Leaves Book Club will meet to discuss Anton Chekhov's play *The Cherry Orchard*.

This classic of world drama concerns the passing of the old semifeudal order in turn-of-the-century Russia, symbolized in the sale of the cherry orchard owned by Madame Ranevskaya. The work also showcases Chekhov's rich sensitivities as an observer of human nature.



We Believe Our Faith Calls Us To Change the World!

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual UU Advocacy Day!

Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

The program will begin at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston Street in Boston and conclude at the State House

*Register by April 1<sup>st</sup> and we will make your legislative appointments for you!*

**Special Message from Bill McKibben!** *World renowned climate activist and co-founder of 350.org*

**Keynote Speaker: Senator William Brownsberger D-Belmont!** Senator Brownsberger is a Unitarian Universalist, Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, and strong leader and ally in legislation to address climate change, ending mass incarceration, immigrant rights, and economic justice.

**Worship Leaders: Rev Nathan Detering, Senior Minister and Rev Heather Concannon, Assistant Minister for Youth and Family from First Parish in Sherborn**

*Following the morning program, we will break out into groups to prepare for the legislative meetings at the State House. Each group will be facilitated by lead issue organizers. Participants are asked to choose their preferred issue focus when registering*

## Legislative Priorities:

- **End Mass Incarceration:** End Mandatory Minimums, Pre-Trial & Bail Reform, Justice Reinvestment Act
  - **Immigration Rights:** Trust Act, Safe Driving and Education Equity
  - **Economic Justice:** End Homelessness, Paid Family & Medical Leave
- **Environment/Climate Change:** Green Bank, C-PACE and Fossil Fuel Divestment

**To Register:** <http://tinyurl.com/mzuo33z>

**Ticket Price \$25** *Covers breakfast, lunch, beverages & building use fee*  
Reduced Fee \$10 tickets & scholarship passes are available





## SPRING HAS ARRIVED!!

### Here are some eco-friendly lawn care tips from the Green Sanctuary Committee



- ◆ Choosing the Right Mower: Using a gas-powered mower for just one hour produces the same amount of air pollution that a car emits from driving 100 miles! Luckily, there are alternatives.
- ◆ Rotary mowers – Those “old fashioned” hand-powered mowers have made a comeback and are great for smaller lawns – appealing for their maneuverability, low maintenance costs and minimal environmental impact.
- ◆ Electric mowers – Electric mowers emit far fewer pollutants than gasoline-powered machines, are much quieter and are often easier to push than their gas-guzzling counterparts.
- ◆ Battery-powered mowers – Some mowers operate with battery packs that are easily recharged. Though these mowers offer many of the benefits as electric mowers, the batteries generally last only about 5 years and must be disposed of in a hazardous waste facility.

#### Mowing and Fertilizing:

- ◆ Mow only as often as you need to keep your lawn in good shape – no lower than 2.5 inches & 3.5 inches is ideal for crowding out weeds & crabgrass. Longer grass retains water better.
- ◆ Use natural fertilizers or compost. They release nutrients slowly, won't leach away & support the variety of soil organisms that combat disease
- ◆ Leave grass clippings on the lawn after you mow to provide your lawn with a natural (and free) source of nutrients, or compost the clippings for use in your garden.
- ◆ Create healthy soil. Earthworms & other soil organisms keep soil healthy. By moving through the soil, they allow water and air to penetrate and they recycle thatch back into nutrients that the grass can use.

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### CIRCLE DINNERS APRIL 17 & 18 and 24 & 25

Our traditional First Parish Circle Dinners will be held Fridays & Saturdays April 17 & 18 and 24 & 25. Circle Dinners are small gatherings held at the homes of First Parish Friends and Members and are a great way for us to get to know each other outside of the Sunday service church setting. We are looking for warm hearted hosts to open their homes to guests for a fun evening of food and conversation. Some of the gatherings will be for adults and others will be open to children as well as parents. Hosts will provide appetizers and beverages and guests will bring the rest of the food including entrees, side dishes, salads, breads and desserts. If you would like to host or attend a Circle Dinner, please sign up on the sheets in the Upper Parish Hall, or contact Jan Thompson [JaniceThompson22@comcast.net](mailto:JaniceThompson22@comcast.net) (508) 697-2492 or any member of the Membership Committee: Mary Hatfield, Karen Messing, Susan Irish, Joe Snyders, or Louella Mann

### MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST PARISH

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of First Parish but were unable to attend the "New UU" classes in March, we would like to accommodate you and get you the information you need in order to join the church as an "Active Member". "Active Members" are those with voting rights who may vote at the Annual Business meeting of First Parish and at other meetings in which decisions regarding First Parish are made.

If you would like to become a member, please contact

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or Rev. Paul [minister@firstparishbridgewater.org](mailto:minister@firstparishbridgewater.org) (781) 210-2016.



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Denise Haskins
- 8 Bob Messing
- 12 Scott Zigler
- 13 Cindy Janes
- 15 Amelia Tatarian
- 17 Peter Fuller
- 21 Maria Hegbloom
- 22 Emma Quinn
- 24 Susan Holton
- 25 Micah Domingo
- 26 Stan Stinson
- 27 Lisa Foos

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Debbie & Sam Baumgarten

## Adult Religious Education

for links to more details,  
see our web site under "Religious Education"

### "Five Wishes Before I Die"

Tuesdays, April 21 and May 19

This program helps us to think through wishes about how we want to be able to bring our own lives to a close. The wishes are about who will make health care decisions when we can't, what kind of medical treatment we want or don't want, how comfortable we want to be, how we want people to treat us, and what we want our loved ones to know and to remember after we are gone. Some of you have taken this program before – this can be an opportunity to revisit your wishes; others will be taking it for the first time. We are having two sessions to give us an opportunity to fill out the paperwork and get together again to share what we learned from putting our wishes down on paper – and, of course, to hold each other accountable and make sure we actually do the work.

We will also be holding the last two classes on The Righteous Mind on April 14 & 28.

## Helping the Hungry

Our **Social Justice Committee** collects non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. We invite you to help the hungry in our local area by bringing canned and packaged foods on the first Sunday of each month. A box is placed at the front of the sanctuary, near the piano, to receive the items, which the Social Justice Committee members gather and bring to our local food pantry.



## Feeding the Homeless\*

Our church volunteers provide lunches for **MainSpring House** shelter for the homeless in Brockton. We gather on the **first Monday\* of each month at 9 a.m. in the lower parish hall** to prepare and wrap 100 bag lunches, which are then brought to the shelter by one or two of our volunteers.



You can help in many ways, including joining us at the above gatherings, donating baked goods, other food items, and paper goods as needed, taking home some of the fixings and preparing parts of the lunches (such as tuna or egg salad) at home for the volunteers to assemble at the church, or simply donating money toward the cost of the lunches, which is about \$100 per month for 100 lunches.

Please contact Betty Gilson (774-226-0942) for further information, or just drop by that morning to help.

*\*The lunches are prepared on Mondays to be eaten on the first Tuesday of each month. If the first Tuesday falls on the first day of the month, the lunches are made on the final Monday of the previous month.*

# APRIL 2015 CALENDAR

Saturday, April 4

8pm Off the Common Coffee House featuring Girls, Guns & Glory

## Sunday, April 5

9am Choir Practice

10:30am Easter Service with Rev. Paul Sprecher

Monday, April 6

9am MainSpring House lunches prep at FP

7:30pm Facilities Committee meeting

Thursday, April 9

5:30pm RE Committee will meet in the church office

## Sunday, April 12

9am Choir rehearsal

10:30am Worship with Green Sanctuary Committee "Kids to Camp"

11:30am "The Hive" Open House

Monday, April 13

7:30pm Green Sanctuary Committee Meeting at the home of Janet Dye

Tuesday, April 14

9:30am—4pm 10th Annual UU Advocacy Day, Arlington Street Church, Boston

7:30pm Adult RE Class at First Parish

Wednesday, April 15

7pm Science and Religion Discussion Group at FP

Thursday, April 16

7:30pm Finance Committee Meeting

7:30pm Worship Committee meeting

Friday, April 17

Circle Dinner

Saturday, April 18

Circle Dinner

## Sunday, April 19

10:30am Worship with Rev. Paul Sprecher

Monday, April 20

7pm Caring Committee with meet at the home of Mary Hatfield

Tuesday, April 21

7:30pm Adult RE Class at First Parish

Thursday, April 23

7:30pm Parish Committee Meeting in the UPH of FP

Friday, April 24

Circle Dinner

7pm T"UU"rning Leaves Book Club to meet at a location TBA

Saturday, April 25

Circle Dinner

## Sunday, April 26

10:30am Worship Service—Blessing of the Animals with Rev. Eliza Blanchard

3pm Installation of Rev. Paul Sprecher at First Parish

DEADLINE to submit auction donations for the Goods and Services Auction

Tuesday, April 28

7:30pm Adult RE Classes at First Parish

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