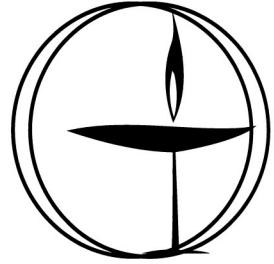


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Newsletter of the First Parish Church, Bridgewater, MA, Unitarian Universalist

January 2014

Highlights	From the Minister
<p><b>1/1/14</b> <b>3-8pm New Year's Open House at Frank &amp; Eileen's</b></p>	<p><b>"Cynicism is spiritual treason."</b> -the Rev. Tom Owen-Towle</p> <p>January is a great time to be part of First Parish. We are mobilizing to live our principles and actualize our faith. We are doing this by reflecting, learning, working and playing together, all of us.</p>
<p><b>1/4/14</b> <b>8pm Girls, Guns and Glory—Off the Common Coffeehouse</b></p>	<p>Worship and Religious Education will focus on a common theme for the next four- five weeks, during which time the young people and the adults will all be exploring similar issues. We have chosen the theme of sacred stories and the roles that animals play in them. Should be fun, and thought provoking.</p>
<p><b>1/5/14</b> <b>12pm "The House I Live In" movie event at First Parish</b></p>	<p>Of course the best laid plans are only that- plans. Life intrudes. So the first Sunday in January, our young people will be not be with us in the sanctuary, but instead will be experiencing the actualizing dimension, as they begin their work of preparing bowls for our Empty Bowls fund raising project to benefit the food pantries of Bridgewater and Brockton. This will be a joint project between young people and adults, between members of First Parish and members of Messiah Baptist Church (who will be joining us Jan. 12). While we may still have to struggle to find an animal related sacred story to connect to this activity we are not concerned. We know that it is an important and authentic expression of our faith- working together to feed the hungry, learning more about one another in the process.</p>
<p><b>1/6/14</b> <b>9am MainSpring House lunch prep. LPH</b></p>	<p>This project will continue all month and there will be opportunities for everyone to get involved.</p>
<p><b>1/14/14</b> <b>7:30pm Committee Council Mtg at First Parish</b></p>	<p>That same afternoon, after worship on Jan. 5, there will be a showing of the movie "the House I Live In", about the current epidemic of mass incarceration. I will offer us some guidance as we prepare to watch the movie (one hour) and then moderate a discussion following. This is something that can not only be educational, but personally/spiritually motivating. Importantly, we are not the only faith community engaged in this justice work. There are many with whom to work and walk.</p>
<p><b>1/16/14</b> <b>7:30pm Parish Cmte meeting at FP</b></p>	<p>Why should we care, about hunger, about mass incarceration, about income inequality, and the other social ills that confront us? I find the reason my colleague Tom Owen-Towle puts forward compelling.</p>
<p><b>1/24/14</b> <b>7pm T"UU"rning Leaves Book Club</b></p>	<p><b>"Cynicism is spiritual treason."</b></p> <p>To be a Unitarian Universalist is to refuse cynicism. Cynicism is a sorrowful and pessimist view of the world that we cannot afford and are called to resist. Our message of affirmation of persons and the planet is about life, in all its sacred wonder.</p>
	<p>On Tuesday, Jan. 14 the Church Council will meet to talk about our common interests and to create the calendar for the rest of the year, which will include participation by all ages. So stay tuned. And if you have a great idea- please share it. It is just more fun that way!</p> <p><i>Blessings friends, wishing you a most engaging new year,</i></p> <p><i>Rev. Anita</i></p>



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# WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

**January Worship Services:**

January 5 – Sacred Stories Worship with Rev. Anita (in coordination with the Religious Education theme of the month)

January 12 – "Nelson Mandela, steadfast in the quest for social justice" – with Vernon Domingo. Exploring the values and strategies that informed Madiba's journey.

January 19 – Sacred Stories Worship with Rev. Anita

January 26 – Sacred Stories Worship with the Worship Committee

**Lay Worship Leaders & Ushers for the month:**

January 5 – Tom St. Thomas with ushers Dianne Roza & Karen Reed-Messing

January 12 – Stefan Michaud with ushers Keir Mancheseter-Howell & Louella Mann

January 19 – Frank Yeatman with ushers Mary Maruska & Mark Young, Ushers

January 26 – Worship Committee members

February 2: Sam Baumgarten

February 9: Betty Gilson

February 16: Mary Maruska

February 23: Korin Zigler

**Note:** If you are unable to usher that morning, we request that you find a substitute. If unable to do so, please notify Tom St. Thomas or Rev. Rachel.

The Worship Committee would also like to remind everyone that sharing during Candles of Joy and Sorrow should be about personal matters... whether concerning your own joy or sorrow, your family's, close friend's or neighbor's. We'd prefer that announcements about church related events, even statements of appreciation, be made during the Announcement preceding the Prelude.

**The Worship Committee meetings:**

The next regular meeting of the Worship Committee: date to be announced. You are cordially invited to attend all meetings and share your ideas about worship... or simply sit and observe.

**Committee members:** Rev. Rachel Tedesco, Chair; Denise Haskins, Stefan Michaud, David Page, Tom St. Thomas and Rev. Anita Farber-Robertson.

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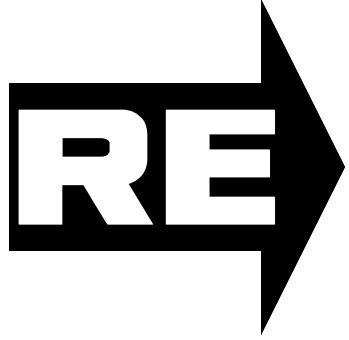
**MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS**

Rev. Anita is on site in Bridgewater on the second, third, and fourth Tuesday and Thursday of every month and the first and third Sundays of every month. On the first **full** week of the month, Rev. Anita is off. Also, staff meetings are held each Tuesday from 12:30 – 2:30pm.

All regular business should be handled after the first full week of the month. Emergencies of course come up, and she understands that.

Your help in protecting her time is appreciated.





Radical hospitality:

"Radical means "out of the ordinary," "revolutionary," even. So what would it mean to receive someone—a stranger—with a presence that was not just polite, but to receive them with revolutionary generosity?"  
*Marilyn J. Sewell*

## **Happy New Year Everyone!**

I have been thinking about my experience this past December 23rd at First Parish UU Church, Bridgewater. I was attending the service with my family, we all enjoyed the service immensely. When it was over I introduced my 16 year old step son, to 3 of the youth and hoped he might connect with the larger youth group. Later, when we were ready to leave I went looking for him and found him in the kitchen with the youth of our church. One of the youth had come looking for him and invited him to join them downstairs in their place of gathering. He had had an experience of "radical hospitality".

This is not an uncommon experience for youth that attend a UU congregation for the first time. Raising children in UU churches has many benefits, one very important one being that they imbibe the very spirit of radical hospitality and generosity of spirit. This is why we do what we do when we volunteer to teach one of the RE classes with the children and youth. We are helping to make a better future for our children and for us all.

Our youth are wonderful role models for us. May we all practice "radical hospitality" and generosity of spirit every day of our lives. Our youth can inspire us not only to be better people but also to live out our beliefs everyday.

## **Volunteer Teachers Needed:**

Our Preschool group desperately needs a couple of dedicated adults to lead this wonderful, very small group for the winter session, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>-Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Victoria Capon ([dre.bridgewater@gmail.com](mailto:dre.bridgewater@gmail.com)/508-717-2401), our Acting DRE for more details.

We also could use a few volunteers to assist in our first "empty bowl" painting opportunity, Sunday Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30-11:30, during the service, in the lower parish hall. Please contact Victoria, thanks!

## **Intergenerational opportunity, mark your calendars!**

ISCON the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Boston, holds a celebration and meal every Wednesday night that is free and open to the public.

The evening begins at 6:30 with a lecture and comes out of the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, one of the holy books of the Hindu religion.

We are organizing an outing for specifically 7th - 12th graders to go to Boston to the ISCON temple (72 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA 02116) but all are welcome and encouraged to join us there.

February 19th we will take the train into Boston for this very exciting opportunity to begin to explore the Hindu religion, watch for more details in the coming weeks!

*Please Join Us As We  
Celebrate the New Year!*



*New Year's Day  
Open House*

*Wednesday, January 1, 2014  
3 – 8 PM*

*Frank Yeatman & Eileen Hiney  
316 South Street  
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508-279-3955  
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*Children Welcome*

## FIRST PARISH PEOPLE

### Alan Yabroudy My Journey from the "Dark Side"

I was raised Byzantine Catholic by a German seamstress and a Syrian carpenter/teacher in Cumberland, RI. I learned early on that I was an agnostic (or atheist depending on my mood). I often associate my mother's near death experience when I was 12 with my transition to agnosticism. However in reality I had gradually been moving in the direction of agnosticism for a long time and that was the event that pushed me over the edge. Looking back, even at a young age my logical mind couldn't let go of all of the inconsistencies in religion and that's what ultimately drove me towards being a non-believer.

For many years I "faked it" in the Catholic church for my parents and finally dropped out when I went to Bentley College in Waltham, MA. From then until joining First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Bridgewater 4 years ago I had no interest in church or religion. With the exception of the UU church my cynical view of religion is articulated very well in Frank Zappa's songs "Dumb All Over" and "Heavenly Bank Account" on the album "You Are What You Is".

After graduating college in the "big 80s" I was seduced by the "dark side" of capitalism, consumerism, corporate greed and technology. Over the years since then, as I gradually learned about the suffering of so many people and how we are destroying our mother Earth I began moving toward becoming more environmental and socialistic. I'm now trying to find ways to use my interest in technology in more people friendly, sustainable and environmentally friendly ways.

I came to the UU church and First Parish at the urging of my wife Laurie Lessner. Here I feel like I've found a family of like-minded yet very diverse people. My First Parish family is helping me along my continuing journey from the "dark side".

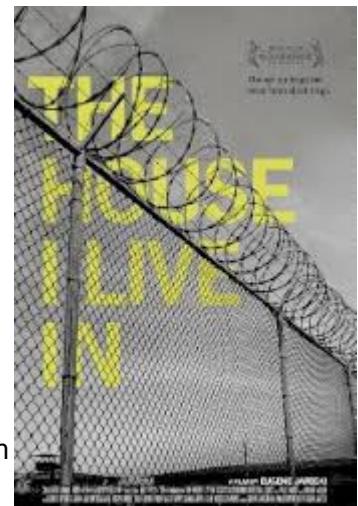
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### COMING EVENT

Circle your calendars for a special film "The House I Live In" which will be shown at First Parish on **Sunday, January 5, 2014**. After the morning service we will be treated to a Lucky Pancakes brunch provided by Bobbe Anderson. Following the brunch we will move to the sanctuary for the one hour film to be followed by discussion about how First Parish can respond to the situations presented in the film. It is appropriate for the Youth Group, but not the younger children, so Child Care will be provided as needed. Please let Betty Gilson know if you need Child Care.

"The House I Live In" from director Eugene Jarecki won the 2012 Sundance Film Festival Grand Jury Prize for a Documentary. Jarecki turns his lens on an almost Invisible and longer war than the military wars in which the US is engaged. One that is costing more lives, destroying more families, and quickly becoming a scourge on the soul of American society. America's longest war. The war on drugs. And many contend that it's the most unsuccessful war as well. For the past 40 years, the war on drugs has resulted in more than 45 million arrests, \$1 trillion in government spending, and America's role as the world's largest jailer. Yet for all that, drugs are cheaper, purer, and more available than ever. Filmed in more than twenty states, The House I Live In captures heart-wrenching stories of those on the front lines, from the dealer to the grieving mother, the narcotics officer to the senator, the inmate to the federal judge, and offers a penetrating look at the profound human rights implications of America's longest war. Join us as we view this important film and discuss how to address this devastating situation.

Sponsored by the First Principle Project





### **Empty Bowls: A Fundraiser**

#### **To benefit the food pantries of the Town of Bridgewater and Messiah Baptist Church, Brockton**

From the website: "Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity."

#### ***Step 1: The Bisqueware bowls are painted***

##### **Painting Parties:**

- Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>: One-Room Schoolhouse bowl painting party for the children and youth of First Parish Bridgewater during Sunday School time.
- Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM, at First Parish Bridgewater: Members of Messiah Baptist Church, Brockton will join members of First Parish Bridgewater. Adults and children welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!
- Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM, at First Parish Bridgewater: BSU students will join members of First Parish Bridgewater. Adults and Children welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend!

#### ***Step 2: The painted bowls are glazed and fired***

Kiln time donated by: Beaver Brook Nursery, East Bridgewater Public Schools, and Bridgewater Art and Framing

#### ***Step 3: Supper by donation***

**Community Meal: Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> (snow date Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>)**

**5 PM, at First Parish Bridgewater**

For a donation of \$10.00, everyone is invited to join us for a meal of soup, bread, and a beverage. Included in this price is the bowl of your choice, a keepsake to remind us of the good work of Empty Bowls, wherein funds were raised to address and prevent hunger in Bridgewater and Brockton.

All proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Bridgewater Food Pantry and the Messiah Baptist Church food pantry. This project was generously funded by the Bridgewater Cultural Council and supported by the Parish Committee of FPB.

**We would love your help!** We are in need of teachers for the 1/5 One-room schoolhouse bowl painting party, makers of soup and bread, and assistance at each of the painting parties and the community meal. If you're interested in volunteering for this worthy project, please contact any member of the Religious Education Committee: Victoria Capon, Laurie Lessner, Korin Zigler, or Pete Jacobsen. Thank you!

## Applying lessons from the Worship Associates workshop by Vernon Domingo

In November, a number of us were invited by Rev. Rachel and Denise to a workshop to define the essence of a UU worship service and to explore how we could plan and present services that are led by lay members or by guests. We were searching for ways to frame these services so that they are more authentically UU worship services and not merely a lecture about some topic. We were exploring how "non-ministerial" worship services could be better connected to those religious and spiritual elements that are important to UUers.

That Thursday workshop was especially valuable to me as I was then busy preparing to present a service the following Sunday at the Brockton UU church. I repeatedly consulted my workshop notes as I reworked my ideas about how to conduct the Brockton service (on Nelson Mandela). My goal was to make it less of a lecture and more of a worship service, more of a UU church service. It took a lot more thinking and planning, but the end result, I felt, was worth it and I think the congregation gained something more than just the facts that flow from a lecture. I think that they saw how this topic and its presentation have a clear fit within our UU context.

I started the sermon by asking how speaking about Mandela fit into a UU church service context; I described how Mandela's life connected to the 7 UU principles (inherent worth, justice, democratic process, etc.). That set the scene for the rest of the service. This approach – connecting the topic explicitly at the beginning to the 7 principles – does set the tone.

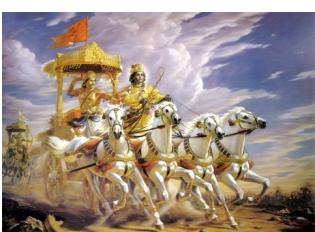
Looking back, I think I could have introduced a period of quiet reflection as the congregants would individually consider what they think Mandela added to our world, or what they felt when he was released.

But I think it went well, in large part because of that worship workshop, connecting the topic to UU principles. I think our services here at Bridgewater can benefit from making those UU connections in our services, lay or guest-led.

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"COMING IN FEBRUARY: A Tupperware Fundraiser! Break up the winter blues with some fun! Stay tuned for more details!"



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# Off the Common Coffeehouse

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

**January 4, 2013 at 8pm**  
**Potluck dinner at 6:30pm**  
*featuring*  
**Girls, Guns and Glory**

## Coming Attractions

February 1—Greg Greenway  
March 1—Riley Coyote (w/Stuart Ferguson)  
April 5—Annalivia (duo) and Ari & Mia (split bill; tickets \$15.00)  
May 3—Bill Staines

*Admission: \$15*

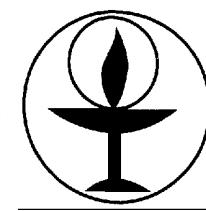
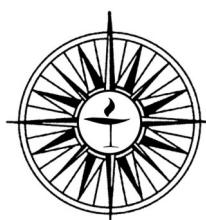
*Enjoy our homemade  
Refreshments*

*Sign up for open mike!*

## "New UU" Classes and Membership at First Parish

If you missed the "New UU" Classes in October and are interested in becoming a member of First Parish, or are a member of First Parish and are simply interested in getting together with others to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and the inner workings of First Parish, Rev. Anita and the Membership Committee would like to set up another series of classes, possibly condensed into 2 meetings instead of 3, to cover the information important to anyone thinking of becoming a member of First Parish. Even if you're not thinking of joining the church, or if you've been with us forever, you're welcome at these classes. When the classes were given in October, some people who might have wanted to attend were unable to go because of the weekday evening schedule of the classes. We are thinking of doing the next classes on Sunday afternoons or possibly earlier on some evenings.

If you're interested in these "New UU" classes, whether you're thinking of joining First Parish or just interested in a comfortable get together with friends to learn more about our faith and our church, please contact Jan Thompson JaniceThompson22@comcast.net . (508) 697-2492 or Rev. Anita through the church office to let them know what days and times would be most convenient for you to attend these meetings. Please also let us know if you would like child care provided at the church.



## **GUEST AT YOUR TABLE**

How are the guests faring at your house? Please remember to share the "Stories of Hope" and set aside your donations for the work of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Sharing your gifts with the UUSC ensures that their human rights work continues. A contribution of \$40 or more makes you a member. Gifts of \$100 or more are matched by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY, doubling your impact.

Please return your contribution on Sunday, January 5, 2014. Checks should be made out to First Parish Church with UUSC/GAYT in the notation line, If you are not able to be at the January 5 service, you may bring it on your next Sunday or mail it to the church.

## **JANUARY/FEBRUARY SHARE THE PLATE**

The Social Justice Committee has selected *Read to Succeed* as the share the plate charity for January and February 2014. This is a new program started by staff members at BAMSI (Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc.). Half of the church loose collection in these two months will be donated to this program. If you wish to donate strictly to the program, please write a check to BAMSI with Read to Succeed Attn: Barbara Duffy in the notation line and place it in the collection plate..

During the past year, BAMSI, in collaboration with the Brockton Juvenile Court, developed a program aimed at helping court-involved youth acquire reading and writing skills. The Read to Succeed program helps these teenagers develop the basic reading and writing skills that allow them to move forward in their lives. Youth are referred to the program by judges and/or probation officers, who have seen these youth in their courtrooms. Many of these teenagers do not possess the most basic reading and writing skills, and many are unable to even sign their own name. Once the youth joins Read to Succeed, they are taught by Deb Partain, who is a former teacher and currently a staff member at BAMSI's Home Based Team program. Deb is assisted by Mike Lonergan, who is a supervisor with the Home Based Team. Recognizing that every youth in the program is an individual and each is at a different reading level, lessons are individualized to allow each student to achieve the maximum benefit during their time in the program. Read to Succeed is currently in its third 12-week session. Although the program currently serves only young men, plans are in place to expand the program in the future to include classes for females as well. Response from the families, court staff, and BAMSI employees has been positive. At each graduation ceremony, youth are invited to present examples of their work to families, friends, and staff who are in attendance. Connections are made that extend beyond the program itself. One youth has recently returned to the program staff to ask for assistance in completing applications for college! - See more at: <http://www.bamsi.org/wraparound/program-feature-read-to-succeed/#sthash.zCHboOCv.dpuf>

## **TONE CHIMES**

THANK YOU to all of those who have rung with the Tone Chimes in 2013!!! Debbie Baumgarten, Kelsey Baumgarten, Kat Gillespie, Denise Haskins, Mary Maruska, Ginger Irish, Karen Reed-Messing, Jan Thompson, Korin Zigler, Miranda and Maya Zigler. You are all One-Tone, One-Rehearsal One-ders!

Looking forward to making more beautiful music in 2014!! xoxoxoxo Lisa Rue

\*\* Our next practice and prelude is scheduled for Sunday, January 5th at 9:30 at the church. Please let me know if you're available. Newbies always welcome, with advance notice. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

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## **MAINSPRING HOUSE LUNCHES**

Monday, January 6, 2014 at 9am MainSpring House lunches will be made in the LPH. Donations and volunteers welcome. See Betty Gilson

## **T"UU"RING LEAVES BOOK CLUB**

Friday, January 24 at 7pm location TBD the book club will meet to discuss "The Big Sleep" by Raymond Chandler. The Big Sleep (1939) is a hardboiled crime novel by Raymond Chandler, the first to feature detective Philip Marlowe. The work has been adapted twice into film, once in 1946 and again in 1978. The story is set in Los Angeles, California. The story is noted for its complexity, with many characters double-crossing one another and many secrets being exposed throughout the narrative. The title is a euphemism for death; it refers to a rumination in the book about "sleeping the big sleep". In 1999, the book was voted ninety-sixth of Le Monde's "100 Books of the Century." In 2005, it was included in "TIME's List of the 100 Best Novels."



## HOSTS

- January 5  
Bobbe Anderson
- January 12  
Juanita Brunelle
- January 19  
Andrew & Meg Harding
- January 26  
HOST NEEDED FOR THIS DAY

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cindy Bliss-Kaplan  
4 Stefan Michaud  
5 Mary Maruska  
6 Allen Mann, Ty Gavin  
9 Lisa Rue  
11 Kelsey Baumgarten  
14 Beryl Domingo  
18 David Donahue, Jerry Domingo, Jerel Dye  
19 Gail Fish  
20 Rob Waterman  
24 Maya Zigler  
29 Carlene Moore  
31 Beth Manchester-Howell, Elsie Whitman

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Lynda & Steven Mullen

## 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.

# January 2014 Calendar

Wednesday, January 1

3-8pm New Year's Day Open House at the home of Frank Yeatman & Eileen Hiney

Saturday, January 4

8pm Off the Common Coffeehouse featuring Girls, Guns and Glory

**Sunday, January 5**

9am Choir Practice

9:30am Tone Chimes Practice

10:30am "Sacred Stories Worship" with Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

10:45am Empty Bowl painting party during One Room Schoolhouse

Noontime "The House I Live In" movie event at First Parish (following Lucky Pancake Brunch by Bobbe Anderson)

Monday, January 6

9am MainSpring House lunches will be prepared at First Parish. Donations and Volunteers always welcome.

**Sunday, January 12**

9am Choir Practice

10:30am "Nelson Mandela, steadfast in the quest for social justice"—with Vernon Domingo

3pm Empty Bowls painting party at First Parish

Tuesday, January 14

7:30pm Committee Council Meeting at First Parish

Thursday, January 16

7:30pm Parish Committee will meet at the church

**Sunday, January 19**

9am Choir Practice

10:30am "Sacred Stories Worship" with Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Monday, January

3pm Empty Bowls painting party at First Parish

Friday, January 24

7Pm T"UU"rning Leaves Book Club will meet at a location TBD

**Sunday, January 26**

9am Choir Practice

10:30am "Sacred Stories Worship" with the Worship Committee

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## COMMITTEE COUNCIL MEETING

This is a reminder that the next meeting of the Committee Council will be on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:30pm, in the UPH. A representative from each committee should plan to attend so as to make plans and fill in calendar items for the second half of the Church year.

Please contact Sam Baumgarten with any questions or suggestions.