

TOP OF THE SQUARE JULY, 2017 NEWSLETTER

First Parish Plymouth Unitarian Universalist

National Memorial Pilgrim Church

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On behalf of the Congregation, on behalf of Members who are no longer with us but spent time in the church in the last twenty to thirty years, on behalf of a computer illiterate staff, on behalf of the Parish Committee, on behalf of the insurance and internet companies, and on behalf of the bedraggled minister ready for vacation, I would like to

THANK YOOOOOU!!! **CONLEY PIERCE!**

We appreciate all you do! We especially appreciate all the things you do that we don't know about and only discover later that it was you that got things done. And then there are the hours you spend in your home office caring for the financial status of the church, running the pledge campaign for two years and chairing the Parish Committee for two years. That we are grateful and thankful hardly begins to cover everything.

*How can we thank for all you do under the sun?
It seems an endless task, once started, never done.
We might forget or only thank you in fits and starts
When really want to Thank You from the bottom of our hearts.*

*May Conley's name be inscribed among the doers.
Some complained; those who just pitch in—fewer.
So here's to Conley the one among the host
Who says little and often does the most.*

Conley, ah, aahh, I've been meaning to mention
Maybe this isn't the time to bring it up
But, ah, thought you might like to know
There's a vacancy on the Building and Grounds committee.

Might I mention Tammy Marshall-Hewlitt has volunteered to assume the position of Treasurer? We heave a huge sigh of relief and welcome her many talents.

Oh, and now that I might have your attention, I will be going on vacation. I'm a hundred pages in on an eight-hundred-page book by Ken Wilbur—***Religion for Tomorrow*** (if I carry it around all summer I'll lose ten pounds), an assignment from Khenpo Karten Rinpoche, and dogs to walk and the coast of Maine to explore. I will be back in mid August. —Rev Ed



Minister
Reverend Ed Hardy

**Director of
Religious Education**
Kim Caple

Director of Music
Sandi Hammond

**Director of Music
Emerita**
Lynne Wilkinson



**Parish Committee:
President**
Anne-Marie Harnett

Treasurer
Tammy Marshall-
Hewlitt

Clerk
Deborah Rudolf

Members at Large
Ron Clarke
Patricia Devine





*Beginning in July, we will be having our
Sunday Worship Services in Brewster Chapel
at 10:00 am.*

Sunday, July 2

Sunday, July 9

Sunday, July 16

Sunday, July 23 - Vaughn Keller & Ken Stone

Sunday, July 30 - Chris Lennon

Sunday, August 6 - Elaine Ryan

Sunday, August 13

*These will be lay-led services. If you would like to
do a service, please contact Linda Harding at
lharding2001@yahoo.com*



Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, July 2

Fatina Barclay, Jan Palmer-Tarbox, Ken Stone

Sunday, July 9

Linda Harding, Amy Palmer, Dianne Zolla

Sunday, July 16

Debbie and Tammy Marshall-Hewlitt,
AnnMarie Schulze

Sunday, July 23

Marion Galvin, Nancy Hinchey,
Shelley-Jo Talvacchia

Sunday, July 30

Jean Oertel, Mary Ann and David Siersdale



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 1 & 15, 9:00 am
T-Bones, Plymouth Center

PARISH COMMITTEE

Monday, July 3, 7:00 pm
Parish House

FRIENDS OF FIRST PARISH

Wednesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
9:30 am, Parish House

MUSIC JAM

Tuesday, July 18, 6:00 pm
Vaughn Keller's

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 pm, Parish House

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 22, 9:00 am
Friendly's, Exit 5 Plymouth
All Are Welcome!



The Negotiating Team for the Joint Venture Agreement with GSMD has been asked to create a list of "**deal breakers.**" Things that if we don't get, we can't move forward. This list is due by Friday, July 16th. The Parish Committee started a list, but we would like to hear from you all.

Please email me at harnett.am@gmail.com with anything that you would like to make sure is on this list. You can also text me at 617-750-9140.

Again, these are the things that would stop the negotiations if we do not get them, or if GSMD does get them. So please think about where that line in the sand is for you.

Thank you for your time and your feedback!

Anne-Marie Harnett



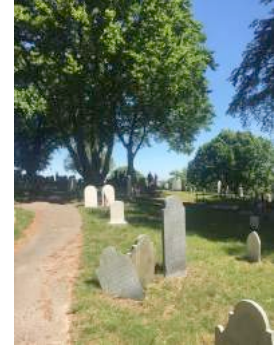
Religious Education

EMMA STILLMAN BRIDGING CEREMONY



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY WAS A FANTASTIC CELEBRATION OF OUR YOUTH AT FIRST PARISH. THE SERVICE WAS FULL OF MUSIC PERFORMED BY THE STUDENTS, GRATITUDE FOR OUR TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS, AND A CULMINATING BRIDGING TO ADULTHOOD FOR EMMA STILLMAN. THANK YOU TO THE STAFF AND CONGREGATION FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH. IT REALLY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE.

MEMORIAL DAY AT FIRST PARISH



Somber Words from Rev. Ed Hardy on War and Peace
And Beautiful Music from Sandi Hammond Singing, Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind"



During the Memorial Day Service, a large group from Religious Education made the Annual Trip up Burial Hill to plant flowers on the graves of some of our Unitarian Universalist Ancestors, ending the day with a Drum Circle.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY CELEBRATION



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone for a fantastic year in Religious Education.
Thank you to the volunteers, the parents, and most of all the kids!
I look forward to seeing you all back next year and, hopefully, over the summer. -Kim

MONTHLY MUSIC JAM NIGHTS

Tuesday, July 18 & Tuesday, August 15th, 6:00 pm
Vaughn Keller's, 2 Community Drive, Plymouth (Plimoth Commons)

**Our first Music Jam was wonderful,
and if the food doesn't tempt you, the music will!**



Bring a dish to share for the potluck supper, a musical instrument, a song, or just your voice, and enjoy an evening of good company, good food, and good music!

DIRECTIONS: If using GPS, 2 Community Drive is tricky. Vaughn's home is in a development called Plimoth Commons which fans out from Barnfield Drive. Program your GPS for 20 Barnfield Drive, and once you enter the Commons, re-enter 2 Community Drive. If you get lost or confused, call Sandi at 617-583-0309.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE: Call Sandi who can coordinate rides. Several people at the June jam got a ride with a friend, which worked great.

**KIDS WELCOME!
ALL INSTRUMENTS WELCOME!
BEGINNERS WELCOME!**

WANTED

If you took pictures during church or a Church activity,
we would love to have them!

Please email them to
office@firstparishplymouthuu.org

We would like to put them in our newsletters
and post them on our website.

Thank you!



**Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 am - Noon**

**Emails will be checked
daily.**

**Order of Service will be
printed on Thursdays.**

PARISH PEOPLE



Deborah Rudolf recently competed in the Senior Olympics and came out with 7 medals 4 gold!
She won gold in the standing long jump (jumping 4' 1"), golf putting, javelin, and softball throw.
She earned silver in the discus, shot put, and 1/-mile walk.

Vaughn Keller's granddaughter, Maddie Keller, recently graduated from South Saigon International School and is headed to Wooster College in Ohio.

Congratulations Deborah!
Congratulations Maddie!
Congratulations Vaughn!

MEANWHILE IN PROVIDENCE

This annual note home on the 29th anniversary of the First Church's ordination of me to the Christian Ministry (Pentecost 1988 – it fell on June 4 this year) finds me ever-grateful to be at the First Universalist Church in Providence, Rhode Island (since 1992). With the coming-and-going you get in a downtown-Capital-city location, we're starting to see some stability among some newer attendees, despite a still not-great economy here. The section I wrote for the National Council of Churches publication on Mass Incarceration is at the press, and the book is due out soon. At our General Assembly last year in Columbus, there was a rather ambivalent floor motion on the upcoming 400th of the Pilgrims' Landing, and I was the (lone!) Con speaker; it passed by over 70%. Our two children, Ruth, 14, & William, 11, are doing well at the French-American School of R.I.; both are fully bilingual, and the girl makes three, just back from a foreign-exchange time in Spain. And I'm (again) preaching our (Fortieth) Reunion Chapel Service up at Dartmouth. So, as always, please keep my vocation in your prayers, even as I continue to keep The First Church in mine.

The Reverend W. Scott Axford, M.Div.,
Member and Ordinand.

Renewal House Picnic Pinewood Lodge Saturday, August 12



*First Parish Kingston will be holding
their annual
Renewal House Picnic
at the Pinewood Lodge this summer,
and we are all invited!*

*We are also asked to help support this
amazing event with food donations.*

*Please contact Amy Palmer at 508-
746-3912 or apdpalmer@comcast.net
for more information.*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2nd ANNUAL INDIGENOUS ARTISTS BAZAAR

Saturday, July 23 & Sunday, July 24, 11:am – 6:00 pm
DCR Pilgrim Memorial State Park, 79 Water Street, Plymouth



This festival is free of charge and features all-day live music, along with art from dozens of cultures, including paintings from Guatemala; jewelry from Uganda and North America; textiles from China, Laos, and Burkina Faso; bags from Colombia; glasswork from the West Bank; and more. There will be live demonstrations from the artists and several vendors represent cooperatives that make it possible for children to attend school and provide a source of income for women.

“The best place to get unique global gifts while supporting Indigenous cultures.”

Plymouth is known for its unique history as the place where the Pilgrims arrived. The Bazaar offers a chance to deepen visitors’ experience with a perspective on the Indigenous communities that thrived in Plymouth before the Pilgrims’ arrival and that continue to exist today, as they strive for recognition of their rights and cultures.



Live Music: Hawk Henries, Spirit Wing, Sidy Maiga, and more



Plymouth 400 High School Arts Competition



The Plymouth 400 is hosting a high school arts competition in celebration of Plymouth's 400th Anniversary.

Submissions are due August 12, 2017.
There will be an opportunity to win prizes
and some artwork will be showcased for the local community.

For more information, please visit bit.ly/Ply400Arts
or email plymouth400art@gmail.com

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**REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS
WELCOME HERE.**

**NO MUSLIM BAN.
NO BORDER WALL.
OUR CITIES
STAND TALL.**



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First Parish in Plymouth
*“Love is the spirit of this congregation
and service its law.”*

*Welcome to First Parish Unitarian Universalist
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