

FIRST PARISH in BROOKLINE HIGHLIGHTS and CALENDAR

Reminder - **DEADLINE** for material for this notice is Noon on Thursdays

Items in this email: Message from Choir Director, Auction is Coming, Calendar, and Ongoing

Message from CHOIR DIRECTOR

Have you ever considered joining the choir? I would like to encourage everyone to come out and sing with us! Everyone is welcome, and I can honestly say we've got a wonderful group of people. The choir is made up of singers of all musical backgrounds: from those that are trained musicians, to those who know how to read, to those who cannot read a note. Additionally, to help everyone, we also have four section leaders who are each trained and active singers.

Our **first rehearsal** will be **September 8** from **7:30-9 pm**. Even if you cannot come to the first rehearsal, think about coming in a subsequent week. We welcome everyone!

SAVE the DATE ... AUCTION is COMING

Saturday, October 16th from 7PM to 10:30 PM

Silent auction and voice auction, too.

The theme is Chicago in the Roaring Twenties: All that Jazz!!

New items: Three choices from our FPB woodworking group. An autographed copy of *Get Capone* by Jonathan Eig. Photographs by David Hawkins

Enjoy music, silent and voice auctions, Hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee, and cash bar.

This is a major fundraiser for First Parish, so please help if you can.

Co-Chairs:

Carolyn Hall carolyn_hall@earthlink.net and Joellen W. Hawkins joellenhawkins@mac.com

Church CALENDAR for the Week of 9/1/10 thru 9/11/10

Below are the scheduled meetings that the [church office has been kept informed of](#) and/or [has on the calendar as of noon today](#). **Please note that meetings can and will change at the very last moment.** Please notify our administrator should there be any changes or additions to this list as they occur. Thank you.

Wed	9/1	NOTE: Sonya is on vacation/holiday until Tuesday 9/7/10 <i>Linda Smith will be checking emails on the mornings of 9/11, 9/12 and 9/13 only</i>
Fri	9/3	Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel
Sun	9/5	NO Worship Services this Sunday – holiday weekend <i>This also means NO Meditation gathering</i> Sanctuary services resume on 9/12 at 11 am
Mon	9/6	Church CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday
Tues	9/7	NO - Daybreak Yoga meeting for entire week
Wed	9/8	Piano and Organ tuning – during the day Choir Practice – 7:30 pm – Lyon Chapel
Thurs	9/9	Deacon Meeting with the Revs – 7pm – Peterson Room Sustainability Meeting – 7pm – Dana Room
Fri	9/10	Rental – Brownie Troup – 6pm – Dana Room
Sat	9/11	Possible Rental – Brookline Teacher Workshop – 8:30 am – Dana Room

ONGOING

Brookline Food Pantry - First Parish has an on-going system of contributing durable foods to the Brookline Food Pantry. Bring your “**food**” donations to receiving rack near the Dana Room. If you are interested in helping deliver the Food Pantry items from our rack to the pantry ~1x/month: contact Ed Loechler or Leslie Spaneas.

Caring Ministry Team - We continue to offer an extension of community care for church members whose daily needs (i.e. rides, food, pet sitting, home visits, etc.) and routines may be interrupted by short term personal crisis/emergencies. Feel free to contact Coordinator - Madeline Fine at carecoordinator@firstparishinbrookline.org or Rev. Martha at minister@firstparishinbrookline.org. Please do let us know how we can help. All inquires are kept confidential.

Greeting Cards and Bookmarks Wanted: Please bring your unused birthday/general greeting cards and bookmarks for residents of nursing homes and long term care facilities who have no family and receive no personal mail. These cards and bookmarks will be distributed by the social services departments of two such facilities. Joellen Hawkins will be collecting these cards and bookmarks and you can get them to Joellen in person at church or by placing them in the marked basket located on the sign up table outside Lyon Chapel. Thanks so much. Contact Joellen Hawkins with questions (joellenhawkins@mac.com).

Meditation Group – 9:30 am – Every Sunday - Come sit with us for quiet contemplation and fellowship. There will be short sittings and shared readings. No experience needed, instruction provided. We of the FP Sangha are friendly, welcoming and encourage enjoyment of the present. Please join us in the moment (take stairs near the kitchen and follow the signs). For questions or information, contact: meditation@firstparishinbrookline.org

Social Action – What’s Happening? – Here’s an easy way to hear what’s happening on the Social Action front at First Parish – join our listserv by sending a message to socialaction-subscribe@firstparishinbrookline.org from your preferred email address. You’ll hear a bit more than in the general church notices about opportunities to make a difference in our church and wider community. Also; to unsubscribe: socialaction-unsubscribe@firstparishinbrookline.org