

FIRST PARISH in BROOKLINE - Weekly Highlights and Calendar

Reminder – **Deadline for material for this notice is Noon on Thursdays**

Coming **SUNDAY** – February 19

Worship Summary - Give it up - There are so many things that we can give up in the name of transformation. What can letting go and giving up teach us? What is a transfiguration that awaits you? What inkling of a transformation or a change of heart that might be in your tomorrow?

Artists, Actors, Writers come join us! Children these days are inundated with advertising messages tempting them to desire and consume commercial products. During our next all ages Make a Difference session we are going to put a spin on that. Our MAD Sunday on February 19 will focus on Materialism - Wants vs. Needs. As part of the program we will break into groups to create print ads, radio spots and commercials (skits) about the non-materials have that are truly of value. Bring your child(ren) (or yourself with your inner child present) and let's have fun while we explore this important topic.

Collecting Spanish Language Children's Books for Dulce - The First Parish Vision Team (through Common Hope - www.commonhope.org) will once again be going to Antigua, Guatemala this April. A group of 12 went there in 2010 and had a life-changing experience, and First Parish has been sponsoring a little girl, Dulce, ever since (through money raised independently for this project). This year we would like to deliver Spanish Language children's books. These books can be purchased online at Amazon.com, at the Barnes and Noble in Chestnut Hill, New England Mobile Book Fair and many other locations.

On February 19th during our MAD Sunday we will display all the books around our Chalice as we talk about issues related to materialism and Wants vs. Needs.

Please consider bringing a Spanish Language children's book with you to Church on February 19th. All books may be delivered to Pierce Hall prior to the worship service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Director of Religious Exploration, Rebecca Keller Scholl, for more details.

Choose or or Be Chosen (tinyurl.com/cobcfag) roles for Feb 19th:

Coffee Hour Clean-Up Crew: Karen Kepler

Needed: 3 People for Coffee Hour Clean-Up Crew, 3 Ushers

To Help: contact.membership@firstparishinbrookline.org.

Job Descriptions Available Here: tinyurl.com/cobcroles

Thank You to last week's volunteers: Cathy Ambrose, Greg Buckland, Maria Elena Gonzalez, Rob Guillemine, Gerry Leader, Julie Palmer, Andrew Zou (and others - sorry if I missed you).

ITEM OF NOTE

Mindfulness Meditation Retreat at First Parish - "Have you noticed how Getting and Doing what you want doesn't Really make you HAPPY?" Our Sangha at FP will be offering a Meditation Retreat Day

Date: **Saturday, March 3rd**

Where: Dana Room

Time: 8:30 registration; 9am-5pm retreat (Lunch included)

Cost: \$30 for all day

We will explore our lives using Mindfulness meditations and contemplations including; sitting, walking, and chanting, as well as spoken inquiry and deep listening. Open to new and experienced practitioners. Keep your eyes open for posters and signups at Sunday hospitality.

Please contact Hank Reisner should you have questions or to register.

Church CALENDAR for the Week of 2/16/12 thru 2/25/12

Below are the scheduled meetings that the **church office has been kept informed of** and/or **has on the calendar**. 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.

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| Thurs | 2/16 | Rental – Emory Bags – 9am to 3pm – Pierce Hall
Whose Are We -- 7pm – Dana Room |
| Fri | 2/17 | Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel
Knitting Night – 7pm – Peterson Room |
| Sun | 2/19 | Give It Up – I I am worship service - Sanctuary
Everyone starts in the sanctuary before MAD Sunday activities
Nursery care available until 1:30 pm today
9:30 am Meditation – Meditation Room
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:15 am Cherubs – lower level classroom
12:30 pm Youth Choir - Sanctuary
1:00 pm Diversity Caucus – Balcony Room
1:00 pm Worship Committee – Dana Room
1:00 pm UU Bible Study – Pierce Dining |
| Mon | 2/20 | HOLIDAY – church office closed – no custodial
Yoga at 10 – 10 am – Pierce Hall
PC Meeting – 6:30 pm – Dana Room
Committee on Ministry – 7 pm – Peterson Room |

- Tues 2/21 **Daybreak Yoga** – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel
- Wed 2/22 **Yoga at 10** – 10am – Pierce Hall
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm – Sanctuary
Leadership Development – Dana Room
- Thurs 2/23 **Whose Are We** -- 7pm – Dana Room
Congregational Life – Pierce Hall
Women's Group – Peterson Room
- Fri 2/24 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for March**
Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel
- Sat 2/25 **Rental – Private Party – Lyon/Peterson/Kitchen**

REMINDERS

Yoga at Ten - These gentle yoga classes, led by Midge Wilcke (*certified Kripalu Yoga Teacher*) will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10-11:15am in Pierce Hall. There is no charge to attend. For more information you can contact Midge.

New Experiment in Child Care - With all the comings and goings in our multigenerational congregation the need arises to provide child care for certain events so that all may participate in the activities of the church. With this in mind, we have now scheduled regular child care twice a month until the end of the church year. This childcare will take place in the Nursery with two paid staff, and additional volunteers if needed. This will be a time for children to play together and continue to build community. There will be no food or drinks provided so please make sure your child arrives with whatever they need to allow them to enjoy this time together. This service is provided free to congregants on the first Sunday of every month before church from 9:30 - 10:45 and the third Sunday after church from 12:15-1:30. The dates are:

9:30 -10:45 am **2/5, 2/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3**
12:15 -1:30 pm **2/19, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20**

If you will be taking advantage of this childcare please email our administrative assistant Nancy Natowitz at assist@firstparishinbrookline.org so we can plan appropriately.