



# FOLLEN NEWSLETTER



Follen Community Church Unitarian Universalist  
Lexington, Massachusetts

April 3, 2011

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Janet Parsons, Editor

## SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011

### 10:30 AM: MULTIGENERATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY

This Sunday will be a wonderful service, as we honor our long-time members who have five-year anniversaries. Then we will call up and welcome all of our new members!! *The Reverend Lucinda Duncan, Debra Zagaeski, Harriet Peterson, and the Membership Committee, co-chaired by Marilyn Falkowski and Susan Brefach*

Because this is a multigenerational service we will not hold "Reflections" following the service. *Religious Education classes will not meet*  
*Nursery care will be provided*

## SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2011 MUSIC SUNDAY

### 10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, COMMUNITY CENTER

All families with young children are welcome at this 20-minute service. The content is crafted to engage children aged 4-10, with one main theme that parents and children can discuss later at home. We continue with our theme of Foundations: looking at the many ways that we and our church are supported. Please come early and sit down front so that your children can participate! *Led by Debra Zagaeski, Director of Religious Education*

### 10:30 AM: ADULT WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY The Fauré Requiem

The Senior Choir will be celebrating the darker side of the Lenten season with one of the best-loved and most deeply moving choral works of the 19th century: the Requiem by the great French composer Gabriel Fauré. The music is under the direction of Thomas Stumpf; and the service will be led by our Parish Minister, Rev. Lucinda Duncan, who will surround the music with exquisite poetry. *Designed by Thomas Stumpf and Lucinda Duncan*  
*Performed by Follen's Senior Choir and soloists*  
*Religious Education classes will meet*  
*Nursery care will be provided*

## SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011 PASSOVER SEDER 6:00 PM: COMMUNITY CENTER

## SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011 PALM SUNDAY

### 10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY

Reverend Lucinda Duncan will lead today's service and talk about what it was like in Jerusalem when Jesus was alive: What happened on that day that we now call Palm Sunday?

### 10:30 AM: ADULT WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY Three Approaches to Healing

Today's service, planned and shaped by three members of our Music/Worship Action Team, the Reverend Marie Tulin, Catherine Collins, and John Dacey, will offer three different understandings of healing and what helps it to occur. *Special Program in Religious Education*  
*Nursery care will be provided*

## GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2011

### 7:30 PM: TENEBRAE SERVICE, SANCTUARY

Appropriate for all aged 14 and up. If you've never attended this service, give it a try. It begins in candlelight, ends in darkness and silence, and is very moving. Led by the Reverend Lucinda Duncan and Thomas Stumpf, Director of Music.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2011 EASTER SUNDAY

### 9:30 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY

A slightly shorter service aimed at children, parents and grandparents and led by Debra Zagaeski and the Rev. Lucinda Duncan in the sanctuary. The Junior and Senior Choirs will sing.  
*Nursery care will be provided*

### 10:30 AM: HOSPITALITY, COMMUNITY CENTER

**11:30 AM: ADULT WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY**  
Traditional Easter Sunday service for youth and adults, with music by the Youth and the Senior Choirs and a sermon by Lucinda.  
*Religious Education classes will not meet*

# From the Octagon

By the Reverend Lucinda Duncan



Each month I confront what must be said from this treasured space, "The Octagon." Sometimes I speak of people or events, of efforts or accomplishments, of people and places I hold dear. But some months, only poetry will do. Here are two poems by Wendell Berry from his book titled *A Timbered Choir*. Good poetry provides space for gathering up what is precious. May these poems do that for you.

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*"You see," my mother said, and laughed,  
knowing I knew the passage  
she was remembering, "finally you lose  
everything." She had lost parents, husband, and  
friends, youth,  
health, most comforts, many hopes.*

*Deaf, asleep in her chair, awakened  
by a hand's touch, she would look up  
and smile in welcome as quiet  
as if she had seen us coming.*

*She watched, curious and affectionate,  
the sparrows, titmice, and chickadees  
she fed at her kitchen window -  
where did they come from, where  
did they go? No matter.  
They came and went as freely as  
in the time of her old age  
her children came and went,  
uncaptured, but fed.*

*And I, walking in the first spring  
of her absence, know again  
her inextinguishable delight:  
the wild bluebells, the yellow  
celadine, violets purple  
and white, twinleaf, bloodroot,  
larkspur, the rue anemone  
light, light under the big trees,  
and overhead the redbud blooming,  
the redbird singing,  
the oak leaves like flowers still  
unfolding, and the blue sky.*

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And this short poem:

*Best of any song  
is bird song  
in the quiet, but first  
you must have the quiet.*

May April be a month of meaning and memory for each of you. May you live each day fully, taking care always to care first for yourselves and for those whose existence it is far too easy to take for granted.

Lucinda

## Covenant Group Registration Continues Through May 1, 2011

Covenant Groups are groups of up to 10 people which meet monthly for a structured discussion guided by selected readings and discussion questions.

If you have wondered about joining a monthly Covenant Group, but aren't sure what is involved, please visit the Covenant Group registration table during coffee hour. We currently have 14 Covenant Groups -- about a third of the adults in the congregation belong to one -- and they are a wonderful way to deepen your friendships at Follen. In Covenant Groups we engage in deep listening and deep sharing of personal life wisdom, and participate on occasion in "helping projects" either for Follen or for the wider world.

## Follen's Annual Seder April 16th



Follen is going to have its annual "Unitarian Universalist" Passover Seder on Saturday night April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Passover starts begins officially on April 18<sup>th</sup> this year.

Please join us in this wonderful meal prepared by local chef Ed Jackson (and friends). We will have a brief 10 minute service and the remainder of time to join friends and family in a gourmet meal and festivities. The cost is \$10 for children and \$15 for adults. You can send your check made out to Follen to Sarah Garner but mark "Seder" in the memo line. You can also give this check to the collection plate the next two Sundays, April 3<sup>rd</sup> or April 10<sup>th</sup>. **The deadline for signing up is April 10<sup>th</sup>** so we can buy food for April 16<sup>th</sup>. We provide the dinner and ask that each person bring either a dessert or a bottle of wine to be shared at your table.

Please contact Marlene Stone with any questions. We would also welcome any cooks to join Ed on Saturday morning April 16<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center kitchen (Ed will prepare a delicious lunch while we are cooking) or people to help with set up or clean up. Look forward to seeing you there.

# RE-flections

by Debra Zagaeski



*"Whether we're a preschooler or a young teen, a graduating senior or a retired person, we human beings all want to know that we're acceptable, that our being alive somehow makes a difference in the lives of others. The more I think about it, the more I wonder if God and neighbor are somehow One. 'Loving God, Loving neighbor' –the same thing?" - Fred Rogers*

I am so proud and so humbled by the honesty, the sorrow and the joy that the youth shared in the worship service on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and very happy to have youth show up in body and in spirit for this once a year service. Some of the youth that were present on Sunday do not regularly attend the Sunday evening FUUY meetings. Many of the youth have other commitments on Sunday evenings that range from sports, jobs, singing groups and childcare to the always and inevitable homework. But, and it is a big But...what about everyone else who could be showing up? The FUUY advisors, FUUY Coordinator, YAC (Young Adult Committee) and I are beginning a process to review our "care and feeding" of the Follen youth groups. We all feel that it is important to consider the ways in which we can be more inclusive and help encourage more of the youth in this community to choose to participate. This will be a long term effort and we will need the village to contribute ideas and feedback as well as time and energy.

Following the Caring Congregation Worship Service on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> many people attended Reflections. The service and the discussion were so valuable, appreciated and needed.

One of the issues that was raised involves the children and youth in the Follen community. There are children and youth that are not able to participate fully in the programming at Follen due to a variety of social, emotional or learning concerns. The Caring Congregation Group and I have been working together to discuss and to work to develop strategies and programs that might better meet the needs of some of these families.

This work requires the village and all of the wisdom and support of that village of neighbors. I am putting out the call to anyone that may be interested in coming to a meeting of neighbors. I would like to form a short-term advisory group

where we would share ideas, consult together and work toward a more inclusive and supportive RE program. Please contact me if you are interested in joining in this discussion.

*Neighbor to Neighbor – Namaste,  
Debra Zagaeski, Director of Lifespan Religious Education*

## **Religious Education Programming in April**

**April 3** – Multigenerational Worship – No RE Classes – Nursery is Open

**April 10** – Regular RE Classes

**April 17** – **Special Programming** -Special Guest Singer and Performer, Su Eaton

Children in grades K-4 meet in the Waldorf School Auditorium (pre-K may attend with a parent or guardian)

Nursery Care for babies children through pre-school

Youth in grades 5 and above attend worship with their families

**April 24<sup>th</sup>** – No RE Classes – Nursery is Open for the 9:30 service

## **Religious Education Programming News**

The **Fifth Grade** Class will be participating in a Spring Term program of Social Justice

On **April 10** the class will visit Habitat in Belmont to help with spring cleaning of weeds.

On **May 15 & 22<sup>nd</sup>** the class will be making and selling items to benefit "Project Baghdad Pups" - look for them at coffee hour!

On **June 5<sup>th</sup>** the class will visit Drumlin Farm to help with trail cleaning.

## **Family Worship**

The Foundation Series continues on April 10<sup>th</sup> with a visit from Anne Kelly, Environmental Activist and Follen Member



## **Mark your Calendars Now!**

Youth from the Coming of Age Class will share their credo statements during the worship service on May 8<sup>th</sup>. More information in the May newsletter.

The graduating seniors will share personal reflections during the worship service on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# Music Notes



## Music Sunday, April 10th *The Requiem of Fauré*

This year's Music Service is being held a week earlier than its usual Palm Sunday date because of the school holidays and the NOLA trip. The Senior Choir will be celebrating the darker side of the Lenten season with one of the best-loved and most deeply moving choral works of the 19th century: the Requiem by the great French composer Gabriel Fauré. The solo sections will be sung by sopranos Epp Sonin and Carolyn Kingston, mezzo-soprano Julia Teitel, tenor Scott Hilse and baritone Benjamin Sears; and the singers will be joined by organist Nathan Skinner, who will also showcase our beautiful Hook organ in Prelude and Offertory. The music is under the direction of Thomas Stumpf; and the service will be led by our Parish Minister, Rev. Lucinda Duncan, who will surround the music with readings of exquisite poetry.

### **FOLLEN CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE PRESENTS:**

### ***A Party on May 21st to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Gilbert and Sullivan at Follen!***

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 21st, youth choir alumni and alumnae will put on a rambunctious concert of excerpts from the seven operas we regularly perform; and this will be followed by an equally rambunctious reception in the Community Center.

All alumni and alumnae of these productions are being invited - please let me know of anyone who is around who might not be on my list or on the Operetta alums Facebook group, or just contact them directly! - as well as this year's Youth and Junior Choirs... Anyone wishing to help or participate in any way, let me know - and please everyone: mark your calendars!!

*Love,  
the present "fearless leader"  
Thomas Stumpf*

## SENIOR CHOIR NOTES

### *Rehearsals:*

**Sunday April 3** at 9 a.m.

**Tuesday April 5** at 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday April 9** at 10 a.m.: Extra rehearsal for the Fauré

**Sunday April 10** at 9 a.m.

**Tuesday April 12** at 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday April 17** at 9 a.m.

**Tuesday April 26** at 7:30 p.m.

**EASTER: Sunday April 24** at 9:00 a.m. for the 9:30 service, a quick rehearsal at 11 a.m. for the 11:30 service

## YOUTH AND JUNIOR CHOIR NOTES

**Youth Choir** every Monday 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Junior Choir** every Monday 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Anne Smith Room

We will follow the Lexington Public Schools calendar throughout the year, so there will be no rehearsals when school is out (this applies to snow days as well as holidays)! This means NO rehearsal on Monday, April 18.

The **Junior Choir** will be singing on April 24 at the 9:30 service - rehearsal at 9 a.m.

The **Youth Choir** will be singing on April 24 at the 11:30 service - rehearsal at 10:45 a.m.

Please note that we will all be singing at the next service, Flower Communion Sunday May 1st, at the regular time.

## Operetta Notes

The Operetta run-through will be held in the Sanctuary on **Monday, April 11th**. This is not "mandatory" but all kids from both choirs who are participating in the operetta are invited - it is a great way to get to know "Ruddygore"!!

The timetable is the same as for the video party: when rehearsal is over at 6 p.m., pizza will be served. The run-through will begin by 6:25, and we should be done by 8:20.

It should be a great year for our Gilbert and Sullivan production!!

# FOLLEN'S CAPE COD WEEKEND

## CAPE COD SEA CAMPS, BREWSTER, MA

### SATURDAY, MAY 28 - MONDAY, MAY 30

<p><b>Arrive for Noon lunch on May 28 and depart after breakfast on May 30.</b></p> <p>Prices include all meals and accommodations for the full weekend. If the camp fees would constitute a hardship, please contact the Rev. Lucinda Duncan (via Sarah Garner in the church office), who will have some campership money available.</p>	<p><b>Sign-Up Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can mail in your registration with a check</li> <li>• You can sign up and pay at Coffee Hour</li> <li>• Unheated Cabin - \$85/Child (under 12); \$105/Adult</li> <li>• Heated Cabin - \$95/Child (under 12); \$115/Adult</li> <li>• Offsite Cabin/Cottage - \$380/Person in single room, \$250/Person in 2-person room. There is a minimum 3-night stay for offsite reservations. Campers at these units can arrive Friday evening. Refunds are not available in the event of cancellation of offsite reservations.</li> <li>• Advance payment in full required.</li> </ul>
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NAMES	AGES OF CHILDREN UNDER 12	CABIN CHOICES (Unheated, Heated, Offsite, Teen*)	ROOMMATE STYLE (Family, Adult Only, Teen*, Don't Care)	\$ Rate per person
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* High School students may opt for the Youth Group Cabin, which is unheated, or can stay with their family group. High School students: If you sign up for the Youth Group Cabin, and your parents will not be attending, please provide the name of another adult attending who will be responsible for you:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Send Form to: Social Events Committee, Follen Church, 755 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington, MA 02420

Questions? Please contact  
 Laurel Carpenter  
 Jenny Marshall

## **THINGS TO PACK:**

Top sheet, blankets and/or sleeping bag, flashlight, soap, shampoo, beach chairs, beach towels, bicycles, bug spray, snacks and drinks to share, games to share, sports equipment, camera, binoculars, layered clothing (nights can get nippy), musical instruments, a good book, ear plugs for non-snorers, sunscreen. (The camp provides a bed with bottom sheet, pillow and pillow case.)

## **DIRECTIONS TO CAPE COD SEA CAMPS**

Route 3 South to Route 6 to Route 124 (Exit 10). Follow Route 124 to the end in Brewster. Turn right onto Route 6A. Three miles to camp on left. Look for Cape Cod Sea Camps sign. Once you turn into the camp, Follen signs will lead you to the registration area at the dining hall for your cabin assignment and check-in. If you get lost on the way, phone the camp at (508) 896-3451. Check in just before Noon Lunch on Saturday.

## **WANTED: MINI CAMP COUNSELORS:**

If you enjoy being a camp counselor, even if only for a half an hour, please consider lending your talents to this very enjoyable weekend. We are looking for people to organize and run:

Scavenger Hunt

Nature Walks

Sand Castle Judging

Kite Making and Flying

Craft Activity

Star Gazing

Bird Watching

Emcee for Talent Show

Other

Questions? Please contact

Laurel Carpenter  
Jenny Marshall

## From the Membership Coordinator *Harriet Peterson*



*"The ideal congregation is 'a base camp for life's expedition.'"*

I've discovered a Facebook group of Unitarian Universalists that shares ideas about growth. A recent conversation is about the power of metaphors. Members have posted metaphors which describe UU congregations at their best. The one above came from Andy Pakula, a former member of First Parish Lexington who is now the minister of a church in north London. It struck me that it captures the essence of Follen's Vision: *We are a welcoming Unitarian Universalist congregation. Nourished by our community, we grow spiritually and embrace the world.*

Rev. Pakula writes:

"I understand Unitarian congregations at their best to be places for rest *and* for equipping and organizing the journey to the heights of justice and spirit.

Yes, there are times when we are exhausted and hurt and maybe ill, and our congregations must be places for rest and restoration. They must be places where we can tend to one another in pursuit of healing.

But a congregation must be much more than a refuge. It must be a place that prepares us for the true work of our lives - the mountains we must climb to become increasingly full and whole souls. These are mountains of self discovery - of spirit and love and depth. And they are mountains of outer work - the work that we do to help make our world a place that is more accepting, more compassionate, and more just."

This is certainly my vision of the ideal congregation and I believe describes Follen at our best. How would you describe Follen Church?

If you want to read more, go to Andy Pakula's blog: (<http://throwyourselflikeseed.blogspot.com/>).

*Harriet Peterson*

## Notes from the President



This is a busy time of year for Program Council, with much of the activity taking place behind the scenes. Most Action Teams are fully immersed in their activities and also are recruiting new members and starting to plan for next year.

Herman Marshall is leading a dedicated group revamping our web site and also worked with the Parish Board to develop a web site policy. Meg Muckenhoupt created the basic site structure, and then trained several others who are adding content. Stay tuned to your Friday Updates to learn more about the site's imminent launch!

Program Council delegated that task of reconciling the fiscal year 2011-12 budget to a small task force (Herman Marshall, Mark Metzger, Alice Dunn, Rich Papazian and myself). The Finance and Human Resources Action Team (FHRAT) made a few tweaks and recommends the resulting balanced budget to Program Council for approval. Thanks to Brian Cali and the Stewardship Committee as well as all of you, our fund drive reached its target goal. There were also new contributions on the revenue side from the endowment and previous years' cumulative surplus. Although we could not fund all of the worthwhile initiatives that were proposed, I am pleased that we honored the priorities set by Program Council of salary increases for staff, funding for the Buildings and Grounds Action Team to correct drainage problems, and a greater financial commitment to Social Justice projects, as well as a few modest increases in other programs. I am particularly excited that next year we will adopt a practice common in many UU congregations known as "Share the Plate." Some portion of our non-pledge proceeds from the regular offering will be given to a social justice cause. The details are still to be worked out by the Social Justice Action Team, and you will be hearing more about this in the future.

Finally, I'd like to welcome the 18 people who have recently signed the membership book! We are so pleased that you have chosen to join this congregation and look forward to honoring you at the new member service this spring.

*Nancy*

### ***Caring Congregation Committee (CCC)***

We were thrilled with the sharing that has happened as a result of the March 27<sup>th</sup> worship service on Ministering to People with Mental Disorders. If you are interested in joining the CCC or in further discussing ideas raised by the service, please call Sharon Cerny or Harriet Peterson.

## Updates from the Parish Board

The Parish Board is the policy arm of Follen's governance structure. Voting members include the Chair and Vice Chair, three at-large members, the Treasurer, and a Trustee. Non-voting members include the Parish Minister and Clerk. We meet about once a month to consider policy and long-range planning issues.

In our last newsletter item in November, we reported that we passed one piece of a five-part revision of our safe congregation policy: the creation of the Incident Response Group to hear about and consider what to do about all incidents concerning safety. The group consists of the President, Parish Minister, the Director of Religious Education, and head of the Lay Ministers.

At the March meeting we passed two more sections: a policy on Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) system checks and a policy on physical safety in Follen buildings and on Follen grounds. We hope to consider and pass the remaining two sections (on children's safety and on limits on the Minister's intimate relationships with congregants) this year - perhaps as soon as the April meeting.

Here are brief summaries of the CORI and physical safety policies. Full copies are available by request to either of us. They will also be published in the Annual Report.

- CORI policy: All staff, as well as all volunteers who work closely with children or vulnerable congregants of any age, will be asked to approve an inquiry into the state's CORI system about their criminal records. The replies returned from the state will be reviewed by the church's designated CORI Officer (currently Sandy Stone). If a report raises no issues, the staff or the volunteer leading the activity will be notified, and volunteers can do their jobs. If there are issues, the individual will be notified and advised of his/her right to dispute the report and/or withdraw from the activity. If it is determined that the report of criminal activity is accurate, the CORI Officer will consult with the Parish Minister about how to proceed. Either may bring in the Incident Response Group to help deliberate on whether and how to allow the individual to participate in activities. Beyond these individuals, all CORI records will be completely confidential and maintained in a secure location.
- Physical safety policy: The policy (1) defines church properties, (2) commits us to providing a physically safe environment for all who participate in activities on our property as well as activities that occur else-

where which are sanctioned or sponsored by Follen, (3) defines who is responsible for establishing and maintaining safety and security procedures, and (4) suggests areas where written procedures and guidelines should be developed, implemented, and maintained. The policy was developed in collaboration with the individuals named in item 3 (e.g., Church Administrator, B&G Chair, Head Usher, and others), and the bulk of the procedures listed in item 4 (e.g., guidelines and training for ushers, annual inspections of lifts and ramps, chain of command for reporting incidents) are already in place.

In addition to safe congregation policy, we have also considered and passed policies for the re-designed website, with particular attention to protections of privacy for congregants and children. This policy is also available by request and will be published in the Annual Report.

We want to reiterate the importance of continuity and maintaining energy and focus in keeping safe congregation policies and procedures in place as staff and volunteer leadership changes. The Board has worked closely with the Program Council and the staff in developing the policies and procedures these last few years, and we all need to commit to see that they are followed and improved over time.

Finally, we plan to propose a bylaw change at the Annual Meeting to change the timing of the election of the Board Chair and Vice Chair. Under the current bylaws both are elected to two-year terms in odd numbered years. Because there is no built-in succession structure, the effect is that both Chair and Vice Chair are likely to leave the Board - and the Coordinating Team - at the same time. To improve continuity and ensure that information is passed on in both settings, we will propose that the Vice Chair be nominated and elected in even-numbered years. To keep continuity next year, Cas is willing to stay on for another year as Vice Chair.

*Walter Leutz, Chair*

*Cas Groblewski, Vice Chair*

### **VOLUNTEER SERVICE NETWORK**

The VSN was started more than 25 years ago at Follen to help provide a supportive network within the congregation, by providing assistance for unforeseen circumstances. If you need help during **April**, call or email **Tasha Bonfanti Balsom** through the church office.

## Nominating Committee Announces Church Leadership Nominations

We are happy to announce the following nominations for church leadership positions for the September 2011- June 2012 church year, pending confirmation at our annual meeting on 5/19/11. Many thanks to the capable and generous members who have agreed to serve!

### Program Council:

President: Herman Marshall, this year's Vice President

Vice President: Laura Maltby

Secretary: Kathy Blake

### Parish Board:

Chair: Melissa Howe Raberg

Vice Chair: Cas Groblewski

Reps at Large: Rosemary McCrudden, returning; Carolyn Crowell, returning; Wilma Ronco, new.

**Treasurer:** Bob Heingartner new

**Trustees:** Jackie Hawkinson, returning; Kyle Johnson, returning; one TBD

**Clerk:** John Lempesis

**Church Auditor:** Jill Reurs

### Nominating Committee, new members:

Anne Engelhart

GINNA JOHNSON

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Annual Meeting!

*Nominating Committee: Anne Rodman, Kathy Vandiver, Marlene Stone, Bob Halliday, Lynne Stinson, Jane Spickett*

## Time to Register for Cape Cod Weekend!



Please mark your calendars for Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday through Monday, May 28th - 30th. This is the time when almost everyone in the church migrates to Brewster, Cape Cod, to enjoy the sun, the sand, and, most importantly, one another's company. Sign up at coffee hour beginning on Sunday, April 10th.

**Look for the registration form on pages 5 and 6 in this newsletter.**

## April Soup Supper:

April 14



The monthly Thursday Soup Supper on April 14th will be held at Fred Johnson's house at 4 Stetson Street, Lexington.

**Note that this is the second Thursday, not the third Thursday.** Same drill: No need to RSVP; just show up from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., with children as applicable. There will be at least two soups with one being vegetarian, and there will be mac & cheese for the kids. Volunteers are welcomed to bring other soups, salads, bread/rolls, a beverage, or dessert, but if you are thinking of bringing a soup, please call Fred to coordinate.

## About Follen Folks

☞ Congratulations to Dean Magauran, whose paper for his Lexington High School history class, titled "Follen Church Society: An Enduring Community," was unanimously chosen by the Lexington Historical Society to receive this year's S. Lawrence While History Award. Dean will receive the award on April 5th. His paper is excellent, definitely worthy for all of us to read!

☞ Congratulations to Louise and Bob Curtis who announced last week that their first great-granddaughter was born on March 20. The little redhead, named Juliette Depasqua, has already had her vocal range assessed by our former Director of Music. "She's a mezzo-soprano," says Louise!

☞ Tasha Bonfanti Balsom has been featured in a new book, 100 Artists of New England. Tasha will be bringing a copy of the book to church with her; if you'd like to see it, please come find her on Sunday mornings in the nursery. Congratulations, Tasha!

☞ And one more big round of applause for Holly Stumpf who two weeks ago was told by the Assistant Dean of the Yale College of Music that she had been selected - out of a field of 300 people from 45 states - as their Music Educator of the Year! Holly will travel to New Haven in early June to attend a weekend of activities and to receive her award. Congratulations, Holly!!!

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**POSTMASTER: PLEASE RUSH!**  
**DATED MATERIAL**  
**ADDRESS CORRECTION**  
**REQUESTED**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: April 25**

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**Upcoming Follen Events:**

**Sun. Apr. 3** 8:30 am Children w/ Spec. Needs (M)  
 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)  
 10:30 am Multigen. Worship Service (S)  
 12:00 pm Social Events (E/A)  
 6:30 pm Nominating Cte. (ASR)  
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

**Mon. Apr. 4** 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)  
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)  
 6:30 pm OWL (M)  
 7:30 pm Program Council (ASR)

**Tues. Apr. 5** 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

**Wed. Apr. 6** 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)

**Thur. Apr. 7** 7:15 pm Cov. Group Steering (M)

**Fri. Apr. 8** 5:00 pm OWL Sleepover (M)

**Sat. Apr. 9** **10:00 am Senior Choir (S)**

**Sun. Apr. 10** 8:30 am Children w/ Spec. Needs (M)  
 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)  
 10:00 am Family Worship (CC)  
 10:30 am Adult Worship (S)  
 12:00 pm B & G Work Day  
 12:30 pm Lay Ministry (E/A)  
 4:00 pm Drum Circle (CC)  
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

**Mon. Apr. 11** 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)  
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)  
 6:00 pm Operetta Run-through (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Parish Board (ASR)

**Tues. Apr. 12** 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

**Wed. Apr. 13** 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Membership (ASR)

**Thur. Apr. 14** 1:30 pm Book Group (ASR)  
 6:00 pm Soup Supper (off-site)

6:30 pm Coming of Age (E/A)  
 7:00 pm Knitting (M)  
 7:30 pm Coordinating Team (L)

**Fri. Apr. 15** 7:00 pm Play Reading (S/ASR)

**Sat. Apr. 16** 9:00 am Seder Prep (CC/K)  
 6:00 pm Seder (CC)

**Sun. Apr. 17** 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)  
 9:15 am Social Justice Action Team (E/A)  
 10:00 am Family Worship Service (CC)  
 10:30 am Adult Worship Service (S)  
 12:00 pm Reflections (ASR)  
 6:30 pm Nominating Cte. (ASR)  
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)  
 7:00 pm Greene/Baron Cov. Group (M)

**Mon. Apr. 18** **HOLIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tues. Apr. 19** 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

**Wed. Apr. 20** 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)  
 7:30 pm B & G Action Team (M)

**Thurs. Apr. 21** 7:30 pm Worship & Music (ASR)

**Fri. Apr. 22** 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service (S)

**Sun. Apr. 24** 9:00 am Senior & Junior Choir (S)  
 9:30 am Easter Family Service (S)  
 10:30 am Hospitality Hour (CC)  
 10:45 am Youth & Senior Choir (S)  
 11:30 am Easter Adult Service (S)  
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

**Mon. Apr. 25** 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)  
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)  
 7:30 pm FHRAT (ASR)

**Tues. Apr. 26** 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

**Wed. Apr. 27** 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Cov. Grp. Operations (ASR)

**Thurs. Apr. 28** 6:30 pm Coming of Age (ASR)