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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2010**

**Morning Worship Services—9 & 10:30 am**

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach,  
 D. Min.

*This Little Light of Mine*

Scripture: St. Matthew 5:13-16

Calendar for Sunday, January 31, 2010

- 9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
- 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service  
 (infant and toddler care provided)
- 10:30 am Church School Classes
- 10:30 am Confirmation Class
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)
- 12 n Junior Choir Rehearsal

**The flowers** will be given in memory of loved ones of the Lohne and Paskievich families by Andrea and Stephen Paskievich.

**Ushers for January:** Bonnie Mullen, Joseph Toto, Joseph D’Agostino, Kathryn Millheim, Betty Cullen, Scott Mitchell, Stephen Gates, and Linda D’Agostino (captain).

**Greeters:** Fred and Maureen Howland.

**Minister’s Reception Line Volunteer:** Joan Potter.

**Fellowship Hour Hosts:** Leeila and Robert Given.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

**Morning Worship Services with Holy Communion—9 & 10:30 am**

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach,  
 D. Min.

*Serving Together*

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Calendar for Sunday, February 7, 2010

- 9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
- 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service  
 (infant and toddler care provided)
- 10:30 am Church School Classes  
 (Pre-K – Grade 7)
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)
- 12 n Junior Choir Rehearsal

**The flowers** will be given in memory of loved ones of the Medeiros and Sproul families by Elinor I. Sproul.

**Greeter:** Rodrigo and Erica Illanes.

**Minister’s Reception Line Volunteer:** Alwyn Van Cor.

**Ushers for February:** Winston Thomas, Stephen Gates, Joseph D’Agostino, Linda Byam, Jennifer Byam, Marcia Phinney, Kathryn Millheim, Philip Gindi, and Linda D’Agostino (captain).

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
January 10, 2010	34	143	177
January 17, 2010	27	146	173

**Church School**

January 10, 2010	78
January 17, 2010	Family Sunday

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## RAW MATERIAL

## Perseverance

To persevere: to persist in a state, enterprise or undertaking in spite of counter influence, opposition or discouragement.

A lad saw a want ad in a small Massachusetts paper asking for a young man to assist the office manager of a brokerage house in Boston. Applications were to be mailed to Box 1720, Boston. The young man wrote the best letter of application he knew how. When no reply came he wrote a second letter. Still no reply. Though discouraged he did not quit. He rewrote his letter, changing the wording, improving the construction. Still he received no reply from his third letter.

The lad knew that success required persistence. So he took a train to Boston, went directly to the post office and asked, "Who rents Box 1720?" The clerk replied that to give out such information was against the law.

The boy hunted for Box 1720; then waited hours until someone came. He followed the person to one of Boston's large brokerage houses. When the manager heard his story he said, "My young friend, you are just the type we are looking for. The job is yours." Thus began the career of Roger Babson, one of America's illustrious statisticians.\*

It is almost the end of January. It feels colder than usual and the snow has already wiped out two Sunday worship services. Feel like quitting?

I guess everybody does at one time or another. Listen to this advice from some familiar names.

"Kites fly highest against the wind, not with it." -Winston Churchill

"Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently." -Henry Ford

"I would rather fail in a cause that someday will triumph, than to win in a cause that I know someday will fail." -Woodrow Wilson

"Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent." -Jean Kerr

How about a Bible verse:

"So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time." -Galatians 6:9

A dying soldier asked the hospital chaplain to send a message to his Sunday school teacher. "Tell her I die a Christian and that I have never forgotten her teaching." A few weeks after he sent this message the chaplain received this reply from the Sunday school teacher: "May God have mercy on me! Only last month I resigned my Sunday school class for I felt my teaching had done no good through the years. I am going back to my pastor at once to tell him that I will try again in Christ's name, and that I will be steadfast to the end."

Let's keep going friends...together.

R.A.W.

\*Leslie Flynn, American Tract Society, Garland TX, #B82

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT  
CHURCH HERALD**  
Thursday, February 4, 2010  
(will cover dates of February 14 – 27, 2010)

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# NEWS



More willing souls to help plan and execute the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show March 26-27. Experience or knowledge concerning antiques is **not** necessary (the dealers take care of that).

This show is the second most lucrative fundraiser for the church, raising more than \$7,500 last year.

Many great workers volunteer during the week of the show, but more are needed for the organizing stages starting NOW. We meet after Sunday services about twice a month.

Please call the office or one of us if you would be willing to join the effort or would like more information. Thanks.

Phil Gindi – 781-665-3122  
Joan Potter – 781-665-4158

## **366<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING** **Sunday, January 31, 2010** **Please plan to attend this important** **yearly meeting**

### **ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON**

The Annual Meeting on January 31 will once again be preceded with a luncheon beginning at noon. The menu this year will be chicken picatta, rice, salad, rolls and butter, with apple crisp for dessert. The cost is \$11 per person or \$30 for a family.

Please call Linda D'Agostino to make a reservation if you plan to attend the luncheon. (781-245-0243)

## **OUTREACH CORNER**

Words of thanks from some of the ministries you pray for and contribute to through First Parish:

### **Ian and Beka Rideout in Niger, Africa**

We are so grateful for safety as we fly and maintain our small planes, especially after losing several colleagues earlier this year. We are trusting in God's sovereignty over fragile political situations, health, and difficult circumstances. We are also grateful for our children's enjoyment of school (K, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades), and for cousins close by. We appreciate your participation in the Calendar Project that will enable the conversion to a diesel engine for a newly purchased plane that will continue SIMAIR's ministry of using airplanes to reduce travel time and fatigue of missionaries, staff, and patients in West Africa's largest country, where travel is difficult due to great distances and extreme heat.

### **Karen and Tim Mindling, International Treasurer of SEND in Michigan**

Tim just returned from the Philippines, where he is exploring ways that SEND can increase its involvement in Muslim ministries, similar to our experience in Afghanistan. We are grateful for the increasing adjustment of each of our family to life back in the US, and appreciate your prayers and financial support, which still has a deficit.

**The Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry** thanks you on behalf of those who were touched by your generosity in 2009—400 residents a month/100 bags of food a week. We were also able to provide supermarket gift cards and referrals for emergency aid.

## **PEW CUSHION REQUEST**

Dear Congregation:

It has been brought to our attention that the pew cushions are starting to show their age and then some. The cost for fixing or replacing the cushions is prohibitive at this time.

If we collect a small amount of money from a substantial amount of people over the course of 2010, we will fix whatever the donations allow. Please consider participating and see how much more comfortable you are next year. Make donations to First Parish Congregational Church and put "pew cushions" in the memo area. Thank you.

For the Trustees, Stephen Gates

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# News...

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Youth Group continues to meet on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm, in *The Basement*. Come to connect with friends, hang out, meet new people, have a Bible study, ask questions about your faith, play games, and eat free food! Newcomers are always welcome and feel free to bring a friend!

Other upcoming special dates are:

Sunday, February 7 - Super Bowl Party

March 26-28 – Youth Retreat at Camp Berea  
In New Hampshire

Please contact Abram Kielsmeier-Jones for more info on these events at [AbramFPCC@yahoo.com](mailto:AbramFPCC@yahoo.com) or call the church office.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Thanks to everyone's great cooperation the 2009 Annual Report is ready! Many thanks to those who submitted their reports in such a timely fashion and also to those who col-lated last Thursday morning—Betty Cullen, Carol Cerullo, Herold Doherty, Ruth Ross and our stapler Tammy. It was truly a group effort.

Linda Hunzelman

## IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD R. JENNINGS  
January 18, 2010

*May the love of God give you comfort—  
May the love of God give you peace.*

## An Appeal for Shelter from the Cold

To Our Church Family,

I have seen the need to help a man who was homeless and sleeping outside for several months. He now has a room in the Wakefield Manor. I have promised to pay his rent until Easter and am working on getting him self-sufficient, able to hold his own. We have approximately 12 more weeks to cover. This need is immediate. He needs our prayers and our financial support to help him find his way out of his despair. We are the Jesus he sees. Is your heart calling you to help? One week's rent is \$100. Whatever portion you could offer is greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to First Parish Congregational Church and in the memo please write "Love Thy Neighbor Fund".

Thank you for your prayers and loving attention,

Kenneth Wood

## WOMEN'S WINTER WEEKEND

February 12 – 14

The Linden Tree Inn, Rockport, MA

\$125 – 2 nights and 5 meals

relax...eat...rest...eat...talk...read...eat...walk...  
shop...rest...eat...play games...rest...share...worship...  
eat

**Join us for all or part of this refreshing time together.**

## MEMBERSHIP SEMINARS

Pastor Rich will be conducting membership classes on Saturday, February 20, 2010, and Saturday, May 8, 2010. Please speak to him if you are interested in attending.

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# Thank You Notes...

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Jonathan Van Magness  
2 – Pamela Major  
4 – Alma Leafquist  
6 – Vanessa Gebhard  
10 – Alexander Kennedy  
11 – Charlene Flint, Andrew Sleger  
13 – Brad Caputo  
14 – Derek Foster  
16 – Linda Govostes O’Neil, Jessica Jackson  
17 – Molly McGrath  
18 – Jacqueline Caputo, Albert Simkins, Jr.  
21 – Edward and Irene Schmidgall (A), Brendon Hildreth  
24 – James Fosnock, Florence Timmins  
25 – Jeanne Nielsen, Kenneth Parsons  
27 – Lucia Stevenson, Brandon Grinnell

## NOTES OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

*Special thanks to the Flower Committee and those who braved the weather to deliver the poinsettia plant. We’ve been enjoying ours so very much. It certainly is a bright spot in our living room.*

*In addition, I continue to appreciate all the prayers, cards, notes, etc. that I receive. Each one is very special. Thank you all so very much.*

*Sincerely, Marge Stevenson*

*Heartfelt thanks to everyone who was so generous with calls, cards, meals, flowers, visits, and transportation while I was laid up at home with a broken leg. I thank the Lord everyday for my loving, caring church family at First Parish.*

*Blessings, Jill Sullivan*

## SNOWSTORM POLICY

If there is a snowstorm on a Saturday and 3” or more accumulates, the 9 am service will be canceled. The 10:30 am service will usually be conducted. **In the event of a severe snowstorm, it may be necessary to cancel it. Cancellation of the 10:30 service will be announced on WBZ Storm Center (TV Channel 4 in Boston; 1030 on the AM radio dial).**

The notices are listed 5 minutes and 35 minutes after the hour on the radio and after 5 am on Channel 4. You may also check their web-sites: [WBZ1030.com](http://WBZ1030.com) or [WBZ4.com](http://WBZ4.com). We will also change the outgoing message on the office telephone to inform callers of the cancellation.