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PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2010

Worship Services—9 & 10:30 am

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

A Shout of Triumph

Scripture: St. John 19:25-30

Calendar for Sunday, March 28, 2010

- 9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
- 9:45 am Fair Committee meeting
- 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
- 2:00 pm Community Dinner

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of
 E. Ashley and Priscilla F. T. Davidson
 from their family.

Ushers for March: William Watt, James Fosnock, Alwyn Van Cor,
 Philip Gindi, Joan Potter, Richard Pratt, and Herold Doherty
 (captain).

Greeters: Robert Given and Lee.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim.

Fellowship Hour Hosts: The Bacci Family.

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2010

Worship Service —10:30 am
With Holy Communion

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

A Prayer of Trust

Scripture: St. Luke 23:44-46

Calendar for Sunday, April 4, 2010

- 6:00 am Sunrise Service (Lower Common)
- 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
 Joined with the Korean Love Church
 (infant and toddler care provided)
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

Memorial Flowers

The Easter lilies adorning the sanctuary will be given in memory
 of loved ones by friends and members of First Parish Congrega-
 tional Church.

The flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of Gaetano
 D'Agostino by Joe, Linda, Joshua, and Jillian D'Agostino; those
 on the right will be given in loving memory of Jane and Joseph A.
 Bernabeo by their loving family.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim.

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Linda and Jean Sabatula and friends.

Ushers: Dominic Mercurio (captain).

Members of the Diaconate Serving Communion: Linda Byam,
 Angela Faylor, Jill Sullivan, James Fosnock, Stephen Brennan,
 and Timothy Hildreth.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
March 7, 2010	31	149	180
March 14, 2010	14	123	137

Church School

March 7	54
March 14	49

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT
 CHURCH HERALD**

Thursday, April 1, 2010
 (will cover dates of April 11 – April 24, 2010)

IN MEMORIAM

CARLETON LOGAN
 March 15, 2010

J. PHYLLIS SKYRME
 March 15, 2010
 Joined First Parish Congregational Church
 November 17, 1985

ROBERT H. GARDNER
 March 15, 2010
 Joined First Parish Congregational Church
 January 4, 1953

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R.A.W. MATERIAL

It was Friday

It is Sunday night and I'm just finishing up a busy day. I attended worship this morning and heard Abram Kielsmeier-Jones preach on the fifth word from the cross, "I'm thirsty ((John 19:28). My heart was touched as he reminded all of us to always remember that Jesus was truly human. He understands our everyday human experiences and was touched and is touched by our joys and struggles.

At 2:00 p.m., I conducted a funeral service for Carleton Logan. Carol, his wife, works with Lisa Carpenter and Lisa invited her to worship. She also took Steve Brennan's *Wonderful Wednesday* class when she was caring for Carleton, who was struggling with Alzheimer's Disease. After the service, Janet DeGuglielmo's mother introduced herself, she lives right across from Carol. I invited her to the Passion Play and she said, "You know I came several years ago and just had to come back on Easter morning, just to see what was going to happen next!"

Isn't that great? We are all getting ready for Easter, aren't we? That encounter reminded me of a true experience told to me by Dr. Tony Campolo, a sociologist at Eastern College in Philadelphia. Tony attends our African-American Church in that city and he related how his pastor preached his Easter sermon from one line, over and over again.

He started softly by saying, 'It's Friday; and Jesus was dead on the tree. *But* that was Friday, and Sunday' comin'!' Somebody yelled, 'Preach it, brother!' It was all the encouragement he needed.

'It was Friday and Mary was cryin' her eyes out and the disciples were runnin' around like sheep without a shepherd. *But* that was Friday, and Sunday's comin'!'

'It was Friday. The cynics were looking at the world and sayin', 'As things have been so shall they ever be. You can't change anything...' *But* they didn't know that it was only Friday...and that Sunday's comin'!'

'It was Friday, and on Friday Pilate thought he had washed his hands of a lot of trouble. The Pharisees were struttin' around and pokin' each other in the ribs. They thought they were back in charge. *But* it was Friday! And Sunday's comin'!'

"By the time he finished," Tony reported, "I was exhausted. At the end he just yelled at the top of his lungs, 'It's Friday!' and all five hundred of us yelled back, '*But* Sunday's comin'!'"

Easter is God's great "*But*" to death. Of course, there will be challenges, struggles, dark nights, bad memories, different people, sad circumstances, disease and even death...*But* Sunday (EASTER SUNDAY!) is comin'!

R.A.W.

SNOWSTORM POLICY

If there is a snowstorm on a Saturday, 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 websites: WBZ1030.com or WBZ4.com We will also change the outgoing message on the office telephone to inform callers of the cancellation.

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NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY WALK

The Cause

For many millions of children each year, being born in America is to be blessed with comfort, good fortune and love. However, according to the Children's Defense Fund eighteen percent of American children live in poverty. In Mississippi, which ranks 50th in infant mortality, a child is born into poverty every 37 minutes!

Of the 300 poorest counties in the United States, 66% are in the rural South. Sharing, Inc. supports groups that bring hope by bringing change to such rural populations. Ninety-four percent of the money raised by Good Friday Walks is given to organizations that are working to improve the present and the future for African-American children.

This Good Friday—April 2, 2010—Pastor Rich will walk for Sharing, Inc. This will be his 19th year. You are encouraged to support him. If you want to walk a lap or two, he will meet you at the church at 7 am, 8 am, 9 am, 10 am, 1 pm or 2 pm. You are also invited to contribute to Sharing, Inc. He will be in the vestry after church.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT SUMMER!

The Board of Christian Education is looking for volunteers to staff the childcare room for the 9:30 summer service (June 27-August 29). A poster will be in the vestry for signups. It is asked that if you currently use the childcare room, you sign up for at least one service to help during the summer. If there are not at least two people age 14 or up in the room, childcare will not be provided.

Please contact Darcy Hildreth – 781-944-2998 – if you have questions. Thank you.

MISSIONARY NEWS

Our missionary family, Tim and Karen Mindling, and their children Tim, Jr., Abigail and Peter served for several years in Kabul, Afghanistan. They are now in South Lyon, Michigan and serving with a new mission agency, SEND. Tim is working on strategies for how SEND can strengthen their current Muslim ministries in closed countries. Unfortunately, he was rear-ended by a car on March 1. He endured multiple herniated discs in his neck and back.

Gordon and Ellyn Sturgeon attended First Parish for a few years, hoping to serve the Lord in a needy place. They moved to North Dakota about 2-3 years ago, but are now preparing to serve with Global Outreach International in Rwanda, East Africa. The Outreach Committee recently voted to support these efforts. We expect to see them this spring.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

To help with your planning, First Parish Vacation Bible School is scheduled to begin at 9 am on Monday, June 28, and end on Friday, July 2, 2010.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Starting on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, these classes will be offered:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<i>Book of Hebrews</i>	Nicki McLennan
<i>Helping Hurting People</i>	Beth Kidd Executive Director of Place of Promise
<i>Fearless</i>	Pastor Rich

More information and sign-ups coming soon.

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News...

BOOKSHELF NEWS

Please visit the bookshelf in the vestry! Each month the Library Committee features books with a different theme. In March, books about Easter will be featured. Three books that will be featured are: Family Celebrations at Easter, by Ann Hibbard, First Easter: The True and Unfamiliar Story, by Paul Maier, and The First Easter, by Peter Marshall. Some of our newer selections are Deception, by Randy Alcorn, False Witness, by Randy Singer, and several new Veggie Tales and Hermie and Friends DVDs in the youth section.

Come and check out our books and DVDs. Just fill out the orange card.

YARD SALE

The Trustees will again host a Yard Sale on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. As you do your spring cleaning, please keep the church in mind. Be on the lookout for items you would like to donate to this event. We again hope to have a nice selection of household items—something to please everyone!

If you can wait until after the Antiques Show to bring them in it would be most helpful.

Marcia Phinney



Misc...

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – K. J. Jung
- 2 – John Connelly, Shelby Sleger
- 3 – Adam Pollock
- 6 – Elmer Maxwell, Melanie Miksis
- 8 – Edward Perreault, Jack Spicer, Dexter Wheeler
- 9 – Cameron Mitchell, Kathleen Lyons, Thomas Gordon
- 10 – Nancy Jackson
- 13 – Lilah Hatheway, Stephen Brennan, Donald Frey, Dale Frey
- 14 – Christian Howland
- 16 – Frank Brown
- 17 – Janet Hanlon
- 18 – Douglas Jackson
- 20 – Carlton Elliott, Christopher Thibodeau, Chloe Powell
- 21 – Scott Mitchell, Ruth Jackson
- 22 – Mark Sleger, Roxane Spezzaferri, Brian Carpenter, Sr.
- 23 – Rita George, Thomas King
- 24 – Christopher Bossi
- 25 – Michelle Racamato
- 26 – Joshua D'Agostino, Eleanor Elliott
- 28 – Jill Price, David Schlumper
- 29 – Nancy Sleger, Irene Whitehead

NOTES OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Dear Members of First Parish Church,

Thank you very much for your generous gift to the Wakefield Unit of the Salvation Army. In these past months, as we have tried to follow the magnificent example of Ed and Irene Schmidgall, providing assistance to townspeople, we are amazed at the continual gifts given for others.

This summer, when I gathered with other volunteers at the Schmidgall's home, they reminded us that people would need help at the end of the winter...imagine our relief when your perfectly timed check arrived...

Ed and Irene continue to be angels on this earth, giving us quiet advice.

Gratefully, Trudy Delory

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everyone for the bouquet of flowers presented to me by Marcia Phinney on Sunday. I wasn't expecting it, and it was a wonderful surprise. Thanks also for your concerns and prayers regarding my fractured wrist.

Sincerely, Linda D'Agostino

Dear Friends,

Your lovely bouquet of flowers arrived on Sunday afternoon. Pat had taken me for a ride as it will be quite some time before I am able to drive once again.

I am healing quite nicely and your flowers brightened my day.

Thank you, fondly, Sandy Serrentino