

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
Chapel Worship at 7:00 pm

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

The Forgotten Beatitude
Scripture: Acts 20:17-38

Calendar for Sunday, August 30, 2009

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
10:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

The memorial flowers will be given in loving memory of Wallace I. Van Cor from his wife Alwyn.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer:

Joan Potter. **Fellowship Hour Host:** open
Ushers: Stephen Gates, Stephen Brennan,
Richard W. Pratt, and Linell Nester (captain).
Greeters: Becky, James, and Emily Fosnock.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT "Church Herald"
Thursday, September 3, 2009
(will cover dates of
September 13-26, 2009)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

**Morning Worship Service
with Holy Communion at 9:30**

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

Life As It Was Meant to Be,
Part II

Scripture: St. Matthew 5:3-12

Calendar for Sunday, September 6, 2009

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
10:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

The memorial flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of Stephen Douglas Martin by his family; those on the right will be given in loving memory of Donald Forrest Millheim by Kathryn Millheim.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer:

Alwyn Van Cor. **Fellowship Hour Hosts:**
the Fosnock family. **Ushers:** Jennifer and
Linda Byam, Joseph D'Agostino, Barbara
Flynn, Earl W. Sheaff, and Kathryn Millheim
(captain). **Greeter:** Jane Wilkins.

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August 21, 2009

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
Time Value

**This
Month's
Birthdays
& Anniversaries**



- 1—Anna and Olivia Wright
- 2—Horace Hylan, Lyndsey Nielsen,
Arthur Lyons, Jr., John Sofia
- 3—Alex Brown, Lauren Faylor
- 4—Jill Kennedy, Peter Castellano, Eden
Hudson
- 5—Roy Evans
- 6—Barbara Parish, Benjamin Van Magness,
Lillian Jones
- 7—Jeffrey Sleger, Abigail McGrath

- 8—Judith Fanjoy, William Watt, John LaVerde
- 9—Kristofer Griswold
- 12—Diana Powell, Ann Ludlow
- 15—Mary MacLaughlin, Joyce D' Alelio
- 17—Austin Kennedy, Barbara Costas
- 18—Connie & Peter Mpontsikaris (A)
- 19—Todd Stevenson
- 21—Kristen D' Alelio
- 22—Tyler Mitchell, Craig Sweeney
- 24—Gina Gebhard, Diane Wilhelm
- 26—John Arena, Robert Nielsen, Shannon
Livingston, Walter Morton
- 28—Peter Caputo, Samantha Prosperi
- 29—Lynne Lowry, Kristen Mithcell

Please notify the church office of any errors or omissions.

IN MEMORIAM

OLGA LEARD

July 31, 2009

[A memorial service will be held in our sanctuary
on October 4 at 2 pm]

DOROTHY MAE (FRYE) HENDERSON

August 14, 2009

Joined First Parish Congregational Church on
May 24, 1953

ELLA M. (POLAND) DOLAN

August 16, 2009

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanct.	Total
Sunday, July 26, 2009		112	
Wednesday, July 29	24		136
Sunday, August 2		103	
Wednesday, August 5	17		120
Sunday, August 9		84	
Wednesday, August 12	20		104
Sunday, August 16		81	
Wednesday, August 19	25		106

THANK YOU'S

Thank you very much for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers this past month as I underwent ear surgery at Mass. Eye & Ear. I am happy to report that I am now 100% healthy and healed. Your thoughtfulness (including the beautiful flowers) during this stressful time meant a lot to me and my family.

Sincerely, Joel Brennan

SANCTUARY CHOIR DINNER RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!!

I hope if you enjoy singing that you've already got September 9 marked on your calendar to have dinner with our Sanctuary Choir. The Music Committee has planned an excellent dinner starting at around 7:00, which is a no-charge, no-obligation social event for all our choir members and anyone else interested in perhaps joining us up in the choir loft this coming school year. Please know that coming to the dinner does not obligate you in any way to join the choir; it's just an opportunity to get to know us and see what choir's all about!

Following dinner, we'll have a brief rehearsal to prepare an anthem for the following Sunday and to read through several other planned anthems, to give new singers an idea of the repertoire we'll be singing in the upcoming months. Please keep in mind that you don't need to commit to coming to every Wednesday rehearsal and every Sunday service in order to contribute. If you have to miss a Wednesday, you still get the chance to go over the anthem the following Sunday before church, and we nearly always spend a minimum of 2 rehearsals on any anthem, so you probably won't be sight-reading anyway.

Ability to read music, an excellent voice, or previous training in not a requirement; all we ask is that you have a commitment to contribute to the choir and our worship in the best way you can given your schedule and other commitments. Also, the choir does take a Sunday off every 6 weeks or so in order to give choir members an opportunity to go away for a weekend without feeling guilty!

For any further questions, please give me a ring at 781-246-3847 or write me at Don-hodg@aol.com. Otherwise, I do hope to see many of you for dinner on September 9!!

Don Hodgkins, Director of Music Ministries

R.A.W. MATERIAL

Service in His Name

You have all heard the old expression, “When the cat’s away, the mice will play.” I’m not saying that I’m a cat and you are mice, but there have been times during my forty plus years of pastoring a local church, that coming home from vacation has been a little scary.

What will I discover? What has taken place in my absence? Well...coming home from vacation this year was not only a time filled with memorable moments in the woods of Maine, but a series of encouraging encounters.

As I arrived back, I was reminded that Vacation Bible School was in full swing. Volunteers and children were sprinkled throughout the basement floor, all with smiling faces and a cheery welcome for me. The next day I was thanking Darcy Hildreth for her labors at VBS and she was already excited about next year! The kitchen was filled with more volunteers preparing the August meal for Rosie’s. It was about 10:00 am and they had finished their work and were enjoying coffee together. The hallways were filled with other volunteers from the Thursday Morning Bible Study who were setting up for the monthly clothing closet. A line of shoes and sneakers, ten feet long, ten tables and five racks, were filled with clothes all neatly folded and sorted. By Saturday morning more volunteers arrived to cook the monthly breakfast; they serve close to fifty people. The clothing closet was busy too. More volunteers came to assist the folks who came, offering a friendly welcome, coffee and donuts, and bags for everyone to fill with needed clothing.

I was so encouraged to see all this ministry to our community...and all I did was come back from vacation, walk around, greet people, and share in the activity. I hope all you who participated so willingly in these ministries know how thankful I am. Just to see all of you working together does my heart much good. And I trust there is a smile on God’s face, too!

R.A.W.

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OUR OWN TV CELEBRITY!

For those of you who did not have the “Today Show” on this week on Wednesday morning, you missed seeing our own Esther Rattray being honored by Willard Scott on the occasion of her 107th birthday! Esther resides at Longwood Place in Reading and has been a member of First Parish since 1925! Best wishes to our famous parishioner!

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE Friday, September 18 from 2-7 pm church dining room

Thank you for your continued support of our American Red Cross blood drives. You may make an appointment if you prefer by calling Kerry Ellen at 1-800-462-9400, x2031. Thanks for your important role in sustaining our blood supply.