

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm

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

Blessed Are the Bankrupt

Scripture: St. Luke 18:9-14

Calendar for Sunday, July 5, 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 Roger Carnes by his wife Thyra and family.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer:
Alwyn Van Cor. **Fellowship Hour Hosts:** the Fosnock family.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm

Sermon: Abram Kielsmeier-Jones

Pages that Point to Jesus

Scripture: St. Matthew 6:7-16

Calendar for Sunday, July 12, 2009

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

The memorial flowers will be given by Rita George in loving memory of her husband Fran and both their parents.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Joyce Langone. **Fellowship Hour Host:** open

DEADLINE FOR NEXT "Church Herald"
Thursday, July 23, 2009
(will cover dates of
August 2-29, 2009)

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June 26, 2009

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
Time Value



Youth Group Canoeing

and food! Open to all students in Grades 6-12. Always feel free to bring a friend! **(No Youth Group on July 3)**

FIRST PARISH YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER

Youth in 6th grade up through Seniors in high school, Friday nights this summer from 7-9 pm we meet together every week in the *Basement* for Youth Group. Weekly activities include games, hanging out, Bible study, small group discussion, fun,

July: Serve at the Trustees' Fourth of July fundraiser by selling hot dogs, ice cream, cold drinks & strawberry shortcake on Saturday, July 4, from 10 am—2 pm. We will be located on the corner entrance in front of the church.

Canoeing and Kayak Trip: Sunday, July 19, from 12 noon to 6 pm, on the Ipswich River, Foote Brothers Canoe Co. We will leave the church together and meet back at the church. Talk to Abram to sign up and for a permission slip (required to go). Cost: \$30 per person. If money is an issue, please talk to Abram. Deadline for signing up is July 12. Safety is a high priority in the Youth Ministry. Please see Abram's youth letter that went out on Friday, June 26 for more details.

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

Special Concert with George Miller

Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm

Sermon: Abram Kielsmeier-Jones

Come Away...and Rest Awhile

Scripture: St. Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

Calendar for Sunday, July 19, 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 Agnes M. Morrison from the trust fund given in her memory.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim. **Fellowship Hour Host:** Arthur Wessels, Sr.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

Morning Worship Service at 9:30

Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm

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

Satisfaction for the Starving

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11

Calendar for Sunday, July 26, 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 the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Ludlow and John Gooding by Mr. and Mrs. John Ludlow; the rose on the Communion table will be given in loving memory of Avis R. Wessels who would have enjoyed her 59th wedding anniversary with Arthur Wessels on July 29.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanct.	Total
Sunday, June 14, 2009	26	162	188
*June 21		134	
June 24 (Wednesday)	19		134

Church School

Sunday, June 14—64 children

*Family Sunday

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Flower Committee for the wonderful flowers and for the prayers and cards. I'm glad to be home after such a long time.

God Bless, Priscilla Moody

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

Children who have access to nutritious meals throughout the summer return to school in the fall ready to learn, and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) helps make this possible. The SFSP in your community allows children and youth age 18 and under to enjoy the same healthy food they get in school at a site in your neighborhood all summer long—**for free!**

SFSP sites are located throughout many cities and towns in Massachusetts. No registration or identification is needed. Often, there are activities to participate in at the sites, making the SFSP a nutritious, safe, fun way for children and youth to get healthy meals when school is out!

For more information on where and when meals will be served this summer, call **Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333** or visit **www.meals4kids.org** in July and August.

FLOWER CHAIRMAN FOR JULY

Pamela Hodgson will be delivering memorial flowers to those bereaved, ill, or shut-in for the month of July. Becky Fosnock will be attending to flowers in August.

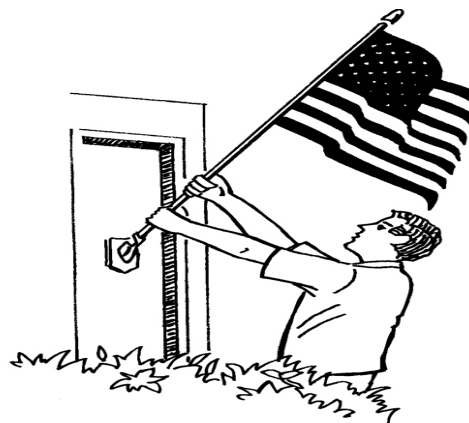
IN MEMORIAM

EVELYN R. HAUG

June 22, 2009

Joined First Parish Congregational Church
on May 5, 1974

*May the love of God sustain you,
the peace of God be with you,
And the presence of God comfort you
in this hour of sorrow.*



Dear Father,

You are teaching us that stewardship is what we can do with what you give us. We are grateful for the example of one of our brothers or sisters.

We want to thank you for touching the heart of a dear one here at First Parish who responded to your love. The need of replacing the wiring in the sanctuary chandeliers is of great concern to you. Your timing is perfect. You want your church to be safe and well lit. You, Lord, are the very essence of light. You say, "Let your light shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Thank you, Lord, for moving one of your children to a most generous act of love to donate the dollars needed to replace the old wires with the new. Thank you for protecting us and your home. May you bless the one who stepped forward, not wanting the light to shine on them, but on you. Praise be to God.

In Jesus' name, amen.

Prayer offered on behalf of First Parish
With grateful hearts,
Ruth Ross, trustee

"AMERICA"

"Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist pastor, wrote the hymn 'America' in 1831. Smith was studying a tune he had never heard, although he knew the British used it for the hymn, 'God Save the King.' The British had borrowed the tune from the Germans, who gave it patriotic lyrics.

"Smith described what happened as he contemplated the tune: 'I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to the tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn "America," as it is now known everywhere.'

"Smith's friend and classmate Oliver Wendell Holmes once told him, 'You name and fame will live when I and my works are forgotten.' " *

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Welcoming Others

“His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant, kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college.

“Across the street from the campus is a church. They want to develop a ministry to the students, but are not sure how to go about it.

“One day Bill decides to go there. He walks in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service has already started and so Bill starts down the aisle looking for a seat. The church is completely packed and he can’t find a seat. By now people are really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one says anything.

“Bill gets closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realizes there are no seats, he just squats down right on the carpet. Although perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before! By now the people are really uptight, and the tension in the air is thick.

“About this time, the minister realizes that from way at the back of the church, a deacon is slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the deacon is in his eighties, has silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walks with a cane and, as he starts walking toward this boy, everyone is saying to themselves that you can’t blame him for what he’s going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

“It takes a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church is utterly silent except for the clicking of the man’s cane. All eyes are focused on him. You can’t even hear anyone breathing. The minister can’t even preach the sermon until the deacon does what he has to do. And then they see this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowers himself and sits down next to Bill and worships with him so he won’t be alone.

“Everyone chokes up with emotion. When the minister gains control, he says, “What I’m about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget.”*

This story taken from *NewsletterNewsletter* is quite compelling. I don’t know if it is true or not; but the message is clear enough, isn’t it?

The preacher’s remarks were right on, I thought. Your actions, even more than my words, really communicate a loving welcome to new folks.

I’ve discovered that people visit other churches during the summer, will you keep an eye open for them?

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, “You yourselves are a letter...known and read by everyone....not written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God...” (II Corinthians 3:2,3).

R.A.W.