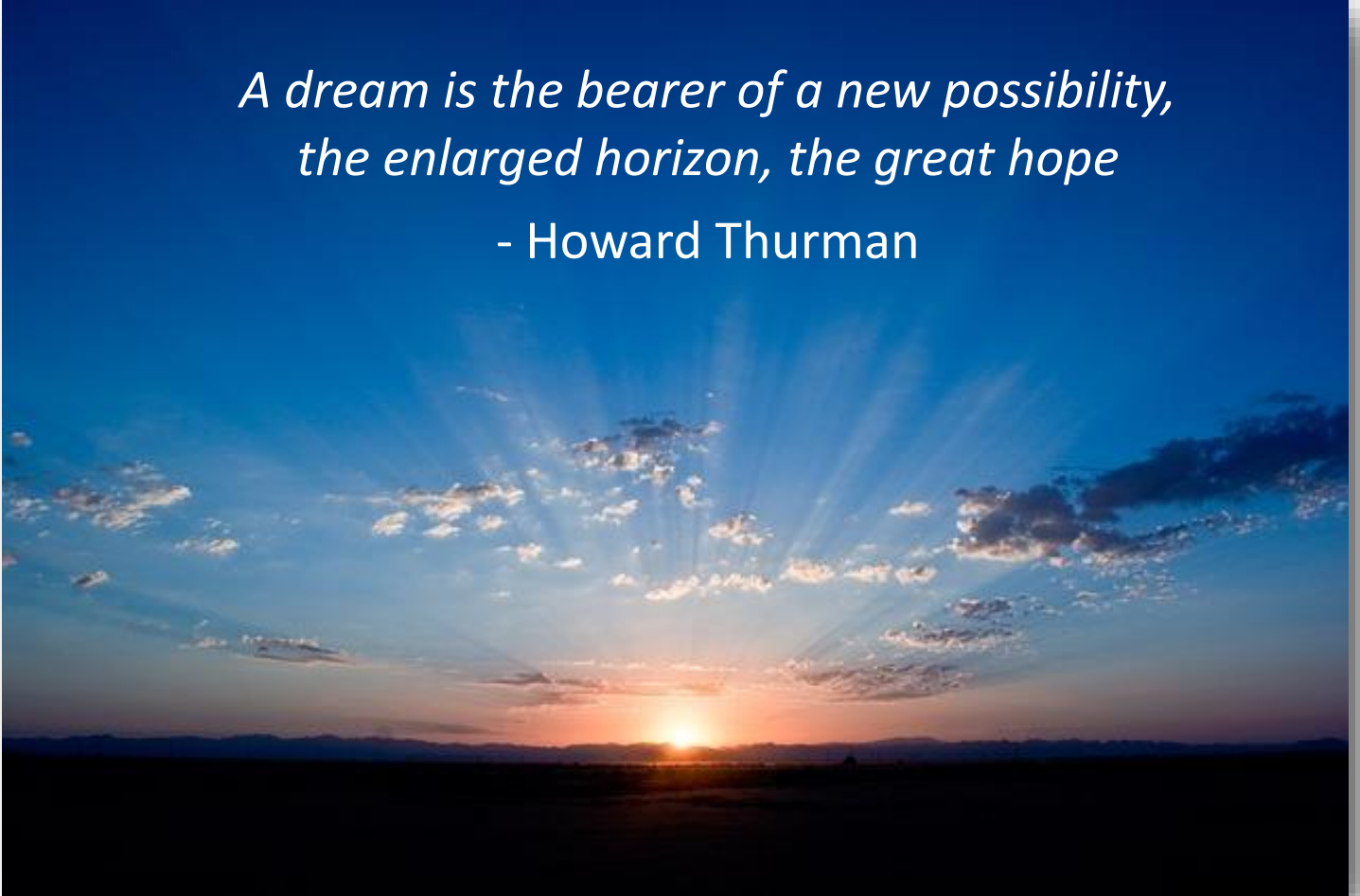


First Parish Brewster Unitarian Universalist 2021 Summer Angle

*A dream is the bearer of a new possibility,
the enlarged horizon, the great hope*

- Howard Thurman



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From The Minister

Dear Ones,

Hello and happy summer! The end of the pandemic is in sight, hope is on the horizon, and we will return to our Sanctuary this summer for two Sunday Worship Services and two Vespers Services! Can you feel the excitement in the air?

I am so looking forward to seeing many of you at our first service in the Sanctuary on July 18th; we will have our 2nd on August 15th, then fully return to the Sanctuary starting on ingathering Sunday, September 12th. We will not have childcare available during the summer, but it will resume as of September. Children are welcome to sit with their parents in the services. We ask that all people except worship leaders be masked while inside our buildings. Additionally, we will hold a Vespers service on Friday, July 30th at 6:30 pm in our the Sanctuary.

We will continue to have online services for several Sundays this summer and invite you to worship with other congregations for a few Sundays as well. I am available to meet with you via phone, Zoom, or in-person this summer; just send me an email.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon; I have missed seeing your faces in person. My hope is that this summer is restful, joy-filled, and restorative to you all. And if you travel, be sure to get some water for our *Water Ceremony* in September.

Take good care, Rev Jessica



July and August Worship

We use the same link each week for our Zoom worship service. Be sure to have a chalice nearby!

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/899300451>

Meeting ID: 899 300 451

or via phone 1 301 715 8592

Sunday, July 4, 10 am via Zoom

Patriotic New Normal

Rev Jessica Clay

Join Rev Jessica as she leads a service focused on this liminal moment and our patriotic call to action. As we process the last few years, our hearts and minds are hungry for what's next. Join us as we explore our call to action within this unique moment.

Sunday, July 11

No service

You are invited to visit some of our UU neighbors.

Sunday, July 18, 10 am in the Sanctuary

Reflections on a Pandemic

Rev Jessica Clay

Celebrate Community IN PERSON!



Come to our first worship in our Sanctuary since the pandemic began. We will reflect on how we have been changed and how good it will feel to be together.

Sunday, July 25, 10 am via Zoom

Reflections from General Assembly

Rev Jessica Clay

Please join us as we hear from FPBUU members who attended GA. We will listen to their learnings and insights as we reflect upon what our faith is calling us to at this moment.



Friday, July 30, 6:30

Vespers in the Sanctuary

Join Rev Jessica for this contemplative service. A place of rest and renewal for all who need it.



Sunday, August 1, 10 am via Zoom

UU History

Rev Jessica Clay

Sunday, August 8, 10 am via Zoom

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Rev Jessica Clay

Sunday, August 15, 10 am in the Sanctuary

Question Box Service

Rev Jessica Clay

Join us for our *Question Box Service* as we pose questions to Rev Jessica about life, death, and everything in between.



Sunday, August 22

No service

You are invited to visit some of our UU neighbors.

Sunday, August 29, 10 am via Zoom

End of Summer Worship

Twinks Hastings, Director of Lifespan Religious Education

Chuck Madansky, Worship Associate

Twinks and Chuck will lead an end of summer worship as we prepare for the church year to come.

For the health & safety of all, masks will be required in our buildings.

For more upcoming services information, go to **fpbuu.org** or check the weekly Angles.



**Images from the
in-person
Play Service,
June 20th.
It was so good to
be together.**

Lifespan Religious Education Ministries

This summer feels like a breath of fresh air, our world is opening up, and slowly but surely, we are moving towards our new normal and returning to our beloved church building. Yet, we will never be the same again, not as individuals, not as a church, a nation, or a global community. The COVID-19 pandemic has shaped and changed us all, and I hope to take, and invite you to take, this summer to reflect on the ways that we all have grown through this pandemic and tend to the parts of ourselves that are feeling exhausted and drained by all we have been through.

I look forward to being back in person in the fall and doing what I love to do, working with groups of all ages to nurture the best in each of us and deepen our spiritual connection to our faith and the world around us.

This fall, Our Pre-K, K, and 1st graders will be looking at the “Love that Surrounds Us” in beloved community. Our grade-schoolers will be learning from “Moral Tales.” Middle schoolers will be learning about “Building Bridges.” Our High Schoolers will be learning about “Virtue Ethics,” and our brand new adult education program will launch with “The New UU” and “Coming of Age for Adults.”

I look forward to being back with all of you, reconnecting and learning, and growing in faith, together.

With love,

Twinks Hastings, Director of Lifespan Religious Education



New Members Who Have Joined in the Last Year



Christine Claireaux is so happy to finally be a member of First Parish After many years on the periphery. She loves gardening, collecting vintage and antique children's books, beachcombing and all things French. Her three adult daughters are all busy "helping others" in the dental , medical and teaching fields. Her two grandchildren bless their lives with joy.

Jacob Bebar was born and raised in Virginia. He fell madly in love with his now wife, Laura Fedge, after meeting her ten years after attending the same college together. They got married at FPBUU, and lived together in Washington DC, until they became pregnant with their adorable daughter, Naomi, and decided to move back to Laura's hometown. Jacob has embraced this pandemic with open arms - finally people want to spend more time relaxing and washing their hands!



Laura Fedge was born and raised in Brewster and graduated from Nauset High School. She met her husband, Jacob, in Washington DC, and they relocated back to Brewster about a year and a half ago, when they discovered they were about to give birth to their beautiful little baby girl, Naomi. They are so happy to be a part of this community again.



Jane Perkins was a member of FPB for several years before she moved to California. She stayed there for 7 years, and when Covid hit, wanted to be on the East Coast, where her brothers and old friends are. It all unfolded in a beautiful way that she could come back to the Cape, and she is happy to be home. Jane's interests are intermediate Spanish speaking, singing, performing, and writing.

Catie Fyfe, a native of Brewster, has recently returned from living in San Diego and Seattle, working in science education and oceanography. She is joined by her husband Zack Gill, a public school teacher originally from New York, and two sons, Levi and Benjamin. Catie grew up in the First Parish community and youth programs and is excited to give her sons the same opportunity.



Our Faith in Action



Stewardship Update

A big thank you to all who have pledged so generously during this year's Stewardship Campaign. As a result, we are close to reaching our pledge goal and being able to put "Our Faith into Action" in the coming year.

If you are a member and have not pledged yet, please do as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Stewardship Committee: Susan Flaws & Tavia Ossola (Co-chairs), Barry Powers, Pat Stover, Dave Winther



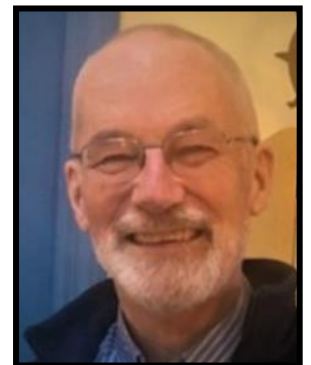
Debra Wood has been a ‘wash-ashore’ since ‘86. She is married to Robert Crowell, and mother to Karla & Charlie. She is a hospice nurse and educator. She originally joined First Parish in ‘89 and is glad to be reconnecting with her spiritual community. Debra is a believer in love & diversity.

Jim Lieb and Paula Lieb recently moved from NJ to Brewster, having summered here since 2003. They were longtime members of The Unitarian Society in East Brunswick, NJ. Before retiring at the end of 2019, Jim was a business executive and attorney in New York for nearly 45 years. Jim enjoys kayaking, long walks, and sunsets on Cape Cod Bay.



Paula Lieb started out as a secondary history teacher, became an attorney focused on special education and ended her career as Executive Director of the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education. Paula enjoys being with family and friends, traveling, reading and volunteering in the community. Jim and Paula have two daughters, one living in Seattle and the other in East Lyme, CT and five grandchildren.

David Sutherland moved with his wife, Nancy Benben, from Connecticut to Eastham last year after retiring from a 30-year career as a lobbyist for The Nature Conservancy’s Connecticut Chapter, and a diversity and equity trainer for their global organization, a pursuit he’s continuing in “retirement” with two DEI consulting firms. David loves hiking, playing guitar, wildflowers, and cycling.



Member Nametags Coming This Fall!!



Calling ALL members !! We will be ordering new nametags for when we return to in-person services in September, and we need your help. Please take time to fill out our important survey regarding your member nametag.

Here is the link to the electronic survey:
<https://forms.gle/NRD81ssfJ5aaXjCv5>

2021 Spring Festival was a success!!

We want to announce that at the closing of our Spring Auction, we raised over \$8,900 to help support our FPBUU faith community. THANK YOU to all of our fabulous donors and bidders. Of course, we could never have such a successful function without each other! One of our gracious members said they "loved how we found a way for everyone to participate." That, to me, says it all....bringing our community together to "make it work."



The Spring Festival has not just come and gone. The winnings will be enjoyed by many as they safely gather for activities, food, fun and games, and lively conversations throughout the summer months and into the early fall. There are still wonderful opportunities available to sign up for and participate in. Go to the FPBUU website for current availabilities and contact Debbi Klein if you would like to join in.



Thrift Store Summer Fun!

On July 7th, it will be a full year since we re-opened after the pandemic closure. It has been a challenging, yet fantastic year! We have persevered and thrived from adjusting to Covid regulations to giving the store a facelift with new racks and shelving.

A very big thank you to the amazing people who have volunteered at the store throughout the pandemic. The dedication and excitement that every volunteer has shown daily is the sole reason that the Thrift Store and Annex have done so well.

Going into July and August, we hope to have the Annex open more than just a few days a week. As always, if you are looking for a chance to volunteer, please reach out and let us know! Our Annex is full of wonderful items, including children's items, small furniture, artwork, linens, and more!

Make sure to stop by and say hello! Donations are still accepted on Friday mornings, but it's best to call to make sure we are accepting the types of items you would like to donate. Have a great summer!

Celine Crook, Thrift Store & Annex Manager

Administration and Finance Ministries

As our buildings are opening back up, the office is starting to return to the hub of FPBUU as it was before the pandemic. It is so nice to see each other in person instead of through a screen. I hear a lot of talk about grieving and how both grief and anxiety are showing up in full force at this time. I think about how we were all experiencing these things individually before the pandemic, but because of COVID-19 we also have this shared experience of the last sixteen months. Yet, even this shared experience was not equally felt among us. I have so much to be grateful for; I also feel overwhelmed by the increased speed at which we are “getting back to normal.” The traffic and volume of tourists makes it feel like late August rather than June.

I need to consistently remind myself to pause and be in this moment instead of rushing to meet the demands whether self-imposed or from another. I don't want to skim over all that is bubbling to the surface. I want to take some time to wander along the wrack line along the beach so as not to miss the treasures that have been exposed. I want to breathe in the salty air and feel it on my skin.

The FPBUU office will be open Monday – Thursday 9 am – 1 pm, if you want to drop by with a question or hello. Please wear a mask. The COVE volunteers and I will be using the summer to transition back to working from the office, making updates to the website and getting the calendar all set for September. You can contact the office by emailing cove@firstparishbrewster.org or by phone 508-896-5577.

We are currently looking for a few more volunteers for our COVE office team. If you have strong computer OR front desk skills, please email me at karena@firstparishbrewster.org or call 508-896-5577 ext. 304.

Kindly,
Karena Stroh, Administration and Finance Director



FPB Reparations Task Force

In early May, the local Public Broadcasting Service/WCAI (Cape and Islands) radio station aired a news interview about the work of the reparations being done at First Parish Brewster. Journalist Jennette Barnes interviewed FPB members Chuck Ross, Abigail Walters, and Reverend Jessica Clay for 5 minutes about the important work being done to address the church's history with enslaved people. If you missed the interview, you can read or listen to it online at: <https://www.capeandislands.org/local-news/2021-05-06/enslaved-cape-cod-church-explores-reparations-for-sins-of-its-history>

Questions or comments? Email Karen Watson-Etsell at kwatsonetsell@gmail.com.

Report From The Board

For us at First Parish, June marks the end of one church year with eyes towards July and the opening of the next. So this is a month of taking stock, expressing gratitude and celebrating our beloved community.

The second year of holding our Annual Meeting on Zoom was a success. We had a hard-working team pulling it all together, emphasizing lots of communication with the congregation about the issues at hand. The annual budget, adopting the 8th Principal, and adopting a Congregational Covenant for one year all passed with almost unanimous support. Thanks to all. Here's hoping our annual meeting one year from now can be held together again in our sanctuary.

In-person services have now begun again after a 16-month hiatus. We had a joyful, playful worship on the Winslow House lawn, which had the feel of a long-awaited family reunion. This was followed by a picnic lunch, all on a glorious sunny June day. Once a month, in-person services are scheduled again in July and in August. Perhaps, if our Covid numbers continue to decline, we will be able to come together fully in time for Ingathering service in September.

The FPBUU Board has been hard at work meeting with a consultant, Dan Hotchkiss, focusing on the voices of this congregation, as expressed in the Facilities Task Force report. We are in the preliminary stages of exploring the possibility of an exciting building expansion, including a new kitchen.

I am grateful for all of the work and good intentions of our current Board. Four members will depart, and four new members will join us on July 1. We will continue to hold the mission and vision of First Parish Brewster foremost in our minds and hearts.

In faith and action, Susan Smith, President

Board of Trustees 2021-2022

Susan Smith, President
Carol Yerby, President-elect
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Rand Burkert, Clerk
Members-At-Large:
John Kielb
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Faith in Action: Caring for Our Planet

In 2017 the Faith Communities Environmental Network (FCEN) was created by representatives of five Cape Cod congregations affiliated with the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (5Cs) – including FPBUU. Four years later, FCEN now includes representatives of more than two dozen faith communities who participate in regular meetings and engage in projects supporting our commitment to “. . . educate, advocate, and share best practices to protect the Earth and her inhabitants.”



We have produced annual Faith & Science events with representatives of both perspectives engaging in dialogue about caring for our planet, and – despite challenges presented by the pandemic – we continue to meet monthly via Zoom.

We have also contributed to the annual Net Zero Roundtable coordinated by 5Cs and made possible this year as a Zoom-enabled event. As FCEN has grown, its mission has incorporated an intersectional perspective that acknowledges that communities most affected by the climate crisis are also those in which marginalized populations live.

As FPBUU's representative to FCEN, I will share our work through posts in the Weekly Angle as well as email blasts. Interested members are invited to attend meetings held on the third Thursday of the month; please Rosanne Shapiro at lunaseacreation@comcast.net for more information.

From the Endowment Board

In Memoriam:

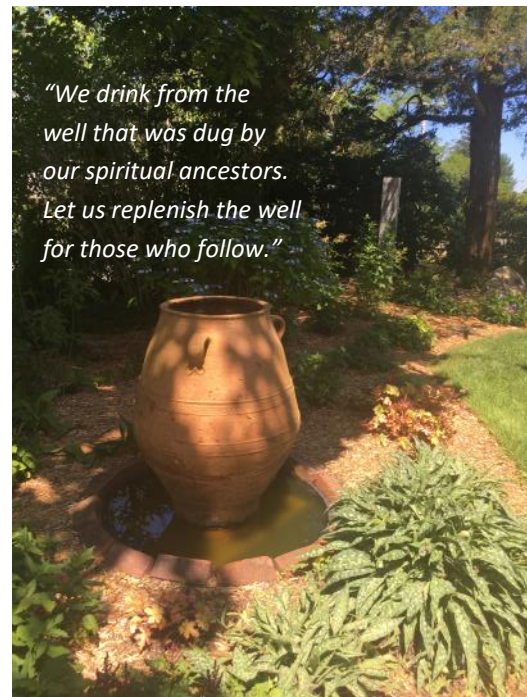
This year gifts were received in memory of Bob Bowser, Lucy Daniels, Marilyn Guernsey, Beverly Heaton Kimball, Howard Schoen, and Betsy Ward. In addition, we received our annual gift from the Henry W. and Lucy B. Patterson Charitable Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation.

Financial Report:

All First Parish Brewster's Endowment Funds are managed by Cape Cod Five Trust and Asset Management in consultation with the Endowment Board. All funds are invested in socially responsible mutual funds. The most recent financial report dated May 31, 2021, showed an Endowment Fund balance of \$1,176,047.77. The Building Loan Repayment Fund balance was \$120,910.37, and the remaining balance due on the Building Loan was \$51,089.63. In FY 2020, the Endowment Board distributed \$2,000 for Thrift Store equipment and \$29,000 to the Endowment Loan Repayment Fund.

New Endowment Board for July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022:

Endowment Board members for FY 2022 are Linda Bailey-Davies (2022), Bob Flanagan (2024), Howard Hayes (2022), Bruce MacGregor (2023), and Topper Roth (2023). Board officers (Chair, Financial Secretary, and Recording Secretary) will be elected at the first Endowment Board meeting of the new fiscal year. Ex-officio members are the Minister, the President and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, and the Administration and Finance Director.



Partner Church News

Be inspired by Partner Church work in UU congregations across North America. How can FPBUU take our connection to Jobbagyalva, Transylvania, Romania, to a new level as our post-COVID world takes shape? Send your suggestions to Marietta Nilson, UU Connections:

capebuyerbroker@comcast.net

Read the full newsletter here:

https://uupcc.org/sites/default/files/newsletter/pdfs/full_spring2021_final.pdf

Or browse individual articles here:

<https://uupcc.org/media/newsletter/spring-2021partner-church-news>

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming events!

Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council



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Deadline Reminders

FPBUU Fall Angle

Due August 1st, 2021

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FPBUU Weekly Angle

Due Wednesday by 12 noon

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and FPBUU website updates

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