



LIGHTING THE WAY FORWARD

## First Parish News

*What is Life?*

*It is the flash of a firefly in the night*

*It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime*

*It is the little shadow, which runs across the grass*

*And loses itself in the sunset.*

Last words of Crowfoot, a Blackfoot Native American

### **Sunday service in person & online**

### **Freedom Delayed is Freedom Denied**

**Worship Committee Leaders: Tory Leuteman & Tiffany Kane**

**June 19, 2022**

**9:30 AM**

Nursery care available

Come in person or click to join the service! <https://uukennebunk.org/Sunday-Service-Access>

Or by cell phone (audio only) 929-205-6099, meeting ID 734 887 010. Password:024481.

See website: [uukennebunk.org](https://uukennebunk.org) for more details on how to tune in.



## June is Pride Month

*Fear is at the bottom  
of all intolerance.*

-Hendrik Willem van Loon

## First Parish Summer News

During the summer *First Parish News* will have one issue each for July and August. Please submit announcements, articles, or pictures to [uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com](mailto:uukennebunkoffice@gmail.com) by Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> for the July issue and August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the August issue.

## SUMMER HOURS START June 19<sup>th</sup>

Please note that beginning June 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday Worship service will begin in-person and online at **9:30a.m.**

**The office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-12pm.** Rev. Lara is available by appointment.

# Memorial Service for George Livermore

It is with great sadness that I inform you that George Livermore passed away June 10. The memorial service for will be this Saturday 6/18 at 2 pm. His ashes will be interred immediately after at Hope Cemetery. Those in attendance are invited to walk across the cemetery lawn for a brief interment. There will be a reception on the church lawn after the interment.

If you are interested in helping with the reception (set up or clean up), please contact Susan Jack at [sgjack42@roadrunner.com](mailto:sgjack42@roadrunner.com).

If you are not able to attend in-person but would like to join online, you may do so via Zoom. <https://zoom.us/j/98708398126?pwd=ekxCUkUwSWswdzMyK1pMNGp0RE40Zz09>

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George's obituary was published in the Portland Press

Herald <https://www.pressherald.com/2022/06/14/obituarygeorge-f-livermore/>

You can leave condolences on the Bibber Funeral Home page

<https://www.bibberfuneral.com/memorials/george-livermore/4952489/>

or send them to Ann directly.

As a community, we hold Ann and George's family in our hearts as they grieve the loss of George.

Rev. Lara Campbell

## RE: Here's the Rub

Having families with children in our congregation is uplifting, essential for our spiritual life, and key to the future of the church!

But here's the rub—Religious Education is up to all of us! Rachel Wells has organized the program this year, and we all thank her so much for this! But she will be working on her Ph.D. in the fall and will not be able to continue with RE.

A task force will be convened soon to decide how to proceed in the fall. Call Rev. Lara or a member of the Board if you'd like to participate in any way.

## Sowing Seeds

### Multi-generational Flower Festival

Excerpt from the Reflection, delivered June 12, by Rev. Lara K-J Campbell

As I walked around the “Pride in the Bunks” celebration yesterday on the South Congregational Church river green in Kennebunkport there was a lot of sowing going on. Seeds of love, seeds of joy, seeds of pride. It was glorious to see people of all ages: babies, children, youth, adults, seniors, spread out on the grass, smiling, laughing, dancing. Feeling, if only for that moment, free to be themselves.

And yet at the same time, I know, in some places other seeds are being sown. Seeds of intolerance. Several people called South Church to complain about the event, expressing their beliefs. Seeds of hatred. Those of us in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus community know all too well, the fear and violence that those crops have yielded.

*To hear the full reflection, choose “Sermon Archives” under SUNDAYS AT FPUU on our website: [www.uukennebunk.org](http://www.uukennebunk.org)*

# Summer Fun!

## The famous Barbecue: July 10th It's not too late to sign up!



Rev. Lara & Jay's BBQ takes place Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 4 p.m. The menu includes hamburgers, veggie burgers, grilled chicken, chicken sausage, grilled vegetables, salad, lemonade, water, beer, and of course Jay's cookies. This opportunity for all of us at First Parish was a \$5 item at our Grand Auction (incredible bargain!). If you would like to attend but did not purchase a virtual ticket at the auction, you may still sign up. Just send an email to Jay: at [jpacitti@yahoo.com](mailto:jpacitti@yahoo.com) by Tuesday, July 5, to add your name to the list of guests. You may make your donation at the event.

## Blueberry Festival and Craft Fair July 23



~~Let them eat Cake!~~

Let them eat Blueberry Pie!

Let them eat Blueberry Buckle!

We are having the Blueberry Festival and Craft Fair on July 23rd—LIVE—and we need real pies and real buckles to sell. We will not sell muffins.

We do need lots of pies and buckles to sell outside throughout the day. Last year we ran out of pies before 11 a.m. We are hoping to have at least 22 buckles and 12 pies donated so that we will have a minimum of 30 pies to sell at the fair.

We will not offer a full luncheon, but we will offer crab rolls, veggie wraps and natural casing hot dogs.

Please email, text, or call Andrea Rohde if you are willing to make pie(s) or buckle(s): [andrea.rohde49@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.rohde49@gmail.com), cell - 207-468-2955, landline - 985-3517.

There are also sign-up sheets on the bulletin board at the front of Parish Hall. Optional recipes will be coming in future newsletters.

The Baked Good Team will be making 20 pies for selling the day of the fair as well as 20 pies for an online sale. Making 40 pies on one day, freezing them and getting them baked fresh for the fair is quite a feat.

Please consider helping us make plenty of blueberry pie and blueberry buckle to sell at the Blueberry Festival.

Thank you so very much.

The Baked Goods Team: Vicki Adams, Kim Lord, Andrea Rohde, Alicia Soliman, Margen Soliman of Mug Buddy Cookies

## **Do you have a Raffle item that you can donate to the Festival?**

Call Jim Thompson if you have an idea or item to donate for a raffle. In the past, we have raffled off a canoe, kayak, rowboat, flat-screen TV, quilts etc.

**NEEDED!** Donations of jewelry, summer hats and bags for our "Treasure Table" at the Blueberry Fair/Craft Festival. This is always a good money-maker. Items can be dropped off at the church office from 9-12, Monday-Friday until June 17th (Tuesday & Thursday 9-12 beginning June 20th) or at church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Linda Thompson at 207-502-7796. Thank you!

## **Garden Circles**

More than 40 participants and nine hosts will participate in Garden Circles, to take place on the decks, porches, and gardens of First Parish homes June through August. If you forgot to sign up, let one of us know. A big thank you to our hosts!

Coordinators Linda Thompson and Vicki Adams

# Congratulations

At our Annual Meeting on 6/5/22 the following people were elected to leadership roles at First Parish:

## Board of Directors

**Vicki Adams** loves being part of the FPUU congregation, where she has been attending since 1974, the year she moved to Maine. She has served as Religious Education Director, Social Justice Chair and Board Member, occasionally appearing in our infamous Cabaret shows. She has worked as a teacher, newspaper reporter, and environmental grant writer. Most of all Vicki is dedicated to family, including two sons and two grandchildren. Her interests include reading, music, hiking, meditation, and Native American ceremonies. She and her husband, Al, live in a solar house, drive an electric vehicle, and use a solar clothes dryer – that is a clothesline.

**Bob Lown** has been a Unitarian since 1961 and a member of FPUU since 2006. He was born and raised in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Bob graduated from Harvard Business School, served in the US Marine Corps, and worked as an executive in manufacturing. He is husband to Pixie Lown, father to three children, grandfather to five, and great grandfather to three. He is a watercolor artist, sings in the UU choir, and serves on both the finance and worship committees. Until his recent hip surgery he was an avid tennis player.

**Merideth Norris** is filling a two-year term on the Board. She was appointed by the Board when Susie Desantis resigned. Merideth is a physician, activist and self-proclaimed rabble rouser who advocates around issues such as stigma relating to people who use drugs, people with chronic pain and people who carry weight. She is a sometime soprano in the choir and served as chair of the Worship Committee. She enjoys bringing a wide variety of voices as guest leaders to our summer worship. She lives in Kennebunk with her three children. Her youngest Crow is involved with childcare at RE and will be doing their second service as worship leader this summer. Her pet pig, Marlowe, is a menace but often joins Merideth on the couch during zoom worship.

## Clerk

**Ginny Lawrence** has always loved to read and in high school through the writings of Emerson she discovered transcendentalism which led her to the Unitarian church. She was born and raised in Southeastern Connecticut, moved to Aroostook County in Maine in 1973 where she lived for ten years. She moved to Kennebunk in 1983. She has two daughters and a son, as well as three granddaughters. She retired from her position as nurse practitioner last year. Ginny serves on the music committee, plays the piano, and sings in the UU choir. Her interests are singing, piano, gardening, and walking with friends.

## **Church Historian**

**Ruth Stackpole** has been a FPUU member for over 20 years. As a UMO graduate majoring in math and history, she taught math to 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders for 42 years and more recently taught at the New School in Kennebunk for 12 years. Ruth has served in many capacities in the church including chair of the Board of Directors, as head usher, treasurer, member of the finance committee, is presently facilitating the adult discussion group, and sings in the choir. While, at the moment, convalescing from hip surgery and a foot injury she enjoys having the time to read mysteries and histories.

## **Treasurer**

In the five years **Herve Lavoie** has served as church treasurer, he has updated and upgraded the churches financial system. Unfortunately, he is termed out. He has made it known that the incoming Treasurer will need to know certain computer programs and. he has agreed to train a new Treasurer. At present, the Nominating Committee, with due diligence, is unable to find a qualified candidate for the office. Therefore, the Nominating Committee recommends the congregation elect Herve as a Pro Tem treasurer for a maximum period of one year thus giving the Nominating Committee time to find a suitable candidate and for that person to be trained to continue the improvements Herve has instituted.

## **Assistant Treasurer**

**Kevin Flynn** has been a member of FPUU for thirty years and has served in many capacities – Youth Group Advisor Properties Committee Chair, Board Chair, Treasurer, Search Committee, and Personnel Committee. Currently he is a member of the Properties Committee, the Finance Committee and is Assistant Treasurer of the First Parish Preservation Foundation. As an engineer, he owns a small business that designs and installs air pollution control systems.

He enjoys hanging out with friends, gardening, and a wide array of outdoor sports. Together with his wife Jacky Peters he raised two, now grown, children Mikaela and Luke in the church.

## **Nominating Committee – One Year Terms**

**Joan O’Hara- (continuing)** is a lifelong UU. In the past 30 years at First Parish, she has served twice on the Board of Directors, on the interim Minister Committee, twice on the Nominating Committee, the Finance Committee, as well as on the Committee on Ministry. First Parish is a Spirits Home.

**Margaret Jones** has been a member of First Parish for over 20 years and a choir member for the same about of time. I am a former co-chair of the board and am currently the co-chair of the music committee. Margaret have been trained in the OWL class ad taught several classes to RE. She has also participated in the Wellspring curriculum as well as the Sacred Arts.



**Andrea Rhode** has been a member of First Parish since 1985. During that time, Andrea has served on numerous committees, including the Nominating Committee, as well as the Board of Directors. She has sung in the choir for over twenty years and has been active in the Religious Education program and for several years she has been on the steering committee for the Blueberry and Craft Fair.

## **Juneteenth Celebration**

The Black Heritage Trail in Portsmouth, NH, is celebrating African American Public Arts for Juneteenth this year. All are welcome. Check out [ckheritagetrailnh.org/juneteenth-celebration-2022/](http://ckheritagetrailnh.org/juneteenth-celebration-2022/)

Howard Gospel Choir Concert, Saturday, June 18, 4 p.m, at the Music Hall Portsmouth, NH, \$35. Uproar: A Celebration of African American Creativity, Sunday, June 19, 2 p.m. at the African Burying Ground, intergenerational step team, poets, musicians. Free.

## **Share the Offering for June**

This month, we will share our offering with WIONN - Welcoming Immigrants Our New Neighbors, a coalition of people from many churches in the area. WIONN supports new immigrants with basic needs like furniture, blankets, sheets, towels, dishes, diapers. But more importantly, it provides Care Teams, who are friends for immigrants to help them integrate into their new country. Care Teams are critical, so anyone interested should contact Marylyn Wentworth.

May's offering to MUUSAN totaled \$569.

## **Covid-19 safety: updated 5/18/22**

The board has voted to continue the requirement for wearing masks at all events, meetings, and worship services at the church. We are seeing an uptick in Covid numbers. This is a thoughtful way of protecting those who may be more vulnerable. Renters and community groups will also be required to continue wearing masks. Thank you for being considerate of others.

Several our members and friends have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last month – we are sending healing energy their way. If you test positive, please reach out to Rev. Lara, or Andrea Rohde, the Caring Connections team wants to support you.

# FPUU Website, easy access

There is a new easy way to find First Parish News on our website. Look for the link at the top left corner on the opening page. You can find upcoming and ongoing activities and announcements on our website or Facebook page. Spiritual opportunities are also listed with our Order of Service each week, available by email. Events also appear on our church calendar.

Website: [www.uukennebunk.org](http://www.uukennebunk.org)

Calendar: [www.uukennebunk.org/events](http://www.uukennebunk.org/events)

Facebook page: search for  
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