



SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday, June 6 *Theft: A Love Story*

10:30a

Rev. James Ishmael Ford

James saw a book titled *Theft: A Love Story* and thought "There's the subject for a sermon!" What is it about things that draw our attention, that give rise to desire? Why do people steal? James suspects there is in fact a connection between love, if an imperfect understanding of love, and stealing. Come and see if you agree.

Last Sunday School Chapel service and classroom celebrations

Annual Congregational Financial Meeting follows at 12:00p.

Sunday, June 13 **Flower Communion: An Intergenerational Service**

10:30a

Cathy Seggel, DRE and Rev. James Ishmael Ford

This is the last "official" Sunday of the church year. (There *will* be fabulous Sunday services all through the summer.) Cathy, Fred, and James will lead a joyous celebration of our year, culminating in our annual Flower Communion. Please bring a flower to share in the flower exchange.

Childcare for preschool and younger. No Sunday School.

Summer Services begin at 10:00a. Childcare available every Sunday

Sunday, June 20 **Father's Day Service: Stories of Fatherhood from Real Dads**

10:00a

Raffaele Gianfrancesco and Company

Three fathers from our congregation tell their stories of experiencing fatherhood. Expect to be touched and amused.

Raffaele has attended First U. for six years and has recently become a member. He is the usher coordinator and a member of the Worship Committee. He is the father of 12-year-old Alessandro.

Sunday, June 27 **Unsolved Cases from the Files of a Soul Detective**

10:00a

Rick Richards

It's a dark night—a shadowy figure gets out of a booth and heads for the door. Outside, it's raining. He turns up his collar and begins walking, searching the city streets. He's haunted by questions: "What does it mean to have a true self? How can you find your true self? What is a loving community anyway, and is it related to finding your true self?" These are just some of the unsolved cases that drive this Soul Detective out into dark, into the rainy night.

Rick Richards is in his third decade at First Unitarian and has remained so long because he has experienced the saving power of words. Particularly those spoken from the pulpit, many times at this church. You can infer from this that he sees himself in regular need of salvation. While this is true, he thinks it is important that you know he sees himself mostly in need of salvation from his own foibles, ignorance, and temper. He thinks church helps.

Sunday, July 4 **The Green Revolution in Religion**

10:00a

Rev. Robert Murphy

Come join the revolution! Unitarian Universalists are working for environmental justice in a way which combines human rights work with ecology theology. How can our congregations grow while helping to protect our community?

Rev. Bob Murphy, a former member of this congregation, is Unitarian Universalist minister at the Falmouth congregation on Cape Cod. Rev. Murphy is active in the Green Sanctuary program and in energy and ethical eating projects.

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ALL PARISH EVENTS

Women's Alliance Yard Sale

Saturday, June 5 from 8:00a-1:00p

Annual Financial Meeting

Sunday, June 6 at 12:00

All Church Picnic

Sunday, June 13 at 12:00

Summer Services Begin

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- Cathy Seggel, Director of Religious Education
- Frederick Jodry, Music Director
- Rev. Christana Wille McKnight, Community Minister
- Posey Kooris, Administrator
- Walter O. Sotelo, Administrative Assistant
- Katy Killilea, Membership Coordinator
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Lay Ministry Notes

The "On Call" Lay Minister for the month of June is Martha Manno.

Any referrals or calls to the church will be passed on to Martha. First U's Lay Ministry Team is made up of Mary Frappier, Mary Frey, Martha Manno, Kate Menard, Janet Noble, Rick Richards, and Bill Twaddell. Care Crew Volunteers are called upon by the on call Lay Minister to call, send notes, cook meals, provide transportation, and respond to the emergency needs of our church family.

Deacons' Corner

The role of the Board of Deacons is to put into action areas of the church's mission statement that pertain to the spiritual life of the church including welcoming and encouraging new and ongoing membership.

How do the deacons fulfill that duty? They fulfill that duty in four main ways. First, and probably the most important, is the deacons' calling list. Each year, every deacon calls approximately 40 members just to see how it's going. This year, they chose to retain the same lists for a complete tenure of five years in hopes of establishing a rapport with congregants.

Second, the deacons usually provide food and refreshments for the Path to Membership classes, and give any support they can. (At the last class the buffet was provided by our membership coordinator, Katy Killilea, to whom the deacons extend their thanks.)

Third, each Sunday the deacons provide a "purple people" greeter, as well as ushers for one Sunday a month.

Finally, the deacons assist at communion services, distributing juice and bread at the regular Sunday and Maundy Thursday services, and doing the readings.

We thank our senior deacons Nancy Weiss-Fried, for her hard work all year, and Richard Boober, who was always there when we were one usher short.

We welcome our incoming senior deacons, Robert O. Jones and Janet Downing Taylor, and our incoming deacons, Ruth Arellana and Jacqui Nye.

Happy summer to everyone.

—The Deacons:

Richard Boober, Nancy Weiss-Fried,
Robert O. Jones, Janet Downing Taylor,
Judy Bowden, Mary Finger,
David Bridgehouse, Russell Gifford,
Mary Frappier and David Spremulli



Monkey Mind

A couple of weeks ago I attended a district ministers' conference. At the closing worship, the speaker noted how many of us were now counting the Sundays until the end of the year.

At that moment I realized I wasn't. In fact, I find it hard to believe we're at the official end of our church year. I have been just running with all the wonderful (okay, and a few not so wonderful) things we're up to this year, and was only vaguely sort of aware it would soon come to a stop.

Of course saying "stop" is a bit bogus. We offer full worship services throughout the summer, although with mostly lay preaching – some, I've been told, way better than mine! It starts a bit earlier (10:00a, if you're wondering), and there are fewer activities at the church, but still some important ones including our Food Pantry, rain or , regular day or holiday. Posey keeps the ship moving. And except for some real vacation time, Posey, Cathy, Katy, and I, together with some critical lay leaders, will be scheming and plotting for next year's programming.

Still, whether we are simply slowing down a little for the season, or actually taking off for some full or personal holiday time, I hope we will take advantage of the ritual stopping, to stop, if for a breath or two, and notice.

Such a lovely thing, that.

For one thing we can appreciate some of what has been. It is impossible to name all who deserve acknowledgement. We've made a few attempts ritually, and even working hard to compile those names reveals how many there are who make this church run.

So, just as a symbol of what all we are doing, I want to spotlight our presidents. Cy O'Neil is now cycling off the presidency. He has been a wise counselor, a good heart and a level head. I've come to cherish him and his presence. I'm deeply grateful that he will continue in leadership, putting his considerable talents to our Finance Ministry. But I will sorely miss his presence at those meetings where our presidents find themselves. Frankly, I could not believe that he could be followed by anyone who could hold a candle to him. But proving our church must be awash in good karma from previous lives, we have. This year, led by Martha Rice Sanders, couldn't have been nearly as successful as it has been without her steady, and yes, wise hand. Thank you, Martha, for more than I can say! And, of course, there's the rookie. Stew Armstrong has proven to be insightful and ready to put a hand to whatever has been needed. And I do look forward to how he will lead us next year.

These people simply represent the strength, experience, and vision of our congregation.

Let me tell you, we are in good hands.

And, as I reset for a bit, do some family things, a little traveling, a big meditation retreat, and some writing, I will also constantly recall how fortunate I am to have been called to serve among you.

Renewed, if just a little, I hope you'll be ready for next year.

Things are cooking. And the meal that will be served will be tasty, if a tad on the spicy side.

Good things!

Rev. James Ishmael Ford, Minister
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday,
9:00a -12:00p
Appointments are recommended.
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Spiritual Pathways

What is important?

When I returned to lead a chapel service following my sabbatical, it had been many months since I left the group with a question to ponder. Since I was to spend time reflecting on important things, I asked our children and youth to do the same. I was not surprised to hear their ready responses. From the preschool to the junior high, there was a consistent theme. Family, friends, pets and the earth. Family, friends, pets and the earth. Many little ones mentioned older sisters and brothers. Concern about the planet's water and air was voiced by older sixth and seventh grade worship associates. I am always renewed when I listen to our young people. They understand what is truly important in life. Our chapel liturgy has time for silent meditation. I begin that element by sharing a reading, some food for thought. But, prior to that, I always ask, "What does meditation mean?" And, without fail, their mindful, confident response comes easily, "Rest your mind, open your heart, listen to your spirit." Then, comes the absolute quiet, without the shuffle of little toes or the whisper of young lips. Each time, I am heartened. I am renewed.

Another fine Sunday school season is winding down. I feel happy and hopeful that we are guiding the Unitarian Universalist faith development of our congregation with loving care. I am deeply grateful to all of the many volunteer teachers and committee members who served the Spiritual Pathways program this year. And, I am pleased to report that we welcome a group of fabulous new team members for the 2010-2011 school year.

I am blessed to have our children and youth call me to remember what is really important. I wish you all a summer that is what you hope and need it to be.

Cathy Seggel, Director of Religious Education
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2010-11 Resource Book

Please watch your mail in August for next year's First U. Resource Book. This congregational guide includes general information about activities in the upcoming church year, the church calendar, information about ministries and committees, and how to participate. It contains the prospectus of the philosophy, policies, and curriculum for the faith development programs for children, youth, and adults.

Registration for 2010-2011 Sunday school

Registration for our Spiritual Pathways religious education program begins on Sunday, September 12. *Note:* Parents must enroll children and youth each year.

Team Teaching in the Sunday School

There are still a few exciting team-teaching opportunities open for next year in our Spiritual Pathways Program for Children and Youth. Each class has a minimum of four volunteer teachers who are asked to help on half of the Sundays during the school year.



Spiritual Development

Reimagining Religion

Second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, 7:00p
We continue the examination of Ecclesiastes, seeking insights from a recent translation by Lloyd Geering. Texts for downloading may be requested from Tom Hall at twh2nd@aol.com. Come and discover why this famous scholar has frequently translated the Hebrew Elohim as "Nature" rather than "God." Registration not required.

Leader: Tom Hall

Benevolent Street Zendo: An Ongoing Zen Meditation Group

Every Monday at 7:00p
Everyone is welcome. Brief instruction will be available to those who come at 6:45p.

Leaders: Jan Seymour-Ford and James Ford
benevolentstreetzendo@gmail.com

Spiritual Cinema

Sunday, June 20 at 7:00p
The Standing on the Side of Love committee presents "Kiss of The Spiderwoman." This Oscar-nominated character study features mismatched inmates in a Brazilian prison who forge a bond based on mutual understanding and respect. Discussion to follow.

UUMeN

Second Sunday, June 13 from 7:00-9:00p
Topic: On Being Really Healthy
Given the sad state of our collective health and fitness in America, do we care enough to become part of the solution? Do we have a moral responsibility to nurture and preserve our precious body, mind and spirit? What gets in the way of our good intentions? What would have to happen for us to make health/fitness our top priority? Please join us for our last meeting before summer. All interested men are welcome.

This month's facilitator is Wayne Peacock
401.885.8488.

Introducing Planned Giving at First Unitarian

The Stewardship Committee, acting on the advice of church members, announces the formation of the Hitchcock/1720 Society. The Hitchcock/1720 Society realizes the concept that including First Unitarian Church of Providence in estate planning can help maintain a 290-year tradition of dynamic, liberal religion. This follows the example of our past benefactors, whose generosity currently supports our strong programs and our beautiful Meeting House.

We invite members who include or wish to include First Unitarian in their estate plan to sign the Hitchcock/1720 Registry. Signing the registry sets an example that will encourage others to make similar plans. Registry information would include the signer's name and the name and contact information of an executor or legal representative. That is the only information that will be requested.

Please consider this unique way to preserve the traditions and history of First Unitarian, while insuring its bright future. While the church can not have an active role in the development of your estate plan, the Stewardship Committee will provide opportunities to learn more about this concept.

News from the Stewards

The Stewardship Committee thanks everyone for making this year's pledge drive the most successful ever. The decreased income from the endowment and other budget pressures set the bar very high just for maintaining our programs into next fiscal year. Although we will not be able to increase the operating budget, we will be able to fund all other priorities.

Although 18% of those who renewed found it necessary to decrease pledges, 42% were able to increase pledges over the current fiscal year. While some people did not renew pledges, we received pledges from 35 people who had not pledged last year.

If you have not yet pledged, you can still do so by calling or emailing the church office. While we are always grateful for all contributions, pledges are essential for making it possible to plan and run the programs that make First Unitarian special.

The Stewardship Committee:
 John Simmonds, chair;
 Neil Bartholomew, Susan Fisher,
 Rev. James Ford, Herb Fried,
 Graham Nye, Cy O'Neil



Sight Lines

I cannot believe that my year as your president is nearly over! A year ago, I believed that, as president, I would have seen the church's activities as clearly as from atop our pulpit. But I found that my view has been, rather, from amidst you.

I have come to understand my role as analogous to an orchestral conductor, with all the activity surrounding me, making beautiful music, and my giving cues now and again, when needed. Sometimes, it seemed that my role most closely matched that of the scarecrow in the Wizard of Oz, pointing out the direction in which you were going anyway. I will take my analogy of the orchestra a bit further.

First, the string section - the core of any orchestra. I see our spiritual development ministries as our strings. Our worship services, with their words, music, and silences, our RE programs, and small group ministry, or Chalice Circles, hummed right along. These programs have enriched our lives here with many opportunities to grow together on our shared paths toward wisdom and grace.

Next, the woodwinds - our Community Life and Heritage Ministries. This year has been marked by the many opportunities these groups, including Fellowship, Membership, the Deacons and Alliance, and Lay Ministers, provide for us to gather together (usually over food) to deepen our connection one with another.

Then, the brass - our Social Justice Ministries. From serving our local community with the Food Share Pantry, Habitat, Neighborhood Social Justice, and Wholly Rollers, to serving the entire world with the UU Service Committee, Transylvania Partnership, Village Bank, and World Affairs, not to mention the Legislative Ministry, Peace Flags Project, the multitude of efforts to improve our environment, and Standing on the Side of Love, these groups have encouraged us to stand up for our beliefs, to act on our core values.

And, finally, the percussion - Development and Finance. This ministry works incredibly hard to keep a steady beat to ensure that we have the resources necessary to successfully minister to each other and to the world. They oversee our financial resources as well as our buildings and grounds, plan and carry out our annual canvass, and investigate other opportunities for us to support the church we love.

So, what was left for the PruComm to do this year? First, we encouraged you to follow your dreams for our community, trying to say 'yes' as often as possible. We continued to write a policy manual, to develop our governance structure to include more voices in the discussions of our future, and to develop a five year plan for the church. We helped to shepherd a host of building projects including the new lighting in the meeting house and the work of the energy task force with Phase One completed and Phase Two in the works. And we tried to be prudent, staying within the balanced budget you adopted last year as we prepared next year's budget for your consideration on June 6.

As your president and conductor, I was transported by the glorious music you create every day within this community. Its finale was beautifully captured in our new Covenant (see below) for the 21st century as the theme for the music we will make together in our future. Thank you for your support and trust - see you in church!



Martha Rice Sanders, President
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First Unitarian Church Covenant

April 2010 (approved at the Annual Meeting 4/25/10)

We the members of the First Unitarian Church of Providence, with respect for the worth and dignity of each person, with wonder at the light we know by many names, and with gratitude for our deep connection to each other and to the larger web of existence, covenant to walk together in our search for truth, seeking the paths of wisdom, compassion, and justice.



Social Justice

Standing on the Side of Love

Rev. Ford traveled to Phoenix on May 29 to demonstrate against the law recently passed in Arizona. He joined many Unitarian Universalists who are standing on the side of love against targeting immigrants from Latin America. His experiences were the subject of his sermon on Sunday, May 30 at Bell Street Chapel in Providence.

Members of First U. will be marching in the Gay Pride parade on Saturday evening, June 19. Come by the table and find out more about this delightful, family-friendly event. If anyone can lend a pick-up truck to be decorated and used as a First U. float, please let us know!

Come to the SSL table in the atrium during coffee hour (the one displaying bright orange t-shirts) to find out how you can join the growing First Unitarian crowd that's standing on the side of love. Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Association, the SSL program is dedicated to standing up against identity-based violence and injustice. SSL welcomes participation from all faith communities, creating a regional coalition working against racism, homophobia, and targeting of immigrants.

Here are some other ways you can join in and stand on the side of love: Get on our email list, come to our meetings, join us at events we'll be announcing, enjoy a BGLT-friendly flick at Movie Night, check out our welcoming ad in *Options* newsmagazine, wear the colorful SSL pin or t-shirt! For more information, visit the table or the program website at www.StandingOnTheSideOfLove.org.

News from the Food Pantry

June is coffee (no whole beans) and/or tea month. Bring your donations on Sundays, during the week, or to the Parish Supper.

One of our great volunteers, Bruce Goodwin, is moving. We thank Bruce for his years of service to this program and we will truly miss him . . . and his big red van! We would love help from anyone who has access to a van, or large vehicle, and has some free time the third Monday of each month. We always appreciate a new face and new hands to help out. Join the biggest social justice program at First Unitarian! Here are opportunities to help:

- ♦ Volunteer to shop at the Food Pantry once a month (requires a strong back and large vehicle).
- ♦ Pick up produce and bread on Distribution Day (requires the same as above).
- ♦ Come for a shift on Distribution Day, June 17, for set up, distribution, or clean up.

Contact: Elesa Amand (elesa2@verizon.net), Amy Webb (amy.webb7@verizon.net), or Martha Manno (Mmanno7@comcast.net)

Special Offering

The Special Offering for the Village Bank taken on May 9 totaled \$1,125.

Magazine Recycling

Congratulations!! Since January your recycled magazines earned \$325.00 to support the First U. Community Food Share Pantry. No recycling during the summer. Save your best magazines for the fall.

Calling All Artists and Quilters for Peace

This year the Peace Flag Project (PFP) and the Peace Art Partnership are sponsoring a major art exhibit to promote peace and to expand awareness of the UN International Day of Peace, celebrated every September 21. Ginny Fox will be creating an event in downtown Providence.

First Unitarian will be part of a month-long community-wide venture, anchored by major exhibit at the downtown URI Gallery from September 1 to 30, when we will have an exhibit of peace quilts in our Atrium. This is an inspiring way for our congregation to participate in an important peace event in Providence. Quilters and artists are encouraged to take part!

For information about the First Unitarian quilt exhibit, contact: Ginny Fox (401.453.8281 or info@thepeaceflagproject.org) or

Chiara Romano Van Erp (romano-vanerp-design@cox.net).

If you are interested in the peace art exhibit at the URI Gallery, contact the gallery director, Steven Pennell, (spennell@etal.uri.edu or 401.277.5206)



Top Questions About Membership

By Katy Killilea, Membership Coordinator

What is the Path to Membership class?

It's a class for everyone interested in membership or in learning more about Unitarian Universalism or First Unitarian. It is offered three or four times each year.

What's the point of being a member?

Being a member shows that you have chosen First Unitarian as your spiritual home. In addition, members steer the priorities of the church: they vote on the budget, choose church officers and new ministers, and chair committees. Members are eligible to have rites of passage (e.g. child dedications, weddings, memorial services) in the church, can rent building space at a discounted rate, and receive *UU World* magazine.

What should I do to become a member?

If you would like to become a member, please contact our Membership Coordinator Katy (mem@firstunitarianprov.org or 401.421.7970). Voting members must be at least sixteen years old, have signed our membership book, and have made (within the past 12 months) a contribution of record (by check or by cash in a labeled envelope). In addition, members are expected to participate in church life by sharing their time and making an annual pledge.

What does it cost to be a member?

There is no minimum donation for membership, and as a member you are not asked to give a specific dollar amount. The average household pledge is about \$1200, with many members contributing much less and others much more.

When is the next Path to Membership class?

The final Path to Membership class for this church year was held on April 15th. The next class is planned for October 30.

What if I want to become a member before then?

Contact the membership coordinator to make arrangements.

Contact: Katy Killilea, Membership Coordinator
401.421.7970 or mem@firstunitarianprov.org



Community Life and Heritage

June Saturday Social Suppers

Saturday, June 26; Social hour 6:00p; Dinner 7:00p

These Saturday evening potluck suppers are for adults, except where noted. Newcomers, old-timers, and in-betweeners who would like to meet new friends in the congregation are all welcome to participate. However, space is limited and reservations are required.

In the East Bay:

Hosts: Dave and Gerry Spremulli
52 Farnum Street
East Providence, Rhode Island
401.434.3346

In Providence:

Host: Mary Frappier
210 Highland Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island
401.521.7951

Please bring your own beverage. Hosts will be taking their own reservations for menu planning and directions. Please reserve early to avoid disappointment.

All-Parish Suppers Break for the Summer

There will be no All-Parish Supper in June.

Please save the date for the Welcome Back All-Parish supper on September 10. The after-dinner program will feature Rev. James Ford. His topic will be "The Hidden Secret Agenda of James Ford."

Join the Fun at the End of the Year Picnic!

Sunday, June 13, after Coffee Hour

Head to India Point Park with your picnic lunch and join with friends to celebrate the end of the church year, welcome summer, play lawn games, share brownies, and have a ball together! Brought to you by the Religious Education, Fellowship, and Membership Committees.

Upscale Yard Sale

Saturday, June 5, 8:00a-1:00p in the church parking lot.

The Women's Alliance is sponsoring an upscale yard sale

To donate items: We welcome good items you no longer use. All donated items need to be marked with a suggested price. Please bring your donated goods, already labeled with the price beginning Thursday, June 3. Storage space is not available until June 3.

To rent a table: If you wish to sell other items, the cost to rent a table is \$25.

Contact: Nancy Libby Fisher to rent a table (401.751.4298)

The Women's Alliance Annual Picnic

Monday, June 21 at 11:30a

The Women's Alliance will have their Annual Picnic and Gift Exchange at Elsie Buffum's, 145 New Meadow Road, Barrington. Bring a gift for "everybody's birthday," a sandwich, and a folding chair, if you have one. Beverage and dessert will be provided.



June 2010

"You can safely assume that you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do." -Anne Lamott

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u> Knitters 7:00p	<u>2</u> Prudential Committee 6:00p Meditation Workshop 7:00p	<u>3</u> Deacons 6:00p	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Women's Alliance Yard Sale 8:00a-1:00p
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<u>13</u> Sunday Service 10:30a All Church Picnic 12:00p UU Men 7:00p	<u>14</u> Benevolent St. Zendo 7:00p	<u>15</u> Knitters 7:00p	<u>16</u> Meditation Workshop 7:00p	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> Summer Sunday Service 10:00a Spiritual Cinema 7:00p	<u>21</u> Women's Alliance 11:30a Food Pantry 4:00p Benevolent St. Zendo 7:00p	<u>22</u> Knitters 7:00p Reimagining Religion 7:00p	<u>23</u> Meditation Workshop 7:00p	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Saturday Social Suppers
<u>27</u> Summer Sunday Service 10:00a	<u>28</u> Benevolent St. Zendo 7:00p	<u>29</u> Knitters 7:00p	<u>30</u> Meditation Workshop 7:00p			

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Come to a Lazy Summer Day Party

Saturday, July 10 or August 14 at 3:00p

Imagine yourself sitting on the edge of a pristine lake, far from the madding crowd, your every whim catered to, pleasant company around you, food at your fingertips. Well, you can have all that this summer at the fifth annual summer five course gourmet meal at the Fried's home. For \$55 you can feast like royalty and contribute to needed work around the Parish House. Choose one of two sunny summer dates; July 10 or August 14 - each limited to 18 people.

(Some special diets can be accommodated.)

Reservations and payments can be made through the office 401.421.7970 or admin@firstunitarianprov.org



Wheel of Life

Welcome New Members:

Cindy Alves, Ophelia Alves, Jim Barfoot, Linda Barron, Agatha Critchfield, Ryan Critchfield, Kristina Emberg, Caitlin Frumerie, Megan Gardner, Jon George, Tim Gerrish, Raffaele Gianfrancesco, Karen Holleron, Tobia Imbier, Kelby Maher, Elizabeth O'Connell, Cliff Odle, Cathy Orloff, Dawna Perkins, Jane Rosenbaum, Sheena Tompkins, and George Voutes.

Congratulations to:

Carol Pentleton and Eric Robinson on the marriage of their son, Brett Robinson, to Toni Rogers on March 7.

And to Martha Rice Sanders, Bill Rice, George Beshers and Cindy Bapties on the birth of their grandson, Wesley Xander, the second son of Dan and Stacey Beshers, on May 5.

Condolences to:

Michael Currier on the death of his father, Ernest Edward Currier.

Memorial Service:

There will be a memorial service for Claudine Blanchard on June 19 at 1:00p at the Congregational Church in Little Compton (where she and her husband Ron lived before moving to Hadley, MA). Claudine was in the Small Group Ministry Group in Tiverton with Nancy and Mike Shand.



Hats Off

Many thanks to our Coffee Hour providers last month:

Tom Getz, Dawna Perkins, Cindy Alves, Ophelia Alves, David House, John Wilhelm, Lynda Gully, Steve McCloy, Anne Connor, Coren, Betty Finn, Sue Hardy, Sue Meyer, Helen Haynes, Karen Holleron, Melissa Bailey, Marilyn Meardon, Mary Frappier, Amy Jean Romaro, Henry Shepard, Paul Hossfield, Dawna Perkins, Mary Finger, Peter Cook and all of you who brought something in to surprise us.

