APRIL 13, 2014

Worship Services—9:00 & 10:30 am
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, April 13, 2014
9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service (infant and toddler care provided)
10:45 am Church School
11:45 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)
12 n Jr. Choir Rehearsal
12:15 pm Training for Journey Small Groups

Memorial Flowers
The flowers will be given in memory of Jane and Joseph A. Bernabeo by their loving family.


APRIL 20, 2014

Family Worship Service—10:30 am
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, April 20, 2014
9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service (infant and toddler care provided)
11:45 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

Memorial Flowers
The flowers on the left will be given in memory of Ruth and Albert Weisenbach by Rev. Rich and Pat Weisenbach. The flowers on the right will be given in loving memory of Arline Abbondanza from the Sabatula family. Easter lilies given in memory of loved ones will also adorn the sanctuary.

Greeters: Dominic and Bonnie Mercurio.
Minister’s Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim.
DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD
Thursday, April 17, 2014
(will cover the dates from April 27 – May 10, 2014)

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THANK YOU...

Thank you for the wonderful bouquet of flowers and Janet DeGuglielmo who delivered and enhanced their beauty. I will keep them trimmed and in fresh water and they should brighten my room for at least a month.

God bless you all,
Roy Evans

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you gave me on Sunday the 23rd to celebrate my birthday.

Beverly Oliphant

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HORACE HYLAN

There will be a memorial service for Horace Hylan on Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. here at First Parish. All are invited to attend.

WOOD-TUPPER SCHOLARSHIP

Application forms are available in the church office for the Wood-Tupper Scholarship. Please call or stop by the office and pick up a copy for you or a family member. The deadline for returning the application is April 30, 2014. No applications can be accepted after that date.

Our church family will be hosting our Community Spring Dinner on Sunday, April 13. This dinner is for those in need, the elderly, and the lonely that live in Wakefield and surrounding communities. The dinner will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room.

We rely on monetary donations, as well as donations of gift certificates (BJ’s, Costco, Market Basket) to make this dinner possible. We also seek volunteers to work with us in the kitchen or to provide transportation to our guests.

If you would like to make a donation, volunteer your time or know of someone in the community who would benefit from this dinner, please contact Steve Gates at the church office—781-245-1539.

When you put on a luncheon or a dinner, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the godly, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.

-Luke 14:12-14
FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee is planning a Sharing Walk on Good Friday. As you recall, Pastor Rich walked 20 miles around the lake on Good Friday for over 20 years. Through your generosity in supporting him and others who walked, many thousands of dollars were raised for Sharing.

Sharing Inc. is a grass roots organization started by Kay Doherty in Hingham after she saw an article in the newspaper about the plight of Southern black children. She goes to Mississippi and Alabama each year to distribute the money raised during the walk. Sharing supports day care centers, schools and a land assistant fund. It also funds scholarships and a youth leadership program. At Christmas, books featuring African American children, beautifully dressed dolls and sports balls are sent for the children.

Please join us in raising funds and walking the lake on Good Friday. You can walk for any amount of time and distance. Walk with a friend. If you are unable to walk there will be an opportunity to pledge or give a gift. On Sundays, April 6 and 13, there will be a table in the vestry where you can sign up or pledge.

Walk! Pledge! Pray! From Kay’s newsletter, “The Good Friday Walk is such an inspirational time—to think Jesus lived to show us a way of life, of love and kindness, and died forgiving us of sin and sorrow, and lives today offering love, hope and grace...HOW AWESOME IS THAT!”

Judy Gordon for Outreach

CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETINGS

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference will be held July 21-24, 2014 in the Providence/Warwick Crowne Plaza Hotel. The theme for this year’s meeting is “For Every Generation.” For more information or to register you may go to cccccusa.com.

The 215th Annual Meeting of the United Church of Christ Massachusetts Conference will be held June 13-14, 2014 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge, MA. The registration deadline is May 23, 2014. For more information you may go their website: macucc.org.

We’d like to have refreshments available after our two evening performances: Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18. If you are able to contribute or help with setup and/or cleanup, please contact Linda D’Agostino at joedag1@verizon.net or 781-245-0243.

Jo Lynn Foster

When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, which were common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Thus churches continue to use them in remembrance of that occasion, knowing Jesus’ crucifixion was ultimately his triumph over sin and death. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before the throne of God.
Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13
Regular Worship Services at 9:00 and 10:30
Clothing Closet – 1:00
Community Dinner – 2:00

Maundy Thursday – April 17 – Passion Play - 8:00
Good Friday – April 18 – Passion Play - 8:00

Easter Sunday – April 20
One Service at 10:30 am

There will be no Sunrise Service at First Parish this year. We encourage those who wish to attend an Easter Sunrise Service to join with Rev. Peter Brown of the First Baptist Church at 6:00 am, at Rabbit Island, which is off North Avenue at the blinking lights. Take Linda Road to the end.

I WANT YOU! I WANT YOU! I WANT YOU! I WANT YOU!
To Host Coffee Hour
You Can Sign Up in the Vestry

It would be truly appreciated by your First Parish Family if you would bring some Goldfish crackers and a large bottle of juice for the children and the cream for the coffee. Requirement: to be pleasant and friendly, pour the coffee that Ken has made and clean up afterwards. You can do it! Your church needs you.

Thank you, the Hospitality Committee

BOOK SHELF

In April we are featuring books about Easter and Lent.
See our shelf in the vestry for these selections:

- First Easter: The True and Unfamiliar Story by Paul L. Maier
- The First Easter by Peter Marshall
- Family Celebrations at Easter by Ann Hibbard

Our Newer Additions include:

Christian Fiction
- When Dawn Breaks by Janette Oke

Devotional
- The Reflective Life by Ken Gire

Teen Issues
- How to Stay Christian in High School by Steve Gerali

Theology
- Don’t Know Much About the Bible by Kenneth C. Davis

Please come check out our books! Just fill out the orange card! Happy Reading!

Yard & Bake Sale

On Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the Board of Trustees will host a Yard and Bake Sale. As you do your spring cleaning, please be on the lookout for items you can donate. We hope to have a nice selection of kitchen items, linens, toys, plant accessories, tools, picture frames, glassware, books and much, much more—something for everyone. Plus a Bake Sale!

Volunteers are always appreciated. Set up will begin on Thursday, April 24 after 2 p.m. and all day Friday.

Marcia Phinney
For the Board of Trustees
2014

“Passion for the Christ”

*In Loving Memory of Horace Hylan*

**An Intimate and Moving LIVE DRAMA**

Come and Experience the Darkness
Before Easter’s Dawn

**Maundy Thursday - April 17**
**Good Friday - April 18**

**8:00 p.m.**

at the
First Parish Congregational Church
of Wakefield
The Stone Church on the shore of Lake Quannapowitt
Church Street, Wakefield

**FREE ADMISSION**

For additional information, call the church office at 781-245-1539
In Loving Memory of Horace Hylan

Passion for the Christ Cast / Support list

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4. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Be sure to thank these people for making this year’s production possible.
Here we go. Sometimes things may seem to be moving slowly and then the speed picks up and it can make one’s head spin. You can learn to have sea legs. Adjust your stance. Everything is in place to ensure we arrive at our first port. Pastor Ron is first on deck and ready to greet all those coming aboard with their passports in place. The wind is picking up, I have been literally hearing it blow all day long. The sails are full and away we will go.

We are now in a bit of a wait and see moment. This is all new for us. It may seem a little foggy but we continue to keep moving forward; things are happening. We ARE moving forward. A time of discovery will appear before us. Everyone who desires to participate will need to get on board. It is not so much a mystery ride because we are being guided by the head of the Church, Captain Lord Jesus Himself. He gives the orders and directs Pastor Ron who then leads us on the Lord’s path. Smooth sailing, steady as we go.

There is an activity I believe the Lord would like everyone to participate in so we are all on the same page. A church wide program: Envisioning Your Church’s God-Given Destiny. The mist is beginning to clear and all we need to see before us is just the next thing to do. We are upon it. I trust by the time you receive this writing that you can report as well that you are on board and in a small boat, I mean small group.

As we anticipated rollout weekend, I could feel the excitement. The first sign up weekend we have 63 people on board. We hope you are among us. God is blowing His Holy Spirit right into First Parish. You will make all the difference. If you allow Him to, He will use you. You are part of the destination. Sign up for duty, sign up to participate but for goodness sake, sign up to be a part of what is happening at First Parish. Get involved; grab a pair of binoculars if you need to, so you can get a better view of what there is to see. May the Lord open our eyes and hearts to receive all that He has in store and onboard for us; a cargo of blessings, a journey of fellowship.

Groups are now being formed. The first crew meets April 21st. There is a time that is right for everyone, even you. If you need further information about getting on board, please contact the church office for more details. See you on deck.

Ruth Ross getting my sea legs ready,
Reporting from the Transition Team

Jesus Will Steer Us Right
Trust Him
April 4, 2014

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

It is time to order memorial Easter lilies! Our sanctuary will again be beautified on Easter Sunday, April 20, due to the generosity of our church family who give donations to purchase lilies in memory of their loved ones. Contributions will be received through April 13. After that date, names received cannot be listed in the worship bulletin. The plants will be distributed by the Flower Committee, the Diaconate and other volunteers. They are not to be removed from the sanctuary.

Please complete the following:

I/we wish to contribute to the memorial lilies in memory of:

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Amount enclosed: _________________________

Donor: _________________________________________

Please enclose $3 for each name (Mr. and Mrs. counts as two names). Checks may be mailed to First Parish Congregational Church, PO Box M, Wakefield MA 01880-0301 OR they may be left in the church office. Linda D’Agostino will also be in the vestry after church on April 6 and 13 to take your contributions.

Thank you