



Buildings & Grounds Committee Hosts Energy Assessment Open House

Join us for a comprehensive thermal bypass audit using thermal imaging and blower door technologies at First Parish on:

**Saturday, January 23rd
from 9:30 to 11am**

Come learn how conservation measures we're making can be employed in your home and talk with our conservation and energy strategists: Paul Eldrenkamp & Mike Duclos of Byggmeister, Inc.

For more info, contact Bill Macmillan @ 617.698.6329 or ops@fpmilton.org



From the Parish Committee

*By Melinda Collins,
Parish Committee Vice Chair*

Recently, my son Everett and I were riding our bicycles together. Usually, this would be an occasion calling for my full attention, as Everett tends to subscribe to the school of thought that biking is an extreme sport, sometimes even a full contact one. However, this day was particularly low key and so I had the opportunity to let my mind wander to the hotly debated Collins family topic of bookcases. As you may guess, I think we need more, and Harris agrees that free bookcases would be a welcome addition to our home. You see where the debate lies.

At any rate, the intersection of my desire for bookcases and the view of our house as we circled around the drive and garden prompted me to wonder what I would include in my dream home.

What does any of this have to do with the work we face together in the new-year, in the 10th year of this millennium? Simply this, we engage in one of the most sacred acts of creation open to us: the design of our spiritual dream home. As we engage one another in listening this January, we will be designing the spiritual space within which we may walk together in love, safety, freedom, and respect.

Like any dream home, ours can provide sacred space to work, commu-

nicate, learn and gather, in faith, if not always in comfort. As Alice Blair Wesley wrote in *The Theology and Anthropology of our Liberal Covenant*, "faith is best understood as sufficient confidence and trust in what we have been given and called to do that we can be faithful, together, covenantally." Our Listening Circles are not only a tool we use to gather in our various points of view with respect and dignity, they are also an outward sign of this very faith we have in one another and our abilities as a holistic body, polity, to commit to and to live in community and for [the larger] community through both easy and hard times.

What do we owe ourselves and others during this time? As we enter a new year, let's pledge to see others as they would have us see them, not as our proclivities would have us see them. Look to values, not positions as we listen to our fellows. By attending, they have put their faith in us. Let us earn it in our hearts.

Please, join us in Listening Circles.

Our spiritual home stands only with our support.

Only our participation can help ensure that there is room for all who wish to enter.

Warmest wishes for your new year on behalf of the Parish Committee,

Melinda Collins

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE MINISTER PARISA PARSA



Letting Go While Hanging On

Hopefully you'll be reading this in the relaxed post-Christmas days of odd schedules and full bellies and contemplation of the future. It's 2010! It's 2010? If you're a resolution-maker, you've likely got those lined up and some plans underway for how to keep them. If you're not a resolution-maker, hopefully you've had a little time to reflect on the year past and the year to come in general. If you're neither, I hope you've at least planned to go to a nice party somewhere along the way.

An acquaintance of mine from my days in our youth movement has become quite an accomplished trapeze artist. She shares that there is this moment when she performs on the trapeze that requires great skill, attention, and dedication: the moment of letting go of the bar and moving fluidly toward the next thing to hold on to. It's the moment that catches the breath of the audience, and the one that needs the most careful attention from the performer. The hands, the whole body, are suddenly simply flying through the air, and anything could happen: A really terrible fall. A perfectly executed leap.

This time of year feels the same way. There is much that moves on as it always has, but there is a sense as we round out one year and enter into the next that if we can manage to let go and take that leap, we fly through the air for a few moments (days, weeks). In those moments, there is great possibility, great risk, and great freedom. We're doing this on a number of levels at First Parish this month.

I know that many of you are reflecting on how and where to let go, how and where to grab hold, and how to be in that middle space between. Many of you are doing that by bringing your individual discernment together and sharing stories in small group ministry. This month in worship, we'll be exploring together some of the ways we think about that faith, as prophets and heretics, as searching people hoping to be clear about how we let go, what we hold close, and the journey we take every time we take a leap of faith.

As a community this month we're sharing the most critical part of our process of re-covenanting. The listening circle you should plan to attend this month is your chance to add your reflections and story to the process of re-forming our covenant as a congregation. This is our time in the air, free and full of possibility. How and what is contributed in the listening circles will create the shape of our covenant for the future: the covenant will be what we will hold on to for years to come. It's critical that as many people in the congregation as possible take part in these circles; newcomers and long-timers and everyone in between has something to share, so please do come and share.

This month we will also be celebrating and letting go of our time with ministerial intern Eric Dawson. His gifts to this community will long outlive his time with us, but we must bid goodbye to this stage of his preparation to make way for the next step in his journey of ministry. On January 31, we'll have that full celebration as well as a congregational vote that will determine whether we will ordain Eric to the Unitarian Universalist ministry (see page [x] for more information). I hope you'll

all plan to be here for Eric's last Sunday with us and that important congregational vote.

Come warm yourself by the fire of community this month. Come to worship. Come to a listening circle. Come to a social event. You'll be glad you did.

See you in church,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Parisa".

Minister's office hours:

Mondays off

Tuesdays 9am-5pm

Wednesdays 11am-5pm

Thursdays 9am-5pm

Fridays 9am-4pm (usually writing from home)

Sundays 8am-4pm

From the Membership Committee

By Mike LaFleur, Membership Committee Co-Chair

Our church and our membership are inextricably linked. The responsibility of the membership committee is to work within our congregation to facilitate connection and to nurture new relationships; these connections and relationships are what makes us community.

Have you ever come to church, excited, with stories to tell? Have you ever had a hard week and come into church feeling drained? How have you felt when somebody enjoyed your story or when somebody listened to your struggle? Church is a place we can come to when we have a story to tell or a need to be held; a need to be known.

Church is also a place we come when our lives are running like watches and when we are able to bring an open heart to hear a story, to listen carefully and know somebody well.

While there are countless relationships within our community there are always familiar people with whom we have little contact, and there are always new faces. Those faces belong to people who have come to church with open hearts, and it is both our responsibility and our joy to welcome the familiar and the new, and to connect with them.

The Membership Committee worked actively at the pancake breakfast, we held a workshop about making connections during coffee hour, we held our third contra dance, and we held 2 circle suppers so far this church year! During these events we work gently and invisibly to make sure that everybody who attends is warmly welcomed and that connections are made. More than 50 people participated in the contra

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INTERN-AL MUSINGS ERIC DAWSON



By Eric Dawson, Ministerial Intern

Tammy and I recently spent five days in Jamaica so that Tammy could run a marathon. I suggested something less exerting, like badminton or mahjong, but you can't choose the activities that those you love love, so a grueling race in the hot sun was our itinerary. I decided to run the half marathon as a sign of support.

Or, more accurately, I decided to walk it. I have bum knees from a brief and unremarkable stint as a cross-country runner and walking is as much impact as they can absorb. But when people would ask, "Oh are you running the race too?" telling them I would be walking felt a bit embarrassing. Sort of like those moments when someone asks you if you've read a book and you want to say "why yes I have," when you, in fact, listened to it on tape. What do you say? "Yes" isn't quite accurate but it feels awkward to say "sort of."

I had a similar feeling when I told people I was walking a half marathon.

But, embarrassed or not, there I was at 5:15 in the morning, prepared to walk 13.1 miles. I felt self-conscious. It wasn't being passed by an 81 year-old man who was not only running but simultaneously being interviewed by a local news channel. It wasn't the Joints In Motion Crew who had each had a major joint replaced and happily sped past me. It was all of the cheering people who kept saying as I walked by, "that's all right honey, you can run just a little bit more." It drove me crazy because I felt like I needed to explain to each and every one of them that I was only trying to walk. That I had bad knees. That I was only doing this to support my wife.

Defining yourself by other people is human nature. Whether cross-coun-

try races, high school grades, or lawn quality, our lives are filled with litmus tests. Gym advertisements, dress sizes, and college reunions all serve as markers by which to measure and assess our own progress in relation to others. But trying to keep up isn't just tiring and impossible; it is spiritually exhausting.

The real problem with measuring ourselves through other people is that it keeps us from being present with our own lives. Too much time spent glancing sideways means we miss what is in front of us. During my race, I was so focused on what people might think of me that I forgot to enjoy myself. I missed the sun rising. I ignored the ocean breeze. I missed the joy of experiencing my own body push itself.

New years often present moments like this. In an effort to seize the turning of a page, we will make resolutions partly out of who and what we think we should be. While placing ourselves in relationship to others is not necessarily a bad thing, it can keep us from being present with ourselves. So instead of looking at those around you, listen to what is in your heart. What is your soul longing for? What change do you seek, both for yourself and the world?

I loved my half-marathon walk. I beat my goal time and felt great physically. Who knows, I may do it again? But if I do, I will try to spend more time enjoying the rising sun.

January marks the last month of my internship here at First Parish. I cannot thank you enough for welcoming me so deeply into your community and into your hearts. I have felt well-cared for, challenged, and above all loved during my time with you. Thank you.

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Ordination

This month, First Parish members will have the opportunity to exercise one of the key powers of local congregations: the vote to ordain a minister. It's a critical difference between our polity and that of many other religious communities: the power to confer the formal role of minister and the title "the Reverend" upon an individual. Unlike other traditions in which a hierarchy determines who will or will not be a minister and then dispatches people to do their religious work in the world, our tradition begins and ends with the local congregation.

Originally, this meant that the local congregation would call from among their own membership someone whose wisdom and standing was very well respected. That person would be ordained to minister to that local congregation with a vote of confidence and the mutually understood sense of the ministry to be undertaken. It was common practice for a minister to serve only one congregation, and to remain there for one's entire ministry.

In modern times, we have established some standardized qualifications for ministers. Because people move from place to place, usually serve in more than one setting of ministry during their career, and are not known well by a congrega-

tion *before* being called to serve them, professional standards have been established for those who wish to call themselves Unitarian Universalist ministers and serve Unitarian Universalist organizations. There is a national oversight body, a committee of the UUA Board of Trustees, called the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) that formally oversees the formation and credentialing of ministers. Once a candidate for ministry has received ministerial credentials from the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, they are free to pursue ordination with a local congregation.

Once a congregation has ordained a minister, the honorific "the Reverend" and the status of ordination travel with the minister into future ministries. Upon arrival at each new settled ministry, the minister and congregation commit themselves to one another in an act of installation (some of you may remember my installation service in 2005).

Eric Dawson, who has been our ministerial intern for the last 18 months, is completing his time with us this month. He saw the Ministerial Fellowship Committee in September and was heartily approved to serve as a UU minister. All that remains is for him to be ordained by a local congregation. This requires your vote as a congregation on January 31, immediately after worship. Please come and take part in Eric's final Sunday with us, the congregational meeting and vote, and the party to bid Eric a fond farewell.

Sundays in January

January 3

Good God!

The Rev. Parisa Parsa

Much has been made of the conflict between theists and atheists. The 'New Atheists' would have us believe that it is ignorance, fear, and fancy that keep people believing in God. Many Christian churches would say that atheists will not find a place in heaven. Contemporary Unitarian Universalists have found common ground in humanism. How can we open our notions of God (or the lack thereof) to make space for us all?

January 10

What's our Good News?

**Eric Dawson and
The Rev. Parisa Parsa**

The Rev Peter Gomes at Harvard University argues that the Good News of the Christian faith is that "We don't have to be as we are;" that our loving God never tires of letting us start again. For Christians this is, of course, understood as the promise of redemption through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. What is the Unitarian Universalist equivalent? What is our message of hope that we have to share with the world? What is our Good News? Mr. Dawson and the Rev. Parsa will examine these questions together this morning.

January 17

Not It!

**The Rev. Parisa Parsa,
Robin Barraza, Eric Dawson**

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cafe Blue Hills

Returns on Saturday,

February 13th At 7:30 pm

with

TOKYO ROSENTHAL

with special guests

wrote: "The time is always right to do what is right." But we know that doing the right thing is not always easy. This morning's multigenerational service will explore the challenge we face when we witness injustice; those times when we look around and wonder who will intervene, and are tempted to say we're "Not It!" How can we call on each other for strength and guidance as we seek to build a more just world?

Those who would like to join in a multigenerational choir are invited to come at 9:30 to rehearse with guest musician Matt Meyer.

January 24

If There Is No Hell, Where's the Fire?

The Rev. Parisa Parsa & Eric Dawson

Universalism is summed up in the statement: "There is no hell." As Forrest Church puts it: "None of us is too good to be damned, but God is too good and too loving to damn us." If we will all be saved in the end, how and why does it matter how we choose to live our lives now? The Rev. Parsa and Mr. Dawson will each address this question from a different perspective this morning.

January 31

The Best Sermon Ever

Eric Dawson

Join Ministerial Intern, Eric Dawson, as he preaches the best sermon ever, in the history of preaching. Or... join Ministerial Intern Eric Dawson as he preaches his final sermon at First Parish, reflecting on what he has learned along the way.

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT EMMA JEAN MOULTON



*By Emma Jean Moulton,
UUA Credentialed Music Leader*

I have to say that the Meetinghouse Choir sang really beautifully during December, as they made their way through Advent, preparing for the Christmas Eve services. A heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated FP volunteers who come to sing every Sunday morning, offering their special musical talent for the Morning Worship and other special services.

Thanks to those who joined the choir on Christmas Eve: Robin Baraza and her family, Beth and Stewart Armstrong, Emma and Nancy Killoran, Ray Fallon, and special guests Brandon Grimes and Michelle Wright. Martha Moor provided gentle harp accompaniment for both Christmas Eve services. Really lovely!

Thank you to Tim Steele and Miguel A. Rodriguez, who provided music for the Dec. 27 service.

I should have mentioned in the last newsletter that Eva Hiller and Shareen and Ayla Asebai were brave souls at the Thanks for Giving service and jumped into a piece led by Rosanna Fernandez, representing the children of the clergy association.

The Meetinghouse Choir is looking forward to performing the world premiere of "The William's Covenant", a covenant that was in use in thousands of Unitarian churches by the 1930s which has been arranged for choir, organ and trumpet by Carrie Lamont. The William's covenant is in the *Singing the Living Tradition* as "Love Is the Doctrine of this Church" #471 (Readings).

Remember, if you would like to sing in the choir, just come to rehearsal at 8:45AM on Sunday mornings. We'd love to see you there.

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A New and Improved Annual Budget Drive!

The Finance Committee has decided to mix things up this year! One-on-one meetings between stewards and church members will be provided for those who prefer this format. However, we would also like to try a new format where volunteers host a potluck dinner party for a small group of parishioners. Hosts will provide the main course and the guests will bring the rest. At some point during the evening, a steward will introduce a discussion of First Parish and the ABD. Hosts will choose a date and

sign-up sheets for the guests will be placed in the Link. Dinner parties may be held in the home of the host or in the Parish Hall. Please consider serving as a host or as a steward or both! If you are interested, please contact Laurie McCorry (617-696-1854, lmccorry@bhcc.mass.edu).

Save the Date!

The Fellowship Event will be held on Saturday, February 6. Be sure to polish your dancing shoes!

ALL SUNDAYS

8:45 am – Meetinghouse Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am – Silent Prayer & Meditation: Children’s Church

10:30 am – Worship

11:30 am - Social Hour in the Parish Hall

11:45 am - Children’s Choir Rehearsal, CC

Special Events

Friday Film

Friday, 1/8 @ 7pm in the Parish Hall

Covenant Listening Circles

Friday, 1/8 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday, 1/10 @ 12pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, 1/13 @ 6pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday, 1/24 @ 12pm in the Parish Hall

Full Moon Esbat

Friday, 1/15 @ 7pm in the Parish Hall

Milton Interfaith Clergy Association Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service

Simple Supper: Monday, 1/18 @ 5pm, Temple Shalom
Action Dialogue: Monday, 1/18 @ 5:45pm, Temple Shalom
Service: Monday, 1/18 @ 7pm, Temple Shalom

First Parish Energy Audit Open House

Saturday, 1/23 @ 9:30am in the Parish Hall

Save The Date

Annual Budget Drive Fellowship Event

Saturday, 2/6

Sunday

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10:30 noon, Children’s Church,
Children’s Church

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12:00 noon, Religious Education
Committee, Library

12:00 pm, Buildings & Grounds Meeting,
Campus Walkthrough

12:00 pm, Covenant Listening Circles,
Parish Hall

12:00 pm, Worship Committee,
Meetinghouse

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12:00 pm, Covenant Listening Circles,
Parish Hall

12:15 pm, Parish Committee,
Chase Parlor

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NEW YEARS DAY	2
4 7:00 pm, Social Action, Library 7:15 pm, Yoga, Parish Hall	5 6:30 pm, JR OWL, Youth Room	6 7:00 pm, YAC, Youth Room	7 6:30 pm, SR OWL, Youth Room 7:00 pm, Membership, Library	8 6:00 pm, Covenant Listening Circles, Parish Hall 7:00 pm, Film Night, Activity Room	9
11 7:15 pm, Yoga, Parish Hall	12 6:30 pm, JR OWL, Youth Room	13 6:00 pm, Covenant Listening Circles, Parish Hall	14 6:30 pm, SR OWL, Youth Room	15 7:00 pm, Full Moon Esbat, Parish Hall	16
18 MLK DAY 7:15 pm, Yoga, Parish Hall	19 6:30 pm, JR OWL, Youth Room	20	21 6:30 pm, SR OWL, Youth Room 7:00 pm, Caring Committee, Library	22	23 10:00 am, Buildings Energy Audit, Campus
25 7:15 pm, Yoga, Parish Hall	26 6:30 pm, JR OWL, Youth Room	27	28 6:30 pm, SR OWL, Youth Room	29	30

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dance and the circle suppers, and many new connections have been made.

The first Circle Suppers of the year were held at the homes of Bebe Williamson and Alyson Allen in November. Both were great fun, we got to know each other in different settings, we ate wonderful food, had great conversations, and we even played some games! Thanks to both hosts!

There will be more circle suppers, a contra dance and a couple of surprises during the second half of the church year. On January 8 the first in the series of Listening Circles focusing on Covenant will be held. The Membership Committee will be among those actively encouraging participation. For people who would like to spend some unstructured time, we'll be hosting monthly get-togethers with Parisa following church services. Participating occasionally in these organized events is highly recommended.

Our church is as wonderful as we make it. By being aware of the need to take time to connect with unfamiliar people and by purposefully connecting, church becomes more wonderful.

The goal of the Membership Committee is to help our membership develop stronger skills of welcoming and connecting, and to provide varied forums where these skills can be exercised and where connections can be made. It is very gratifying to see somebody walk across a room to greet an unfamiliar person, and when I see that welcomed person return week after week, the feeling is almost overwhelming; welcoming and connecting is what we do.

There have been many new faces at church lately, and many connections made but everybody is new to somebody so we strongly encourage everyone to reach out. As a symbol of our welcome, wear your nametags!

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FRIDAY FILM

The First Parish Film Series celebrates the hopes of the new year with *Anvil! The Story of Anvil*, a documentary about friendship and the preservation of dreams in the face of harsh realities.

Veteran heavy metal rockers Steve "Lips" Kudlow and Robb Reiner first met in high school in Toronto. They clicked musically immediately: an early composition, "Thumb Hang", was based on a classroom lesson on the Spanish Inquisition. The story of Anvil was off to a rollicking start.

Director Sacha Gervasi was a roadie for Anvil in its early days. The group lacked good management and a major-label contract, but, through Gervasi's interviews with fans, veteran rockers, and the musicians' families, it's clear that Anvil was loved.

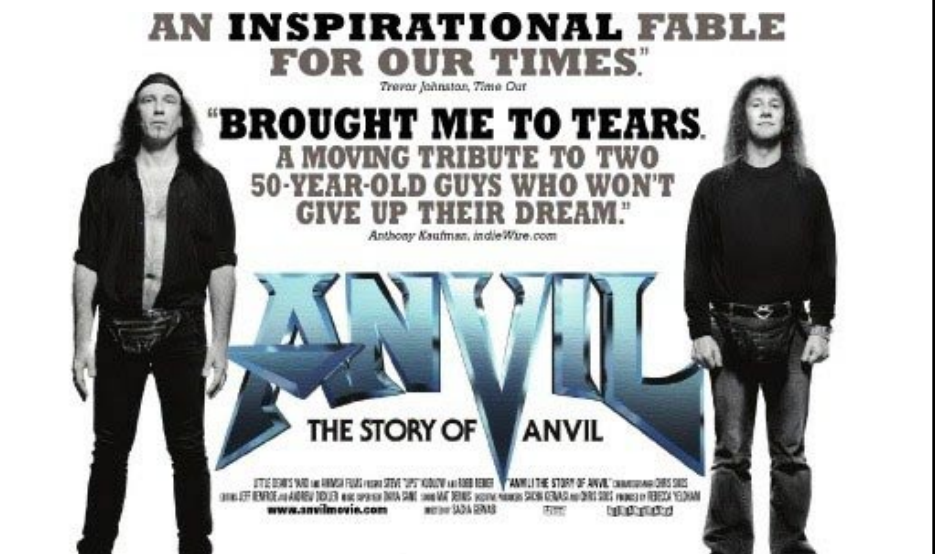
Gervasi follows a reconstituted Anvil through a horrible European

tour that ends at a Monsters of Rock festival in Transylvania promoted by a father and son metal-head team. Through it all, Steve and Robb retain their optimism. "Things went dramatically wrong," Steve says, looking back, "but at least there was a tour for things to go wrong on."

Ty Burr of The Boston Globe found Anvil one of "the sweetest, funniest films" he saw in 2009. Gervasi, he writes, "manages the trick of portraying the band's predicament with blunt, clear-eyed hilarity while simultaneously wishing them the very best. He gives these aging, hopeful children the saving grace of a happy ending, but his real achievement is showing us they deserve one."

The film will be screened on Friday, January 8 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall

Babysitting is available upon request.



CHANNING SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with MCAS tutoring afterschool at the Channing Elementary School in Hyde Park.

Most of these inner-city students come from non-English speaking families and have trouble with their reading and writing. They also crave love and attention. Can you help? Please contact Cheryl Lloyd at 617-244-3226

A Book Review:

The End of the Long Summer

By Dianne Dumanoski

Review by Melinda Collins

In her latest book, *The End of the Long Summer*, local environmental writer Dianne Dumanoski exhorts us to look beyond the current simplified media hype of climate change to the dire implications of our wanton technological tinkering. Dumanoski traces with candor and insight the development in modern philosophical, religious, scientific and political thought which has propelled civilization to pursue profit and efficiency over other values that would ensure our longevity.

In essence, she outlines what must surely be the most intricate positive feedback loop of all time. This loop, in which the interplay of “dangerous anthropogenic interference (D.A.I. for short) and natural biogeochemical processes, is propelling the Earth toward a state which will pose serious and possibly catastrophic challenges for the human race. In addition to abrupt climate shifts and increasingly severe storm events, we face the continued depletion of the ozone, damage to the oceans which provide 70% of our oxygen supply, shifting wind and moisture

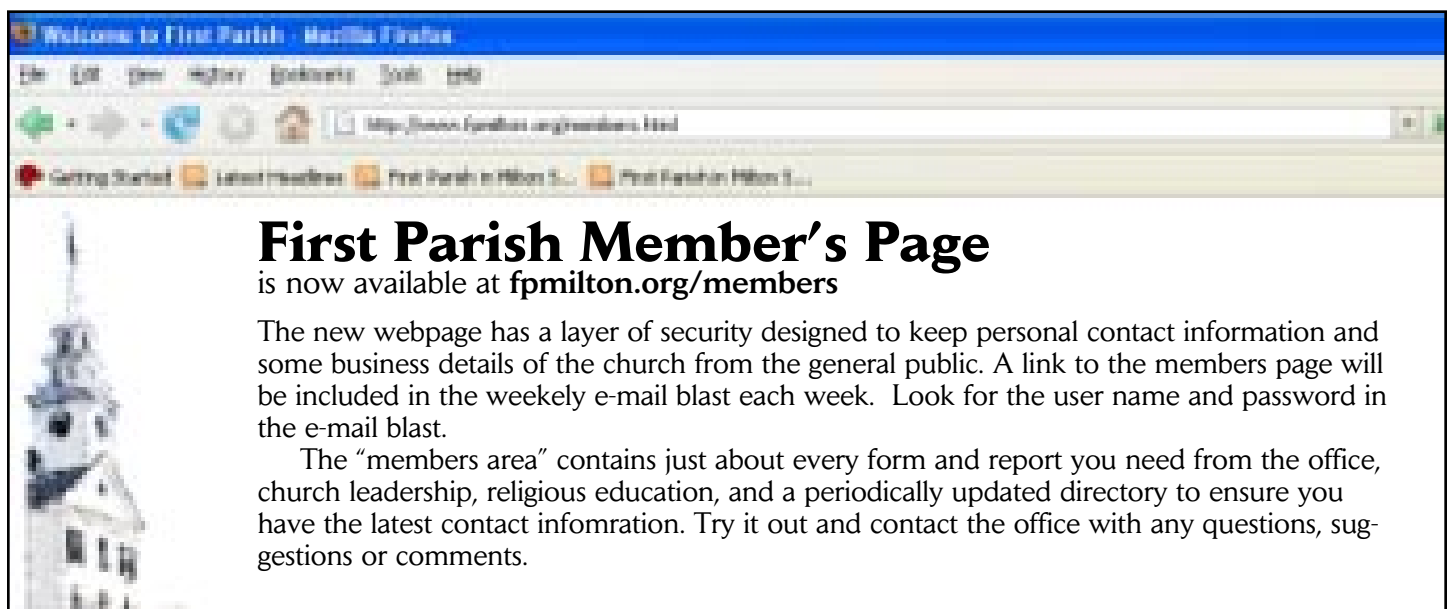
patterns, food supply threats caused by lack of genetic diversity, increasing challenges from infectious diseases, and other hazards. She traces the birth of our atmosphere and resulting climatic and geological history in order to contrast the natural functioning of the Earth System with the current problematic rate of change. Moreover, Dumanoski illustrates the modern belief that nature is a mechanism able to be dominated and manipulated to our ends by means of further technological intervention, rather than an unpredictable phenomenon worthy of our apprehension and restraint, if not respect and care.

Many of the changes in the Earth systems are part of the planet’s normal rhythms, many are not. The upshot is that changes are happening at unexpectedly rapid rates and we need to pick up the yoke of moral responsibility and create a resilient, creative, sustainable society. Our ancestors survived previous climatic upheavals with flexibility and redundancy. People followed clement weather and food sources. Plant diversity helped assure people of alternative foods in the case of climate changes or other threats. Economies, agriculture, energy sources and cultures were decentralized. The resulting de facto societal redundancies helped to ensure the survival of humans over

millennia. As the recent global financial collapse has demonstrated, too much interconnection can be a disadvantage. For example, interruption in the oil supply due to natural disaster could prohibit food importation, the production of goods, and the provision of services halfway across the world.

Whether or not you ultimately agree with Ms. Dumanoski’s assertions, *The End of the Long Summer* enhances our understanding of the climate debate. In addition to her book, I also recommend the climate portion of NASA’s website, as well as four recent articles that you can find at your local library. “The Catastrophist,” *The New Yorker*, June 29, 2009 profiles NASA’s climate specialist, James Hansen, as he attempts to convince national governments to put aside politics and acknowledge the red-herring nature of cap-and-trade systems. The September/October 2009 issue of *Foreign Affairs* includes three articles that provide some alternative perspectives. For in depth information regarding the economics of sustainable, socially responsible prosperity, see a report entitled, “Prosperity without Growth”, available at the following link on Dianne Dumanoski’s website: www.diannedumanoski.com/prosperity.pdf

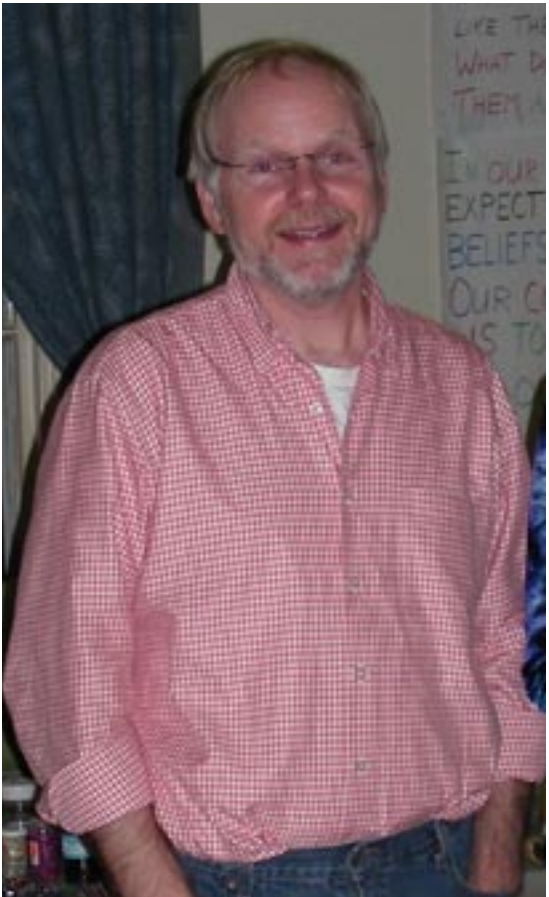
The questions remain. How much are we called to do? How much can we do to ensure a just outcome for all the Earth’s inhabitants?



The image is a screenshot of a web browser window. The title bar reads "Welcome to First Parish - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "http://www.firstparish.org/members.html". The browser tabs include "Getting Started", "Latest newsletters", "First Parish in Milton S...", and "First Parish in Milton S...". The main content area features a large heading: "First Parish Member's Page is now available at fpmilton.org/members". Below the heading, there is a paragraph: "The new webpage has a layer of security designed to keep personal contact information and some business details of the church from the general public. A link to the members page will be included in the weekly e-mail blast each week. Look for the user name and password in the e-mail blast." This is followed by another paragraph: "The 'members area' contains just about every form and report you need from the office, church leadership, religious education, and a periodically updated directory to ensure you have the latest contact information. Try it out and contact the office with any questions, suggestions or comments." On the left side of the content area, there is a small, partially visible image of a church steeple.



Photos by Mike Grant
December Common Hearth, Creative Joy:
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From The Planner

U = Usher, C = Chalice Lighter, F = Flowers H = Host Team, A = Parish Com. Announcer

AT BAT

January 3

F: Beth Gray-Nix
U: Tom & Ellen White
H: Peter Schneider, Diane Sawyer,
Amy Norton
A: Christa Ayoub

January 10

C: Katie Steele
F: Lisa Beck
U: Tim Steele & Elizabeth Menne
H: Elise Henricks, Tony Dutzik,
Jennifer & Mike Grant
A: Diane Johnson-Fallon

January 17

C: Andrew Steele
F: Parisa Parsa & Enrique Silva
U: Tom Kemp & Judith Darrell Kemp
H: Karl Pastore, Lauri Webster &
Luke Pastore
A: Diane Johnson-Fallon

January 24

C: Sophie & Atticus D'Alessandro
F: Susan Monack
U: Jen & Mac D'Alessandro
H: Glenn Pavlicek, Anita Penta,
Carolyn Newman & Rick Malmstrom
A: Matthew Najarian

January 31

F: Mallory Digges
U: Diane Fallon-Johnson &
Wayne Johnson
H: Cheryl & Rob Giddings,
Robin Coyne & Rob Savage
A: Anita Penta

ON DECK

February 7

C: Emma Allen
F: Tom & Ellen White
U: Emma & Alyson Allen
H: June Scott, Tom & Ellen White,
Ann Hallet & Ann White
A: Brian Kelley

February 14

C: Isabella Scott
F: June & Randy Scott
U: Julie Baker & Rosine Afshar
H: Brigitte Miller, Laura Sauter,
Melinda & Harris Collins
A: Charlie Franich

February 21

C: TBA
F: Frank Malefatto
U: Pat & Leah Gallivan
H: Chris Clifford, Terry Dsida,
Terry & Julie Shields
A: Lisa White

February 28

C: TBA
F: Lynne Stack
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