

*April
Worship
Theme:
Balance*



Sunday, April 2, 2017

Worship at 10:30am in the Meetinghouse

PERFECTLY IMBALANCED

DLRE Mark LaPointe, preaching

We tend to think that our ultimate goal is to live a "balanced" life. Yet, the image we have of balance is one of stasis. The scale never tips in either direction. Everything is safe, comfortable and predictable. This is not only unrealistic, it is undesirable. Instead, we should strive to live a life that is perfectly *im*balanced, moving forward and growing through the back and forth of a whole and dynamic life.

Children attend the first 15 minutes followed by RE classes with members of the Green Sanctuary Committee. Childcare available for infants and toddlers.

Junior Youth Group at 5pm in the Parlor.

Senior Youth Group at 7pm in the Parlor.

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Worship at 10:30am in the Meetinghouse

NOT TODAY, SATAN

Rev. Catie Scudera, preaching

One of the great blessings of our lives in Boston MetroWest is that there are scores of ways to be involved in an array of activities: within a half an hour's drive of our church in Needham, we could find ourselves at multiple theaters, scores of music venues, countless restaurants, innumerable gyms and studios, and adult education opportunities sponsored in nearly every nearby town. However, with this blessing looms a curse: the busyness trap. How do we prioritize what really matters when our choices to fill our day feel endless?

Children attend the first 15 minutes followed by Earth Month Class with special speaker Susan McGarvey. Childcare available for infants and toddlers.

Senior Youth Group meets at 7pm in the Parlor.

A Green Sanctuary and a Welcoming Congregation

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Worship at 9am (family friendly) and 11am in the Meetinghouse

PROPHETIC DISRUPTION

Rev. Catie Scudera, preaching

A significant part of Jesus's ministry — and, potentially, one cause of his arrest and execution — was his disruption of cultural, political, and spiritual norms of his time. How does his prophetic disruption inspire us today? The 9am (note the earlier time) service is family-friendly/multigenerational, and features our UU Ringers and Song Squad; at the 11am service, come for music from the First Parish choir. Don't forget that there is just one social hour and the annual Easter egg hunt, both happening in between the services at 10 am!

Children attend the full service. Childcare available for infants and toddlers.

No youth groups. Senior Youth Group on annual service trip.

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Worship at 10:30am in the Meetinghouse

ECOLOGICAL IMBALANCE

Rev. Catie Scudera, preaching

Especially since the Industrial Revolution, human beings have disturbed the careful ecological balance of our world. Can we live in harmonious homeostasis with our fellow living beings?

Children attend the first 15 minutes followed by Children's Worship about gardening and the Seventh Principle led by our LRE Program Assistant Jen Duhamel. Childcare available for infants and toddlers.

No Youth Groups.

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Needham Lyceum at 9:15am in the Parlor

The Transforming Power of Love

Pamela Chatterton-Purdy and

Rev. Dr. David Purdy

Artist Pamela Chatterton-Purdy and her husband retired minister Rev. Dr. David Purdy, the couple be-

hind the [Icons of the Civil Rights exhibition](#) (see page 7), were actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the South in the 1960s. They marched at Selma and personally knew many of the figures involved in the Civil Rights Movement. They will speak about their experiences and raising a biracial family.

Worship at 10:30am in the Meetinghouse

HEED THEIR DIRECTION

Rev. Catie Scudera, preaching

During this special weekend, First Parish is hosting the Icons of the Civil Rights Movement art exhibit. For our worship service, the icons of Unitarian Universalists murdered in Selma — Rev. James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo — and of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will join us in the sanctuary for a service that reflects on the power and purpose of iconography and the heroes they depict. Rev. Catie shares leadership of the worship with our honored guests of the weekend, artist Pamela Purdy and her husband Rev. David Purdy.

Children attend the first 15 minutes followed by Religious Exploration classes. Childcare available for infants and toddlers.

Junior Youth Group meets at 5pm in the Parlor.

Senior Youth Group meets at 7pm in the Parlor.

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### Reminder about Theme-Based Ministry Trial

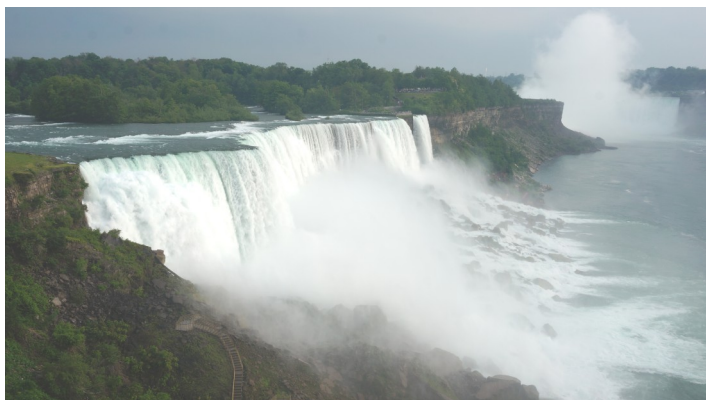
2016-17 is the second year of a 2-year trial of "themed ministry". The approach weaves together worship, education, small group ministry, spiritual practices and other aspects of community life around common monthly themes. Themed church, we hope, will deepen our experience together and illuminate the shared values in our faith tradition.

- April's theme is *Balance*
- May's theme will be *Wellness*

More info can be found by searching the website ([www.uuneedham.org](http://www.uuneedham.org)) for "theme-based ministry". If you have questions or feedback on this approach, please don't hesitate to share them with Reverend Catie or a member of the Worship Committee.

## Rev. Catie's Column

### Our Awe-some Reality



Some time ago, I found myself in Buffalo, New York, for a wedding. I had just twenty-four hours in Buffalo (had to get back to Boston for Sunday worship!) and a free afternoon before an opening reception. Thanks to Google Maps, I discovered I had enough time to take the public bus up to Niagara Falls. It was raining lightly, but my maid of honor (a meteorologist) assured me over text message that the storm would be gone by the time I arrived at the falls.

I had been to Niagara Falls on a school trip ages ago, but frankly I couldn't remember much of anything about it. I kept my expectations low because of the weather and because I had been told my whole adult life that the American side of the Falls just wasn't very impressive.

After an hour's bus ride, I arrived in Niagara and walked into the park. I ambled along the river for a time, glancing now and again up the clouds and (I'll admit) often down at my phone as a distraction from the gray day. "What was I thinking taking such a long ride all the way up here, and for what?" I asked myself... Then, when I had finally found my way to the main lookout, *tada!* the sun came back out (just as my dear friend predicted), and *ping!* the light ricocheted off the suddenly visible waterfall, and *wow!* I was in awe! The Falls were beautiful!

I can clearly remember other times when awe has overtaken me: kayaking with friends amidst the bioluminescent bay in Puerto Rico; the view of Mount Rainer towering over the city of Seattle on my bus ride to work during my summer hospital chaplaincy residency; and, each time I have visited the Taj Mahal, which never fails to impress all over again.

But, one needn't travel cross-country or around the world to stumble on awe. Research psychologist Dr. Dacher Keltner told *Parade* magazine, "People often talk about awe as seeing the Grand Canyon or meeting Nelson Mandela, but our studies show it also can be much more accessible—a friend is so generous you're astounded, or you see a cool pattern of shadows and leaves."

This resonates with me, too, like when I've attended family weddings and reunions and I notice, yet again, common familial hand gestures, facial expressions, and laughter; or, when the tree down the street is suddenly awash in fall color or spring flowers; or, when our congregants shore up their courage to sing or play their instrument in front of the church — and they're incredible.

I finish writing this article on the spring equinox, which means I'm very aware of the coming of spring and the trickling away of winter. This reminds me, once again, to take note of my immediate surroundings that are ever changing and not to be too lost in my head, in thoughts of other times or places. If I am not in the present moment, I lose any chance I have of being captured by the awe-some reality in which we live. There is much, big and small, with which to be amazed in our day-to-day lives.

I find the ability to connect with my surroundings with awe is particularly helpful during times of trial and stress. Many programs for people of all ages who have survived loss, trauma, addiction, and illness include access to and adventures in the great outdoors and the arts as part of their healing mission. Though there is always injustice, illness, and death lurking around corners, instead of letting fear or anger overwhelm my senses, I allow my senses to soothe me. Even if there is nothing particularly special to capture my attention, it is calming for me to consciously notice the shape of the clouds, the sound of the train whistle, the smell of new leaves and grass, the touch of the wind, the taste of my meals. And, sometimes, when I'm in such a mindful moment, I am rewarded with an awe-some experience!

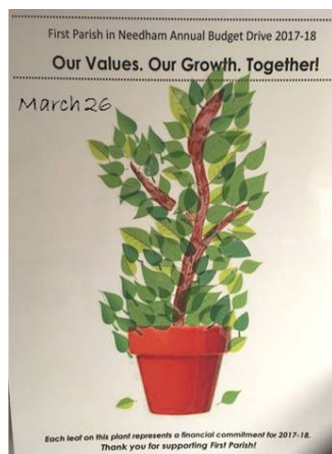
Have you had a recent experience with awe?

• **Rev. Catie**

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### From the Budget Drive Committee...

Many thanks to the members and friends of First Parish who made financial commitments for the upcoming year. For each pledge, we have added a leaf to our 'pledge plant.' Check out the progress of our from the first week to today.



Together, we have pledged \$296,000 as of March 26, and we are hoping to reach a goal of \$350,000 by the time Parish Committee sets the 2017-2018 budget in early April. Pledges form the backbone of our church's operating funds, and knowing what to expect is the only way we can reliably budget for the coming year, allocating resources responsibly so that we can continue serving our growing community and also the broader world outside our church walls.

*If you have not yet responded to the budget drive, please contact a member of the committee or Susanna Whitman in the church office.*

We sincerely appreciate the generosity shown among our members this year. Our pledges of financial support represent our connections to this important community, and each pledge will help First Parish grow and thrive. Stay tuned for an update on the final results and plans for a celebration of our successful budget drive coming in May.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Catie or any member of the budget drive committee.

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### Represent First Parish at General Assembly!

Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA

Join Rev. Catie, DLRE Mark LaPointe, and thousands of other Unitarian Universalists in "The Big Easy" for the annual national Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly. The theme this year is "Resist & Rejoice!" There will be worship, workshops, a major lecture from lawyer and prison reform activist Bryan Stevenson, an exhibit hall featuring dozens of UU organizations, and opportunities for service and public witness. If you go as a delegate from First Parish in Needham, you will also have the opportunity to vote on important denominational issues, including who will be our next denominational president. Scholarships are available from the UUA and from First Parish, and you can participate virtually via your home computer through the [off-site registration](#) program. Visit the UUA's [website](#) for more information, or speak with Rev. Catie and Mark.

### March for Science . . . .

Our voices are needed now more than ever to rally for climate action and for science. On Earth Day, April 22, the **Boston Rally for Science** will serve as a sister march for the March for Science in Washington, DC. The rally will celebrate "the discovery, understanding, and sharing of scientific knowledge as crucial to the success, health, and safety of the human race." A stage will be set up on Boston Common with kid-focused activities from 1-2pm and the main speakers and rally will take place from 2-4pm. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-for-science-boston-tickets-31758316981> or search for "Rally for Science" on [uuneedham.org](http://uuneedham.org) and follow the link there. Please notify Eleanor Rosellini if you would like to attend with a group from First Parish.

### . . . . and the Environment

350Mass is organizing buses for the April 29 **People's Climate March in Washington DC**. People from all over the country will rally for climate, jobs, and justice. For more information or to register visit <https://peoplesclimate.org/?source=350>.

## Small Group Ministry to Train New Facilitators

**Calling all interested in facilitator training!!!** What do Small Group Ministry facilitators do? How much time does it take? How do I become a facilitator?

We anticipate running some training and support sessions for new facilitators already on board. For more information and some answers to the questions above, or, if you're interested in exploring becoming a SGM facilitator, now is the time to contact one of our current facilitators listed below.

### Why do we need more facilitators?

We hope to form new groups and allow facilitators to retire when they are ready. We have many new folks coming to our congregation. Small Group Ministry is one of the best ways of connecting with others in First Parish. In order to have more available Small Groups we need more facilitators. **Might you be one of them??** For information contact Helen Lane [helenblane@gmail.com](mailto:helenblane@gmail.com), Cathy Livingston [crazycat4@comcast.net](mailto:crazycat4@comcast.net), Carolyn Lynes, [carolynlynes@gmail.com](mailto:carolynlynes@gmail.com), Elinor Brady [pbrady@sociallaw.com](mailto:pbrady@sociallaw.com), or Tad Staley [tstaley@gmail.com](mailto:tstaley@gmail.com).

## Ecumenical Holy Week Services

- **Palm Sunday (4/9) at 9:30am on the Needham Town Common**
- **Good Friday (4/14) at 7pm at First Baptist Church in Needham**

Our Christian neighbors invite us to join in ecumenical Holy Week services. First, there will be a brief blessing and procession of palms on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am on the Town Common. Then, on Friday, April 14, First Baptist is hosting a Good Friday service at 7pm, featuring a renowned storyteller to share the Passion narrative and the traditional stripping of the altar. Rev. Catie has been invited to participate in the services and plans to attend. Please contact Rev. Catie with any questions.

## FIRST PARISH PROGRAMMING

### Grief and Loss Support Group

**Sunday, April 2, 12-1:30pm in Classroom 3**

Finding support from others can lessen isolation and lighten the burden of grief. Please contact Janet Klein at [janetklein1927@gmail.com](mailto:janetklein1927@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending or just come to the meeting.

### Caregivers' Support Group

**Sunday, April 2, 12-1:30pm in the Youth Room**

If you are caring for a loved one, from nearby or afar, please come to a meeting, we welcome you. Come to listen or to share, in a safe and supportive atmosphere. Our meetings are confidential.

Facilitator: Lyn Jekowsky [lynjekowsky@comcast.net](mailto:lynjekowsky@comcast.net)

### Program Council

**Sunday, April 2, at noon in the Parlor**

### Needham PATH

**Monday, April 3, at 7pm in the Youth Room**

### Racial Justice Task Force

**Monday, April 3, at 7pm in the Parlor**

### Worship at North Hill

**Wednesday, April 5, 10:30-11:30am**

**Event Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of Pines Edge at North Hill**

North Hill residents and friends are invited to an intimate Unitarian Universalist worship service led by Rev. Catie. All are welcome!

### Meditation Group

The Meditation Group will meet every Wednesday evening in April from 7:30 to 8:30 in the basement of First Parish. We welcome all to an informal hour of mindfulness, of calm, in your busy week. Contact Susan McGarvey or Lynne Rachlis for more information.



## Homegrown Presents

### Meeting Across the Water

**Saturday, April 8, 8pm; doors open at 7:30**

Meeting Across the Water's music draws on black urban blues, R&B, soul, rural white folk and bluegrass—all wound together around a gospel core. The band's sound is a blend of acoustic guitar, mandolin, piano and percussion with compelling lead vocals and multi-part harmonies. They explore gospel music from the 1850s to the present, including black gospel street tunes from the mid-1900s and post-World War II music, along with band members' original gospel tunes. Their music springs from band members' deeply-held belief that African-American and white spiritual traditions can joyfully connect and share with each other. Tickets and details available online at [uneedham.org/homegrown-coffeehouse](http://uneedham.org/homegrown-coffeehouse). Contact Jim Sargent to volunteer.

### Attention Newcomers:

#### Introduction to First Parish

**Sunday, April 9, noon—1pm in the Parlor**

Join Rev. Catie and member of the Membership Committee for an introduction to First Parish and Unitarian Universalism. All are welcome.

### Positively Aging: If Home Doesn't Work, What Are My Options?

**Tuesday, April 11, at 4pm in the Parlor**

Positively Aging will gather in March to look at three additional possibilities for retirement communities in our vicinity. We will meet representatives from North Hill, Fox Hill and Wingate. They will bring printed material and tell us about each of these communities. Each community differs from the others in some unique ways. Many of the questions we have had will be answered as well as a chance to ask your urgent questions. Conversation and refreshments follow. All are welcome.

~ The Positively Aging Planning Team: Helen Lane, Fred Kresse, Phyllis Beck and Kay Taylor

## First Parish Seder

**Tuesday, April 11, 7-9pm in the Parlor, Youth Room and Music Room**

First Parish RE is sponsoring a potluck seder again this year. Seating is very limited so sign up early. To sign up please email how many seats you need to reserve to Tabby Rappolt ([trappolt@hotmail.com](mailto:trappolt@hotmail.com).)

We are asking each family to help provide an element of the meal. When you send in your reservation request you will receive an items need list from which you can chose what to bring. We also need people starting at 5:30 to help set up and people who are able to stay after to help clean up. Please indicate when making reservations if you can help out.

## Parish Committee

**Wednesday, April 12, at 7pm in the Parlor**

## Caregivers' Support Group

**Sunday, April 16, 12-1:30pm in the Youth Room**

## Join Rev. Catie and the Lunch Bunch

**Wednesday, April 19, 12:30pm (Parish Hall)**

Rev. Catie is hosting members and friends of First Parish for a monthly brown-bag lunch date. In the past, this gathering has been primarily for "elders and friends" of First Parish, but the regular attendees have requested for the lunch to be advertised as open to people of all ages! Catie will provide a sweet treat for dessert. RSVP to Catie and Buffy Duhig, particularly if you need assistance with a ride to the church.

## Bellman Target Date

The target date for submitting items to the **May Bellman** is Sunday, April 23.

## Interfaith, Intergenerational Common Read:

### March, by Rep. John Lewis

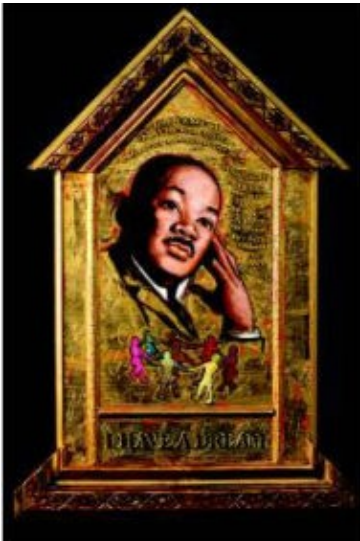
**Book Three, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

#### Congregational Church of Needham

Is the rumor true that Congressman John Lewis is "all talk, talk, talk - no action or results"? Find out for yourself through reading the National Book Award-winning graphic novel he co-wrote, *March*. *March* is the story of the Civil Rights Movement in three parts, and each Book is being discussed at a different con-

# Icons of the Civil Rights Movement Exhibit

April 29—30



Martin Luther King, Jr.



Rosa Parks

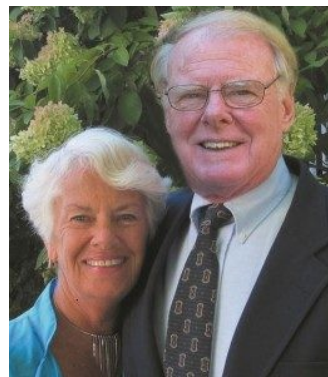


Reverend James Reeb

**Icons of the Civil Rights Movement**, an exhibit developed by artist Pamela Chatterton-Purdy and her husband retired minister Rev. Dr. David Purdy, will be on display Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, at First Parish in Needham, Unitarian Universalist. The exhibit anchors a weekend of discussion and reflection on the Civil Rights Movement and the state of racial justice in America today. The exhibit and all events are free and open to the public.

The exhibit includes 30 paintings done in the style of Russian icons, as well as narratives about each of the figures. The Purdys were actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the South in the 1960s. They marched at Selma and personally knew many of the figures who are depicted in the paintings. The exhibit has been published in a book of the same name.

The Purdys will speak at a Lyceum entitled "The Transforming Power of Love" on Sunday, April 30, about their experiences and their bi-racial family. The Purdys will join Rev. Catie Scudera in leading Sunday worship. A 50-minute documentary about the Purdys and their work will be shown several times on both days, followed by a discussion.



## Full Schedule

### Saturday, April 29, 2017

- **In Parish Hall 10:30am–4:30pm:** Exhibition of **Icons** paintings and narratives Artist: Pamela Purdy; Author: Rev. Dr. David Purdy
- **In the Sanctuary** The **Icons** film will be shown at – **10:45am–12:15pm; 12:45pm–2:15pm; and 2:45pm–4:15pm.** Times include facilitated reflection time at the end of each showing.

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

- **In the Sanctuary 9:15am–10:15am:** Needham Lyceum: "The Transforming Power of Love" with David and Pamela Purdy
- **10:30am–11:30am:** Sunday Morning Worship with Revs. Catie Scudera and the Purdys.
- **In Parish Hall 12:30pm–2:30pm:** Exhibition of **Icons** paintings and narratives with the Purdys
- **In the Sanctuary 12:30pm–2:00pm:** **Icons** film showing including facilitated reflection time from 1:30pm–2pm

The event is sponsored by the Racial Justice Task Force, the Parish Committee, and the Social Action Committee.

gregation: *Book One* at First Baptist, *Book Two* at First Parish, and *Book Three* at the Congregational Church. Even if you missed *Books One* and *Two*, you are welcome to join for conversation about *Book Three*. Youth and adults are welcome to attend all or any of the discussions. All three parts of *March* can be ordered separately or together through Amazon.com or our local bookstore, [New England Mobile Book Fair](#).

## The Big Questions Forum

**Tuesday, April 25, 7:30pm in the Parlor**

Join fellow First Parishioners for some in-depth exploration of some of life's most vexing questions. Watch the *Bell Notes* and website for more info on this month's topic.

## Social Action Committee Meeting

**Wed., April 26, at 7pm in the Youth Room**

## Icons of the Civil Rights Movement Exhibit

**Saturday-Sunday., April 29-30**

See next page for details

## FROM THE FIRST PARISH BLOG

### Joy Tinged with Sadness on a Partnership Trip to the Guatemalan Village of Santa

**Maria Tzeja**

**By Clark Taylor**

**March 9, 2017**

Kay and I returned recently from a stimulating and deeply satisfying trip to the Guatemalan village with which she and I established a partnership with the Congregational Church in town, now in its thirtieth anniversary year. Our trip was part of a delegation, the 59th that the church has sent each February and August. The trip was a joyous reunion with long-standing friends for Kay and me, but was also tinged with sadness in that we told them this would be our final trip. For fourteen years Kay led the February delegations and for twenty-four years I led the August trips, so we had provided the continuity from one trip to the next. The partnership continues, however, under the skilled and knowledgeable leadership of other people.



Delegates fly into Guatemala City on a Wednesday and spend a full day in the city meeting with groups that help orient us to the city and the country situation at the time. On Friday we take a van to a regional city, Coban, where we meet with SMT students studying in the area's high schools and university extensions, and stay overnight. On Saturday we drive into the village and are greeted with a wonderful welcome, including songs of the children and words of welcome from leaders. After nearly a week in the village we leave early on Friday to make it back to our hotel in Guatemala City in a very long day. Saturday the group typically takes a van to beautiful Antigua, a very old city with a chance to be tourists and do some shopping. Sunday we return to the U.S.

Before turning to how this partnership might involve First Parish, we will describe the makeup of the delegations and what delegates do on the trips, which feature six days in the village of SMT located about twenty miles from the southern border with Mexico. Delegations typically involve both adults in a wide array of ages and young people who are at least fifteen years old. Numbers vary from six or seven up to fifteen people. Each group includes two interpreters to ensure that folks understand the Spanish that most residents speak. One of the privileges we enjoy on the trips is eating in people's homes, which lets us get to know both the adults and the children of the family. Youth delegates join in sports with the youth and play with the children. Adults meet with committees of the village to get to know the activities and concerns of village leaders. Special events include a "parcela trip,"



which involves walking to the farming area of one of the peasant farmers in the village, a trip which normally takes the hikers through a section of the jungle. Another event is a trip to a beautiful waterfall with an opportunity to swim and, for the brave, a jump of twenty or so feet into the water that is spilling over the waterfall. Another opportunity is to get to know the outstanding education in the village through visits to the primary and middle schools. Since the late nineties when it was founded, the middle school has graduated more than 500 students. And we meet with the very impressive young professionals in the village who have graduated from San Carlos University, the national university, and others who are still working on their degrees. These professionals are working in important positions at the local, regional and national level.

The village of Santa María Tzejá is home to some 2000 people, most of whom are Mayan indigenous, who typically speak both the Maya K'iche' language and Spanish, and the women wear traditional native clothing, while 10% of the people are mestizo who speak only Spanish and wear western clothing. When Kay and I first went there in 1987 the homes were very basic with thatched roofs and dirt floors, but now they are more substantial dignified homes. When we first visited there were no roads to the village or within it. We navigated over rough paths. Now there is a gravel road to SMT and dirt streets within it.

Now to suggest how First Parish might relate to the village. One important possibility would be to be-

come a partner church with the Congregational Church and the village. That would require decisions by the two congregations that would take some time. Another possibility has already been followed by one member of First Parish, which is to offer scholarship support to a student from the village to attend a high school (the village has no HS) or the university. Another would be to become a partner family with a family in the village to exchange two letters a year (which the partnership would have translated to Spanish) with a family that has children the same ages as yours. Still another came up as a proposal in the meeting with the professionals in the village. Two of them proposed that the partnership identify individuals with skills and experience in establishing start-up businesses, who could stay 1-3 months to help students graduating from the university, some with majors in business administration, to start small businesses to provide employment for themselves and for others in the village and region. The goal would be to make the village a center for employment and economic development in the region.

Over the last thirty years Kay and I, along with the other 150 or so delegates (some with multiple trips), have found the trip to be a profound privilege and opportunity to experience wonderfully open people and a culture that is enough different from our own to enlarge our view of the world. If you are at all curious about the village or even your own possible involvement with it in some way, Kay and I would be happy to talk with you about it.



### First Parish in Needham, Unitarian Universalist

Find the most complete and up-to-date information about worship, events, and programs at First Parish on our website, [www.uuneedham.org](http://www.uuneedham.org).

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**Bellman Information:** The deadline for the **May Bellman** will be **Sunday, April 23**. Please send all website, *Bellman* and *Bell Note* items to [bellman@uuneedham.org](mailto:bellman@uuneedham.org).

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