



# The First Church and Parish in Dedham

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## **Sundays September and October**

Worship at 10 am in the Meeting House  
Starting the Sunday after Labor Day

### **September 11, 2016**

#### **Covenant Calms the Storm**

Homecoming Sunday

#### **Water Communion/Intergenerational Service**

\*Everyone is asked to bring some water  
from their summer apart to share as part of worship.

The Rev Rali M. Weaver will preach.

On this homecoming Sunday we will explore  
how the words we say each week are a cove-  
nant that binds us and helps this church body  
to weather any storm.

#### **Special Congregational Meeting then Picnic to follow worship**

Sandwiches & paper goods provided,  
dessert and salads and drinks welcome.  
CRE Registration & activities for children  
during picnic.

### **September 18, 2016**

#### **Being a "No-Heller"**

The Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach.

The Choir will be at Starr Island;

Steve Sussman will be our musician for today.

Our Universalist Heritage does not offer red-  
emption because there is no hell. What type  
of salvation is there without damnation?

The children will begin in the Meeting House  
then be sung to Sunday Cool.

### **September 25, 2016**

#### **Namaste**

The Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach.

Today we will explore the beauty that is in  
every single thing and strive to find ways to  
hold onto this ideal every second of every day  
of our lives.

The Children will begin in the Meeting House  
then be sung to Sunday Cool.

### **October 2, 2016**

#### **Conscious Responsibility**

The Rev. Rali Weaver will preach.

This Sunday we will consider what the gift of hu-  
man consciousness requires in our caring for our  
world. This is our pet blessing Sunday. Following  
worship we will hold a pet blessing service on the  
green. Please do not bring your pets into the  
Church, but keep them in a carrier in the Auditori-  
um during worship or go home and get them and  
bring them back.

### **October 9, 2016**

#### **Joseph Tuckerman's Revolution**

Ministerial Intern Donna Dolham will preach.

A classmate of William Ellery Channing, Joseph  
Tuckerman led a different charge. We will explore  
what Tuckerman had to teach us and how his les-  
sons might transform our church for the future.

### **October 16, 2016**

#### **Making A Difference**

The Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach.

My mother always told me to leave this world bet-  
ter than I found it. This Sunday we will consider  
what making a difference will require of us all.

### **October 23, 2016**

#### **Children at the Center**

The Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach.

How might the world be different if we paid more  
attention to the teachings of children? Or what if  
children were in charge?

### **October 30, 2016**

#### **The Peace that Passes all**

#### **Understanding**

The Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach.

This will be our yearly All Saints All Souls  
remembrance and everyone is invited to  
bring a picture of a loved one to share and we will  
explore how we might find peace after loss.

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If you do not receive the Weekly Email or would like an electronic version of the Parish Record or a print out of an order of worship, please contact the church office: [firstchurch@dedhamuu.org](mailto:firstchurch@dedhamuu.org) or 781-326-7463

## From Our Minister

What a transformation we have seen around our buildings and grounds this summer. The Buildings and Grounds Committee and the landscape team that takes care of our grounds during the winter have been busy paving and fixing steps and cleaning up garden beds all summer. The ground may be dry but that has only made it easier to remove the weeds.

It has been fun trying to coordinate the themes between Children's Religious Education and Worship. I hope we all benefit from this thematic worship. We will welcome a new ministerial student this year, Donna Dolham. Read her bio later in this email.

This summer I had the opportunity to hear the Rev. William J. Barber II speak at the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry. I also had time to read his book Forward Together. Rev. Barber started Moral Monday's in North Carolina and rocked the Democratic National Convention this spring. You can read more about him and his efforts to bring a liberal voice back into the conversations of morality and justice at <http://www.breachrepairers.org/>. On Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (gathering at 10:30) faith leaders and their congregations will gather on the Boston Common and walk to the State House to beg our legislators to begin to consider the poorest and most disenfranchised citizens in our country in every decision that is made. I will be there, and if you can join me I hope you will be there, too.

I believe that partnering with other liberal religious groups to speak out about the needs of us all is the most pressing work we have to do in this coming year. I hope you will walk with me in this work.

As we left at the beginning of the summer I believe we were all also hoping to find ways to connect to each other in deeper and more meaningful ways. The Membership Committee will be rolling out friendship dinners this fall, and I hope we will create together a variety of other ways that we can all connect and deepen in the coming year. If you have an idea or interest you would like to share with the congregation I hope you will let me know.

We will gather for the first Sunday of the year on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please bring some water that is a representation of your summer and our time apart. After a quick Special Congregational Meeting, we will have a picnic on the green. Sandwiches and paper products will be provided; drinks, side dishes and desserts will be welcomed.

I am looking forward to seeing you all and seeing what this church year brings to all of us.

Love,  
Rali

\*A *New UU* class will start on October 5th and meet on eight successive Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm in the Minister's office. Contact Rev. Rali Weaver if you would like to attend, and watch your Parish Record and all church email for details.

**The Rev. Rali M. Weaver**

Office Hours: (Monday Day off) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-2, Friday Sermon Writing  
And by appointment 617-459-5979 [raliweaver@dedhamuu.org](mailto:raliweaver@dedhamuu.org)

## From Grace Peña- Acting Director of Religious Education

Are you ready?!! Have you heard?!! Religious Education will be all new at First Church and Parish in Dedham!

Our church year resumes on Sunday, September 11, 2016, and our Children's Religious Education program will start shortly after that. It's going to be an exciting time in R.E.!! Keep tuned to your All Church Emails for more information.

We are kicking off a new curriculum. I want to call it something new besides "Church School." Maybe "Spectacular R.E.", or "U.U.-O-Rama"...something exciting to aptly fit what will be happening for the kids here at First Church. Send me your – and your kids'! -- ideas!

R.E. will now be intergenerational and the kids will have a choice of a class from the Tapestry of Faith curricula (Signs of Our Faith, Amazing Grace and Love Connects Us) or an activity. The activities will range from art projects to Cool Deeds, to ones that may cover a few weeks such as a book club.

We will be keeping the Spirit Play class, O.W.L. classes, Neighboring Faiths and Coming of Age classes. This year Neighboring Faiths will continue with Allison Staton and Michael Roberts for the Fall/Winter semester. Those same students will start O.W.L. 7th-9th grades in January (and will continue in September 2017). Our facilitators for that section of O.W.L. are Josh Langmead and Lisa Pilat. The Winter/Spring semester will also have O.W.L. 5th-6th grades facilitated by Tom Donaghey and Kerrie Gallagher. Lastly, Desi Langmead will be back in our Nursery.

Lots of exciting things happening! Lots to look forward to!!

I hope you all are having a wonderful end of summer!

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions, and/or concerns regarding R.E. please feel free to contact me at [gracepenadre@dedhamuu.org](mailto:gracepenadre@dedhamuu.org). My office hours will return to Sundays 8:30 am-12:00 pm, Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00 am-2:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am-12:00 pm starting September 1st.

See you next week!

With love,  
Grace

Our Acting DRE is Grace Peña. You may reach her at [gracepenadre@dedhamuu.org](mailto:gracepenadre@dedhamuu.org) or at **781-801-9857**.

## *From our Music Director Linnea Bardarson*

**prel·ude:** 'prel,(y)oōd, 'prā,l(y)oōd/

*An action or event serving as an introduction to something more important.*

**Prelude**  
Op. 28, No. 7  
Frederic Chopin

Andantino

Piano

*p dolce*

*con pedale*

*mp*

*mp*

*rit. e dim. - - - pp*

September – new school year, new church year, new season. I am very excited to sing with you and share worship with you once again. This Fall we will begin our worship services in a new and different way. When we return to worship in the Meeting House on September 11<sup>th</sup>, you will notice that our Prelude will begin at ten o'clock sharp and will be introduced by the ringing of the meditation bowl, or by a call to worship from a choir member. It is my hope that when the prelude begins, you will be willing to bring yourself into a quiet place of meditation and preparation for worship. At this time visiting and chatting (and there *will* be a lot to catch up on after a full summer) will cease, and then resume again at coffee hour. Won't you join me in this attempt to bring ourselves, during our prelude, into a quiet and reflective space?

While on the subject of new beginnings, I hope this Fall will be the time that you decide to join the choir and sing with us! We welcome new members. You can sing every Sunday, or just once in a while. We rehearse every Sunday before worship at 8:45am in the Meeting House. We meet twice monthly in the evenings, on a Tuesday or Thursday from 7:15 – 9pm. (Evening choir schedule TBD.) Also, please join us on the first Sunday of every month for our Intergenerational Choir, when we meet at 9:30am to learn a fun and easy song. Our first “inter-gen” choir will happen on Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Yours in song and spirit,

Linnea

[linneabardarson@yahoo.com](mailto:linneabardarson@yahoo.com)

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**From our Student Minister: Donna Dolham**


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In Maine, the wild blueberry fields are beginning to turn a brilliant red and it's with anticipation... I wait. That's one of the things I love about New England; the joy of arrival, the turning of the earth which carries us with it through change. As September begins to show itself on the horizon, I await as well the opportunity of joining First Church and Parish Dedham as your two year part time intern minister.

When I first went out to your website, you greeted me with one of my favorite hymns, *This Little Light of Mine*, and I was curious what kind of congregation engages with the world full tilt with light shining. There I found you, working toward justice for the earth, doors open for summer worship, engaging in the structure to care for each other, investing in our children and the future of our Unitarian Universalist faith, and extending beyond your walls into the community as you support the Dedham food pantry and other like-minded organizations. WOW!! I can't wait to know you, to hear your stories, your inspirations and passions; to learn from you and with you.

I fell in love with Unitarian Universalism the minute I walked through the door of my first congregation 25 years ago in Auburn, Maine! I was greeted at the door by the organist, Phil House, who graciously pointed me to the sanctuary. Upon arriving at the sanctuary door I was given their social action update. I was home. Our Unitarian Universalist faith has continued to be my home; enlivening my spirit and curiosity, opening my heart and engaging my passion for justice.

As the seasons of my life have unfolded, I've made my way through a nearly thirty-year adventure in social work. It's hard to believe really that it's been that long. I still love social work, but for many years I've been pulled, drawn into, and sometimes just head on stumbled into Unitarian Universalist ministry, until finally I found myself on the grounds of Andover Newton Theological School in 2014. Soon, I will begin my senior (and final) year at ANTS!

And very soon, I will walk through your doors with anticipation and gratitude, joining my light with yours.

"Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,"

Donna Dolham (207) 701-1581 [ddolham@tds.net](mailto:ddolham@tds.net)

\*Donna will be holding listening circles to get to know each of you in the minister's office after worship on Sundays: 9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16 and 10/23. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Parish House dining room or on the Green during the picnic on 9/11.

Donna is working on her field study for Andover Newton as well as her UU Internship. She will be with us for two years part time. She needs a committee to help to guide her through this process. If you are interested in assisting and guiding her please contact:

Geoff Tegnell. 781-326-9967

**Please watch our calendar in the Order of Worship and All Church email  
and check the website [www.dedhamuu.org](http://www.dedhamuu.org)  
to stay up to date about upcoming events.**

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**Small Group for Moms**

**Next meeting Friday, September 9th at 6pm in the Parish Hall  
All Moms Welcome!**

Let's get the whole year on the calendar! Second, Fridays of the month: September –June.

We welcome mothers with children living at home to join a Mom's group that meets on the second Friday of the month. The meeting is a nice way to get together with other moms, connect further with our community, and unwind and relax while having a simple dinner (we take turns bringing food). If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the dining room or email [raliweaver@dedhamuu.org](mailto:raliweaver@dedhamuu.org).

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**September 11<sup>th</sup> is our Homecoming Sunday**

We will celebrate Water Communion.  
Everyone is encouraged to bring water that represents our time apart  
to share as part of worship.

There will be a brief special meeting of the congregation directly following the service.

Following the meeting we will have a beginning of the church year potluck lunch.  
Sandwiches and paper products will be provided.  
Drinks, Sides and Desserts are welcome.

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**Membership Committee will be reviving Friendship Dinners**

Watch your all-church email and snail mail for your invitation.

Or contact

Carol Dixon-Hutton, Judy Barrington, Pam Aist and Rali Weaver  
if you are willing and able to host

We need a couple more hosts to organize 4 potluck community dinners per year at your home, at the Parish Hall, or in a restaurant of your choosing. Leave the guest list to the Membership Committee. We hope these dinners will give us all a chance to deepen in connection to each other and build our community.

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If you have an idea you would like to get off the ground or an event you would like to get on the calendar please contact Rev. Rali Weaver: 617 459 5979 or [raliweaver@dedhamuu.org](mailto:raliweaver@dedhamuu.org)

## Civic Engagement at First Church

### Moral Monday National Day of Action – MA

Hosted by the NAACP

Monday, September 12 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join Rev. Weaver and Grace Peña at 9:30 am at the church to gather at 10:30 on the Boston Common for an 11 AM Monday, September 12 Moral Revival and March to the Massachusetts State House to call on our elected officials to move away from extremist politics and policies that benefit the few and move toward policies and laws that are just and fair and that guarantee a better life for the majority of the people.

America has a heart problem! In this country today poverty and inequality are rampant; voting rights and democracy are being trampled; millions of people lack the health care, living wages, and quality education they need; and racism, hatred, and bigotry are disintegrating the possibility of life, liberty and a pursuit of happiness for many in these United States. America has a heart problem!

Rev. William Barber II told the nation during his Democratic National Convention speech a few weeks ago that we are “called like our foremothers and forefathers to be the ‘moral defibrillators’ of our time. Together, we can save the heart of our democracy, and ‘shock’ this nation with the power of love, mercy, and justice for all.”

You can find out more at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/171829209915764/>

Or contact Rev. Rali Weaver for details: 617 459 5979 or [raliweaver@dedhamuu.org](mailto:raliweaver@dedhamuu.org)

### Pipeline Events:

Vigils are continuing to be held 8-9 am Monday – Saturday & Monday 6:30 – 7 pm at the construction site on Grove St.(between the intersection of Washington and Grove St. and the M&R station.)

<http://www.resistthepipeline.org/>

Rev. Weaver will be participating in a vigil to stop the fossil fuel industry on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Let her know if you are interested in joining her by calling 617-459-5979 or [raliweaver@dedhamuu.org](mailto:raliweaver@dedhamuu.org).

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**St. Vincent DePaul Society Walk With the Poor in Dedham**

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September 24 at 9:30 AM

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Contact Jay Johnson with questions 781-329-2381 [www.jayh50@aol.com](http://www.jayh50@aol.com)

Walk will leave from St. Susanna's and follow along Needham Street to Bridge Street and return to Saint Susanna's via Pine Street. Total distance is approximately 2.25 miles.

The Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run is a national program that provides funding for local Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conferences and Councils. Funds raised from these events remain local, allowing local SVdP Conferences/Councils to provide emergency assistance to those in need, regardless of race, origin, religion, or gender. Last year, over 4,500 SVdP Conferences and Councils provided 11.5 million service hours to help almost 15 million people in the United States.

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**Bike for Food**

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**Dedham Food Pantry Ride for Food Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Can you ride a bike?

We're looking for a rider or riders from First Church in Dedham to join the Dedham Food Pantry Ride for Food team on Sunday, September 25th. The Ride starts right here in Dedham, and it focuses on raising funds to help end food insecurity in New England. The Ride for Food is an important fund raiser for the Dedham Food Pantry. The Ride provides necessary funds to help us provide healthy food for our clients. Did you know the Dedham Food Pantry spends \$10,000 a month on milk, eggs, cheese, fresh produce, meat, and items that most of us take for granted like, toilet paper and detergent? Riders can choose from a 10, 25 or 50 mile ride. For more information or to register for the Ride, go to the [www.dedhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.dedhamfoodpantry.org) or [ThreeSquaresNewEnglandRideforFood.org](http://ThreeSquaresNewEnglandRideforFood.org). The whole church community can make a difference by supporting our rider(s) and contributing to the Dedham Food Pantry Ride for Food. For more information, contact Carol Dixon: [caroldhixon@gmail.com](mailto:caroldhixon@gmail.com)

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**July and August Parish Committee Minutes**

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**Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting**

**July 11, 2016**

Present:

Julia Gecha, Iyabo Obasanjo, Natalie Jensen, Kathy Elefterakis, Andrea Gilmore, Geoff Tegnell, Cindy Jones, Debbie Harrison, Noreen King, Susan Sennott, Matt Grady, Audrey Cecil

Meeting called to order: 6:40 p.m.

Ministerial Intern

--Donna Dolham applicant for 2 year internship (15 hours per week)

--Rali has talked with her on the phone



- Stipend possible: UUA recommends \$7,000 for part time
- Rali suggests \$1,00-\$1,500, although job advertised as 'no pay'
- Money now available from additional pledges and for guest preachers
- PC agreed to offer \$1,200 this year and possibly more next year
- Need to vote about budget change at Congregational Meeting Sun. Sept 11

Intern Committee

- 3 people for committee; will need training; meet 4 times per year
- Geoff (Nominating Committee) to convene to find committee members

Covenant with Intern—information to come about process and signers

Meeting with Donna

- Geoff and Susan plan to meet Donna soon
- Discussion about need for references, internship requirements, etc.
- PC desire to know ahead of time what is expected/needed regarding internship

Fundraising possibility—Debbie Harrison

- Guitarist John Muratore offered a fund raising concert
- Fund raising committee will discuss further

Building and Grounds—Andrea Gilmore

- Parish House reroofing has started (1 week)
- Parking lot repaving to start Monday (7-10 days)
- Playground dismantled
- Driveways to be dug down to gravel and repaved (2-3 weeks)
- Church step masonry
- PVC pile from Parish House to Green (for future needs)
- Driveway to be one-way from Court St. toward Church to decrease cut thru traffic

Next Meeting: Monday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Harrison, Clerk

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**September and October Calendar**

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**Office Hours**

**Monday-Friday 9-2**

**The office is open during the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays 12-6 pm**

Grace Peña Acting Director of Religious Education  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9-1

Pat Hawkins Office Administrator  
Tuesday 9-12, Wednesday 12-6, Friday 9-12

Rev. Rali M. Weaver  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-3  
Friday Sermon Writing  
And by appointment

Donna Dolham  
Ministerial Intern

9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16 and 10/23 following worship will be listening circles in the Minister's Office.

Linnea Bardarson- Music Director  
Next Choir Rehearsal September 20<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to join the choir contact her at [linneabardarson@yahoo.com](mailto:linneabardarson@yahoo.com)

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**Ongoing Calendar Events**

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**Fitness Opportunities**

**Older Adult Fitness**

**Nora Brown 781-329-3311**  
Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 9:30 am



**Healing Art Yoga**

**Karen Kaplan LMHC ERYT 617-966-6541**  
Monday Evenings 6:15-7:30 pm, Friday Mornings 7:30-8:45 am

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**AA Groups**

Sunday Dedham Village AA Meeting 5-10 pm

Tuesday Beginners Meeting 9-11 am

Private Women's Meeting 6-8 pm

**Save the Dates for the rest of 2016:**

**Sunday, September 11, 2016 10 am**  
**Homecoming Sunday, Water Communion and Picnic**

**Monday, September 12, 2016**  
**Moral Monday march to the Statehouse**  
**Gather here at 9:30 am. Gather on the Boston Common at 10:30**  
**and walk to the State House at 11.**

**Sundays after worship**  
**9/18, 9/25, 10/9, 10/16 and 10/23**  
**Listening Circles with Donna Dolham in the Minister's office following worship.**  
**Sign up on the bulletin board.**

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Vincent DePaul Walk with the Poor**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Dedham Food Pantry Ride for Food**

**Sunday, October 2, 2016 11:15 am**  
**Pet Blessing outside following worship**

**Sunday, October 30, 2016 10 am**  
**All Saints All Souls remembrance**

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Anniversary Service at Allin Church (across the street)**

**Saturday, December 3, 2016 Holly Faire**  
**Drop off begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving 11/26/16**

**Sunday, December 11, 2016**  
**Amhal and the Night Visitors (Music Sunday and Pageant)**  
**(Special evening Performance Saturday night December 10)**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**B egins with Caroling on the green at 6pm**

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Merry Christmas**  
**No morning worship.**

**We will be sharing our offerings with:**

9/25 St. Vincent DePaul Society, 10/30 Rosie's Place, 11/20 Dedham Food Pantry, 12/18 UUSC,  
1/29 YWCA, 2/26 Benevolent Fund, 3/19 The UU Urban Ministry, 4/30 Amnesty International,  
5/21 The Lois D. Brown Institute, 6/4 The Community House Camp