



The Clapboardtree Spire

News From First Parish of Westwood, United Church
340 Clapboardtree St., Westwood, MA 02090

MARCH, 2008

Holy Week at First Parish

Palm Sunday Celebration

10 AM Sunday, March 16th In the Meetinghouse

Traditional palms and a dramatization of the events leading up to Easter.

Maundy Thursday Worship

7:30 PM Thursday, March 20th In the Meetinghouse

A service of deepening darkness recalling and reliving the despair that precedes Easter Sunday.

Good Friday Meditation

Friday, March 21st

Noon – 3:00 PM in the Meetinghouse

An opportunity for personal prayer in the Meetinghouse

Easter Sunday Celebration

10 AM Sunday, March 23rd in the Meetinghouse

Flowers and glorious music to welcome the miracle of Easter!

OGHS Offering Accepted March 2nd

This year's One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be gratefully received on Sunday, March 2nd. Offering envelopes will be included with the bulletin on that Sunday, as we dedicate each person's offering during worship. Church School children are reminded to bring their coin boxes with them on that Sunday.

This year's OGHS theme is "Sharing Resources, Changing Lives", and our offerings will help families and villages around the world to build lives and communities that are healthy, safe and sustainable. We thank you for giving generously to this worthy cause.

Spring Cleaning Has Begun

On Friday, March 14th, the Ministry of Stewardship, Finance and Operations plans to clean up the Parish Hall attic.

If your ministry or group has items stored in the attic, please make sure they are clearly marked, and speak with Barb Delisle prior to that date to ensure they are not removed.

Music in the Meetinghouse

Two exciting concerts are planned for First Parish this spring - and YOU are invited! Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, March 11th and Tuesday, April 1st at 7PM - and turn to page 6 in this Spire for all the details.

Watch your email and the weekly announcements for ticket sale information!

Daylight Savings begins on March 9th!

Turn your clocks AHEAD one hour!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

| | |
|----------|---|
| March 1 | Arny Goodrich Jr. |
| March 2 | Carley Donovan |
| March 5 | Graham Bayer |
| March 6 | Jackie Bigelow |
| March 9 | Chris Poreda |
| March 10 | Amy Bean |
| March 11 | Bradford Baldwin Meaghan McDonough Brian Miskell |
| March 12 | Danielle Damren |
| March 13 | Nicholas Damren Haley Southwick |
| March 14 | Ellen Bailey, Jim Delisle Jr. Jane Howard, Ryan Marten |
| March 16 | Millie Arntz, Ron Arntz Alison Deininger, Jim Worth |
| March 17 | Kathy Davis, Ashley Malmquist |
| March 19 | Sheldon Blaney, Bonnie Blomquist, Cara Mancini |
| March 20 | David Candella, Klaus Ullmann |
| March 21 | Robby Owen |
| March 22 | Andy Walker |
| March 23 | James Aldinger, Eric Peterson |
| March 24 | Evan Matzell |
| March 24 | James Whalen |
| March 25 | Jason Blaney |
| March 27 | Donna Bertazzoni Miriam Hawkins Nannestad |
| March 28 | Kyle Burgess |
| March 29 | Edie McCracken |
| March 30 | Justina Germano |
| March 31 | Isabelle Haines, Steven Kane Debora Pfaff, Sarah Whalen |

Anniversaries

March 9: Sheldon & Janice Blaney



Lifetimes

Births:

- On Feb. 2nd, *Duncan Thomson Ganpaul*, son of Kirsten (Thomson) & Anaud Ganpaul, and grandson of Judy Thomson.

Deaths:

- On Feb. 27th, *Florence Chaisson*, mother of Carol Robinson. A funeral service is scheduled at First Parish at 10AM on Monday, March 3rd. Memorial donations in Florence's name may be made to the First Parish General Memorial Fund.

Email Changes:

- Gail Bean: gail.bean@verizon.net

The Clapboardtree Spire

The Clapboardtree Spire is published monthly, September - June by and for The First Parish of Westwood, United Church. Material should be submitted to the church office by the third Friday of the prior month.

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Interim Pastor: | Rev. Dr. David Stryker |
| Phone: | 781-326-0135 |
| Email: | revstryker@firstparishwestwood.org |
| Asst. Minister: | Joshua Gray |
| Phone: | 781-326-3997 |
| Email: | jgray@firstparishwestwood.org |
| Moderator: | Doug Hyde |
| CE Admin.: | Donna Bertazzoni |
| Phone: | 781-326-3141 |
| Email: | dbzoni@firstparishwestwood.org |
| Treasurer: | Cathy Ellis |
| Phone: | 781-326-5344 |
| Email: | treasurer@firstparishwestwood.org |
| Music Director: | Joshua Nannestad |
| Phone: | 978-562-5614 |
| Email: | nannestad@gmail.com |
| Parish Nurse: | Margery Eramo |
| Phone: | 781-326-3997 |
| Email: | meramo@firstparishwestwood.org |
| Secretary: | Judy Holbrook |
| Sexton: | Denis Wholey |
| Office Hours: | Mon.-Fri., 9AM-3PM |
| Phone: | 781-326-5344 |
| Email: | parish1st@firstparishwestwood.org |
| Fax: | 781-326-5954 |
| Web Site: | www.firstparishwestwood.org |
| Cottage: | 781-326-3997 |

From Our Pastor



Experience the Full Joy of Easter!

To help make Lent more meaningful, let me suggest some practices that may be useful for you and your family members:

- **Fasting** can be a way to cleanse body and mind, as well as impose self-discipline and encourage meditation and reflection. It can also benefit others if you consider giving up one big meal a week and donate the money you would have spent to a good cause, such as “One Great Hour of Sharing”.
- **Special Commitments** are another way to give up something for the greater good. Consider using your spare time during Lent to improve your life or the lives of others by making time for reading, studying or meditating. Opportunities are available to you at First Parish through Bart Smith’s Meditation Small Group (Sunday evenings at 5PM in the Stage Classroom), Martha Crawford’s monthly book group, and the “Complaint Free World” Book Group (Thursdays, 7:30-8:30, 2/26, 3/4, and 4/8). You could also set aside time for charitable activities to help others, such as by participating in First Parish’s upcoming Habitat for Humanity day on May 3rd.
- **Prayer and Reflection** during Lent offers a good opportunity to withdraw from the busy world. You may want to join the “Images of Lent” group (Sundays, 8:30-9:30AM; Thursdays, 7:30-8:30PM) to assist you in further reflecting on this meaningful time of the church year.
- **Worship Services** throughout Lent involve the entire church community and enhance our understanding of the season, as well as enhance a sense of fellowship and joyful hope. Each week we extinguish one of seven Lenten candles to symbolize the descent into darkness and betrayal at the heart of the season. Special services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter help complete our spiritual journey.

However you can fit it into your life, make an effort to strengthen your spirit throughout Lent; it will enhance the glorious Good News of Easter. I look forward to seeing you in church!

In Peace,

Rev. David Stryker

Thank You

We thank you all for the support you have given to our family through your cards, notes and prayers on our loss of Diane Youlden on Dec. 29, 2007 and Jack Wentzell on Feb. 8, 2008. We were truly blessed by their presence in our lives, and touched by your loving kindness.

*Ellen Youlden & family
The Wentzell family*

Fox Hill Bible Study

On Thursday, March 20th, at 10:30 AM, Rev. David Stryker will lead a Bible study group at Fox Hill Village.

If you do not live at Fox Hill and would like to attend the meeting, please contact Rev. Stryker at 781-326-0135 for details.

Experience Lent & Easter at First Parish

The season of Lent is underway, and we are well into our personal journeys toward the miracle of Easter on March 23rd. It is never too late to participate in a variety of activities at First Parish intended to encourage fellowship and learning.

Lenten Activities:

Contact the church office – or just show up – if you would like to participate in any of the opportunities below:

- **Lenten Meditation Group:** Join Bart Smith on Sunday evenings at 5PM in the Stage Classroom for this practice and discussion group exploring meditation and silent prayer as an effective way to approach God more fully and achieve inner peace.
- **Complaint Free World Book Group:** A fun yet serious study of David Bowen's book Living in a Complaint Free World, testing Bowen's belief that if people stop complaining and start focusing on the good things around them, they can transform their lives – and possibly the world. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Pastor's office (3/4, and 4/8) – and at Fox Hill Village on Thursdays from 4-5:00 PM (3/6, and 4/3).
- **Monthly Book Group:** This group, facilitated by Martha Crawford, will read a new book each month (chosen by the group). Contact Martha for book titles, meeting times and dates.
- **"Image of Lent":** Join this small group, led by Josh Gray on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:30 in the Vogel Room, for a spiritual encounter which uses art, scripture and prayer to better understand yourself and Lent.
- **Visit I.UCC.ORG:** Log onto www.ucc.org for an interactive internet way to personalize your Lenten journey! In the Prayer Chapel you will find resources for meditation and for the three traditional disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, and works of love. A perfect way to "personalize" your Lenten journey if you don't have the time or opportunity participate in a group activity.

Easter Memorials:

If you would like to place an Easter plant in the sanctuary on Easter morning in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete the order form on page 12 and return it to the church office by Monday, March 17th.

Holy Week Worship:

Attending the three services below is an excellent way to understand and fully participate in the journey toward Easter.



Palm Sunday Celebration

Sunday, March 16th
10AM in the Meetinghouse



Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, March 20th
7:30 PM in the Meetinghouse



Easter Sunday Celebration

Sunday, March 23rd
10AM in the Meetinghouse



**From
Assistant Minister
Josh Gray**

These are uncertain times. As I sit here to write this Spire article I find myself thinking about the future and what that holds for me and for this church. It can be a difficult time in the life of a church as you continue to search for a new settled pastor.

You wonder what the future will be like for the church. What will this new minister be like? What will worship be like with him/her? Can he/she preach “good” sermons? When will he/she come to be with us? There is a bit of anxiety in these questions as you wonder what is next for this church. We all know that there will be a new settled minister for this church sometime in the future and we can be confident that the search committee will do their best to put before you an amazing candidate. But, despite all of these assurances there can still be anxiety or uncertainty about what that change is going to be like.

These are uncertain times for me as I continue to listen for where God is calling me. I ask and pray a lot about where God is calling me. Most of you know that my contract with First Parish comes to a close in August of this year, and as that date comes closer and closer I can feel my own anxieties begin to creep in. What is next for me? Where is God calling me? Where will I be 6 months from now and what will that be like for me? Will I be someplace new place learning about a new community or will I be in a familiar place? Will I be in another state or will I stay in Massachusetts? What does this mean for me and my family? I preach a lot (maybe too much!) about letting go and letting God. I preach about trusting in God and leaning on God for support in times of difficulty and uncertainty. Well, I am finding it is way easier to preach it than it is to live it! I have a new found respect for people who can lean fully on God and can trust that God will provide for them what they need.

As I look at my current state of mind and the uncertainty or anxiety that I feel about my future (and perhaps what you are feeling as a member of this church in transition) I find strength in this season of Lent. Lent in many ways is a time of uncertainty...A time of anxiety. In Lent we find Jesus who is knowingly and boldly walking towards the crucifixion with each step he takes. And for the most part Jesus does walk boldly, trusting in the truth of his death and resurrection. However, there is one point in the story that really resonates with me as I write this article. It is when Jesus comes to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. We see in Mark 14:32-36 a moment of anxiety for Jesus. “Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, ‘My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.’ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.’”

This passage gives me permission to have moments of anxiety or uncertainty, and it reminds me to turn to God in prayer for support and strength. Jesus is scared, nervous and anxious about the next step in his ministry and he asks his Abba, his father to rescue him from this fate. We know what happens after Jesus prays in the Garden. He is betrayed, tried, crucified and resurrected. Seemingly Jesus’ prayer was unanswered, but Jesus’ prayer is not without effect: it begins with him sorrowful, troubled, and prostrate; it ends with him on his feet resolutely facing the hour that has approached: “Rise, let us be going.” Though none of us is rising to walk towards our death, this passage gives us the strength we need to keep moving forward. This passage was a powerful gift for me and I hope that it can be the same for you.

Rise, let us be going. There are big things in our many tomorrows.

Music in the Meetinghouse Concert Series Presents...

This spring, First Parish's Music in the Meetinghouse concert series will offer two exciting and very different opportunities for music lovers of all ages:

Tuesday, March 11th
7:00 PM

March 11th will bring an exciting and unique concert to First Parish! **The First Parish Senior Choir and the Milford High School Choruses and Orchestra** will combine in a performance which will feature 100 voices, and a full string orchestra, as well as trumpets, timpani, and Robert Humphreville at the organ!

The First Parish Senior Choir will present Franz Joseph Haydn's "Little Organ Mass", accompanied by a string trio and Robert Humphreville on organ. Of special note is the "Benedictus" movement, featuring a charming organ part and a virtuoso soprano solo, sung by First Parish's Kathleen Davis. Following intermission, the Milford High School Choruses and Orchestra will perform Schubert's "Mass in G", with several student soloists throughout the piece.

Each piece is about 20 minutes long, offering the perfect opportunity to enjoy wonderful classical music at a short concert. The program is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be taken to underwrite future concerts of this type. We hope you will attend – and bring a friend or two.

Tuesday, April 1st
7:00 PM

We are excited to present a different sort of concert this spring, thanks to the generosity of the Eleanor London Memorial Music Fund. On April 1st we will host the world-famous **American Boychoir**, America's premier full-time boarding school choir, consisting of boys from 4th through 8th grade. This outstanding group regularly tours the country and appears with groups such as the New York Philharmonic, at events such as the Academy Awards and on dozens of recordings.

As part of their educational outreach, the Boychoir has invited the Milford Middle School Girls Choir to open the concert with them, so concert-goers will witness the two groups sing together as a mass choir! Don't miss it!

This is the most high-profile concert we have ever hosted at First Parish, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy an evening of truly outstanding music. Tickets are \$20 (\$18/seniors) – and we assure you, it will be well worth the price of admission! Please help us spread the word – and invite your friends and neighbors too.

Be a SECRET FRIEND!



"Big Friends"

(adults & youth through 7th grade)

"Little" Friends"

(kids through grade 6)

Starting on Sunday, March 30th, "Big" and "Little" friends will exchange weekly letters, delivered to the labeled mailboxes in the Parish Hall.

Each Friend will have a special name, so his or her identity will be a secret until the Big Reveal Pot Luck celebration at 5:30 PM on Sunday, April 27th.

Friends of all ages are invited to write letters, draw pictures, make little surprises - whatever works for your skill level and the age of your secret friend. The goal is to get to know each other without revealing your identity. Will you be able to guess who your friend is?

Sound good? Sign up today! Complete the form below, and put it in the offering plate, or give it to the church office by Palm Sunday, March 16th, so you can be matched up with a Secret Friend and begin the fun!

Yes! I want to be a Secret Friend!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Little (Age: _____)

Big: _____





Sunday School

Donna Bertazzoni
Church School
Administrator



**Maundy Thursday ~ Thursday, March 20th
7:30 PM in the Meetinghouse**

Why is this night different from all other nights?

When my children were younger (much!), preparing for Easter was a mostly a brief series of happy handcrafted activities: their cousins would arrive from Pennsylvania, and everyone would make a mess decorating hard-boiled eggs and sugar cookies on Good Friday. If I was energetic and planned ahead, there were cascarones to decorate too (empty eggshells filled with confetti... their favorite outdoor entertainment for after Easter dinner). Add a few decorations and a bit of clothes shopping and we were pretty much done. And then we discovered the Maundy Thursday worship service at First Parish. I'm not sure when it happened but I remember the first time I went with my son. He was probably 8 or 10, young enough to be frank about his curiosity, mature enough to observe earnestly. Sitting in the dimly lit Meetinghouse in the quiet of the evening with him, an exceptionally long white table stretched out before us set with silver and candles to enact the Last Supper, we met worship transformed. In this space, at once familiar and strange, we were in awe before a word was spoken.

Maundy Thursday's service of communion and Tenebrae is unique within the liturgical year. Sharing Jesus' last meal through dramatic reenactment makes connections that a Sunday service does not. It reaches across time and space to invite us into the Upper Room as part of an unbroken line of believers. Hearing the story of the passion within the shadows of the darkening sanctuary conveys meaning that words alone cannot. Lengthening shadows tell their own tale.

Why is this night different from all other nights? Since antiquity, Jewish children have asked this question to begin the Passover Seder. It is possible that someone may have asked it at the Last Supper. The response recalls the story of the Exodus, celebrating all that it means to carry the joys and sorrows, hopes and ideals of Israel forward. Our response on Holy Thursday is in encountering the power and the pain of Holy Week, opening us to deeper relationship with Christ in the passing over of death to life. Come. Join Jesus and the disciples in Jerusalem.

Alleluia!

Donna Bertazzoni

Kid's March Mission Project

All church school offerings collected in the month of March will benefit Heifer International. The Heifer Project works to end world hunger and save the earth. For close to 60 years, Heifer has helped more than four million impoverished families in 128 countries lift themselves out of poverty and achieve self-reliance.

The idea is simple and it works. Instead of providing hungry families with a non-renewable source of food, Heifer International provides a "living loan" of an animal. The family's health and standard of living is greatly improved by what that animal can provide. This might be milk from a cow or goat, eggs from poultry, meat from rabbits, draft power from water buffalo or wool from llamas.

Another key cornerstone of Heifer International is "passing on the gift." Families who receive an animal repay the loan by passing on one or more of the animals' offspring to other needy families. That family passes on their gift to another family and so on. So one gift multiplies through the community.

Heifer International currently provides more than 27 types of animals that provide food and/or income to struggling families in 48 countries (including the U. S.)

Church School Update

Sunday, March 2:

- 9:15 AM teachers meeting/Vogel Room
- 10AM worship & church school. (OGHS offering received.)
- 10AM 3rd Grade Communion class/Cottage
- 11:30AM Confirmation class/Vogel Room

Sunday, March 9:

- 10AM worship & church school
- 10AM 3rd Grade Communion class/Cottage
- 11:30 AM Confirmation class/Vogel Room

Sunday, March 16:

- 10AM worship and church school (pre-school through Grade 2)
- 10AM 3rd Grade Communion class/Cottage
- 11:30 AM Confirmation Class/Vogel Room

Thursday, March 20: Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday worship (appropriate for older grades)

Sunday, March 23: Easter Sunday

- 10AM intergenerational worship

Sunday, March 30:

- 10AM worship & church school
- 10AM 3rd Grade Communion Class/Cottage
- 11:30 AM Confirmation Class/Vogel Room

United Church News ~ FREE from the UCC.

Even if you haven't seen the Still Speaking ad that reads, *God makes room for quantum mechanics (And regular ones too)* you probably know that there is a continuing conversation about the relationship between science and religion. The current issue of United Church News features a two-page centerpiece on this topic, including excerpts from January's Pastoral Letter on Faith, Engaging Science and Technology, written by UCC scientists and theologians.

United Church News is packed with feature articles like this, as well as headline stories and opinion from around the UCC and around the world. You can read the national version

online at ucc.org by clicking on the 411 tab. Subscribers will receive the Massachusetts edition (paper) including *The Common*, a theme-related insert addressing the three core functions identified at this year's Massachusetts Conference annual meeting: adult faith formation, leadership development, and prophetic witness. The current issue focuses on sharing faith stories as an element of faith formation.

There are two ways to get your free subscription. Call 800-363-0575 or register on the website at <http://www.ucc.org/ucnews/how-to-subscribe.html>.



From Our Faith
Community Nurse

There is a poster in my chiropractor's office entitled "*Live & Learn & Pass It On*". I look at it and read it while I am making my cup of coffee and have decided to "pass it on" in this month's Spire.

Here are some of the sayings from the book by the same name by J. Jackson Brown, Jr.:

I've learned that life is like a scooter car, not much happens unless you do some peddling. - Age 79

I've learned that every great achievement was once considered Impossible. - Age 47

I've learned that if you spread the peas out on your plate, it looks like you ate more. - Age 6

I've learned that you can't be a hero without taking chances. - Age 43

I've learned that it doesn't cost anything to be nice. - Age 66

I've learned that a strong code of ethics is as reliable as a compass. - Age 43

I've learned that even the simplest task can be meaningful if I do it in the right spirit. - Age 72

I've learned that you can do something in a instant that will give you a heartache for life. - Age 27

I've learned that if you care, it shows. - Age 30

I've learned that kindness is more important than perfection. - Age 70

I've learned that self-pity is a waste of time. - Age 81

I've learned that anger manages everything poorly. - Age 53

I've learned that if your children feel safe, wanted, and loved, you are a successful parent. - Age 39

I've learned that my greatest fear is that in later years I'll look back at a long list of things I "never got around to". - Age 30

I've learned that the trick is to live a long time without growing old. - Age 73

I've learned that goldfish don't like Jell-O. - Age 5

I've learned that the best tranquilizer is a clear conscience. - Age 76

I've learned that a still have a lot to learn. - Age 92

Have a wonderful Easter and Happy Spring,

Margery Eramo, RN, FCN

Faith Community Nurse

Habitat for Humanity Seeks Volunteers

The Ministry of Mission and Service will be coordinating a day to volunteer for The South Shore Habitat for Humanity. We have committed to Saturday, May 3. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Margaret Carr at mawcarr@comcast.net or 617-506-2030.

Usher Schedule

Sunday, March 2

Bob Kadehjian (C)
Bob Robertson
Jim & Linda McKenzie
Tom Underhill

Sunday, March 9

Bill Holbrook (C)
Sheldon Blaney
Don Friedl
Lee Adourian

Sunday, March 16

Dave Blomquist (C)
Chris Pfaff
Dan & Karen Wagner
Bonnie Blomquist

Sunday, March 23

Martha Crawford (C)
Ron Arntz
Stuart & Carol Maynard
Brendan Morrison

Sunday, March 30

Fred Rice (C)
Charlie Domina
Peter Kane

Rosie's Place Volunteers

Monday, March 17

NOTE: Please make sandwiches with **low salt ham & Swiss cheese, on wheat bread** with no condiments, for a healthier meal. Do not wrap individually.

Drivers: S. Reeve & J. Germano

Fruit (1 bag of apples)

S. Reeve J. Germano S. DeFeo
M. Speros P. Oliveri S. Dobra
T. Berg C. Getman

Sandwiches: (12 dozen ham & cheese)

Senior High Youth Fellowship

Altar Flowers

Sunday, March 2:

Given by the Dorey family and Nancy & Bob Stoll, through the Endowed Memorial Flower Fund, in memory of Nancy's grandparents, Iona & Edom Dorey.

Sunday, March 9:

Given by Elvin Fowell, in memory of his mother, Dorothy Fowell.

Sunday, March 16:

Given by Bart & Jane Smith, in memory of Jane's mother, Mary Hazard Campbell.

Sunday, March 23:

Easter Sunday. Seasonal flowers are placed in the chancel by parishioners in memory and honor of loved ones.

Sunday, March 30:

Given by Bruce Smith, Linda Perry, and Kathy Forsberg, in loving memory of their beloved special education teacher, Ruth H. Doorly.

Coffee Volunteers

Mar. 2nd:

Dave Blomquist

Mar. 9th:

The Bayers

Mar. 16th:

The Andrus Family

Mar. 23rd:

The Hydes & The Kanes

Senior Moments

The Senior Moments Fellowship Group will meet on Thursday, March 6th, at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. All seniors are invited to bring a bag lunch – coffee and dessert are provided.

This is a great opportunity to gather together, just because it's fun! The group meets on the first Thursday of every month in the Parish Hall, unless otherwise noted. If you did not receive a postcard with the yearly schedule, please contact the church office and one will be mailed to you.



Easter Memorials

Complete the order form below if you would like to place a plant in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one.

Plants are \$11 each; orders are needed by Monday, March 17th.

Retired Men's Club

The Retired Men's Club will meet on Thursday, March 20th in the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM. Lt. Colonel Rick Gorino (Ret.) will speak on his tour of duty in Iraq, surveying for weapons of mass destruction. All retired men in Westwood and surrounding communities are welcome to attend.

All meetings are held in the Parish Hall at First Parish on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:30 AM, unless otherwise noted in the schedule. Please notify the church office if you would like a schedule of the group's activities.

Memorial Gifts at Easter, 2008

To honor the memory of loved ones, I would like to: (check space)

____: Place a plant in church at Easter (\$11 each). I would like to order ____.

____: I will pick up my plant(s) after the 10:00 AM service on Easter Sunday.

____: Please deliver to a hospital patient, nursing home resident or shut-in.

____: Make a gift of \$____ to be used for SPECIAL MUSIC.

All memorial gifts will be acknowledged in the Easter worship bulletin. I would like the bulletin to read: (Please print clearly)

IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN BY:

Enclosed is a check for \$____ to cover the above gift(s). **Please make checks payable to First Parish of Westwood, and send this form to the church office, 340 Clapboardtree St., Westwood, MA 02090 by Monday, March 17th.**

Signature: _____