



The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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APRIL 27, 2014

Worship Services—9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, April 27, 2014

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)

9:00 am Chapel Worship Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:45 am Church School

11:45 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of Helen Spector by her daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Eugene Mullen. The flowers on the right will be given in loving memory of Arline Abbondanza from the Sabatula family.

Greeters: Fred and Maureen Howland. **Ushers for April:** Betty Cullen, Joseph D'Agostino, Stephen Gates, Kathryn Millheim, Dexter Wheeler and Linda D'Agostino (captain). **Minister's Line Volunteer:** Kathryn Millheim.

May 4, 2014

Holy Communion

Worship Services— 9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, May 4, 2014

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)

9:00 am Chapel Worship Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:45 am Church School

11:45 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

12 n Jr Choir Rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Dana Purrington by his family.

Greeters: Ida Montgomery and Andrew.

Minister's Line Volunteer: Alwyn Van Cor.

Ushers for May: Claire Atwater, Diane Deminski, Stephen Gates, Judith Gordon, Thomas Gordon, Kathryn Millheim, Joan Potter, Earl Sheaff, Paul Somers and Barbara Flynn (captain).

DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD

Thursday, May 1, 2014
(will cover the dates from
May 11-24, 2014)



Please consider Joanne and Claire to help in all your cleaning needs. They are reliable and hardworking. Reasonable rates. Please call 603-438-5385. Any questions may be directed to Ken Wood. They do not have transportation and would need a ride to your home.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	CHAPEL	SANCTUARY	TOTAL
Sunday, April 6	36	138	174
Sunday, April 13	39	119	158



THANK YOU...

Thank you to the thoughtful First Parish Church for the beautiful spring flower arrangement! They also recognize the caring and hard-working members and volunteers with the Antiques, Boutiques and Collectibles Committee following our recent show and Sale—especially as interests, commitments and times change. The flowers are much appreciated!

Donna Nicolai, Chairman

Thank you all for your help with the Community Dinner. We served 175 guests plus delivered 19 dinners to homes in the community. We also donated the leftovers to our firefighters, who along with our guests were very grateful and deserving.

Thank you, Steve Gates

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is running low. We are looking for Chef Boyardee products, B&M baked beans and spaghetti sauce.

Thank you very much,
Food Pantry Keeper

WOOD-TUPPER SCHOLARSHIP

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



BAKE SALE

PACKAGING YOUR GOODIES

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR DONATING GOODIES TO THE YARD SALE BAKED TABLE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Food needs to be labeled. What is it? Especially important - Nuts or No Nuts? If made from a packaged mix, please attach the ingredients panel from the box. Goodies need to be packaged securely to keep them fresh until sale day. Ziploc bags are great for that. You may leave your goodies in the church office or in the downstairs kitchen on Friday. Food should be marked in BIG LETTERS "FOR THE YARD SALE."

If you're planning to drop off food Saturday morning, remember that the yard sale ends at noon. Please drop off EARLY so we'll have your food in time for morning sales. Any questions, call Barbara at 781-246-0957.



Transitions

With Pastor Ron

There was this guy who looked like the bearded you - he had a shaving waver and worked at the Westover AFB hospital - that was at some group meetings. I believe this was prior to 1973.

Dennis [last name removed] was the leader of the Nav group until about your time there. Dennis was discharged, eventually becoming a Pastor - still in MA, I think! But this bearded guy was attractive in the Lord. I remember that, but not his name.

I'd been searching for Dale for nearly 35 years. Strange, we didn't really know one another very well, but there was something about Dale that clicked in the short time we spent together during a Navigator ski conference we attended while in the Air Force. *The Navigators* is a Christian organization that at the time worked primarily on college campuses and military bases to make disciples of new believers and teach them to reach others. Dale and I were initially at the same military base, Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee, Massachusetts when I first met him at a couple of Nav (slang for *The Navigators*) group events. I had just trusted Christ when I already had orders reassigning me seven weeks later to Pease AFB in Portsmouth, New Hampshire as part of a team that would open a new regional hospital at the base. I remember exchanging our paper stick-on "Hi, my name is" labels as a way to stay in touch. We never did. For more than three decades, now and then, Dale's name would pop into my head with the sense that I really liked that guy and I wondered what had become of him. Every impulsive search led to a dead-end. That is until the advancement of the Internet.

Just before Thanksgiving, I was searching for something in my "memorabilia" box when I came across a "Hi, my name is" label stuck to the back of a notebook with Dale's name on it. That stirred me once again with a renewed impulse to find him. When Phyllis got home, I told her about Dale and how I wished I could find him. "Why don't you Google his name and see what comes up?" Dahhh! Of course! Just another reminder why I married a brilliant (and beautiful) wife! I Googled and to my amazement a name came up, but it couldn't be my friend, Dale. This guy was in his early 60's; the Dale I knew was in his 20s. Then it hit me (without Phyllis's help, by the way!), so was I at that time! I wrote him a letter and asked if he was the same Dale I had known at Westover. He sent me a Christmas card and said that he was, but had no clue who on earth I was. Long story short, we began emailing one another. It seems Dale is quite the runner—a marathoner, in fact. He's also quite the writer. I've enjoyed reading his stories of life.

This week we made a breakthrough. Dale remembered me. The quote above was from Dale. This was my reply:

Hi, Dale!

I'm in a rush for a meeting, but I received your email and couldn't wait to get out a quick note: I WAS THE GUY WITH THE SHAVING WAIVER WHO WORKED AT WESTOVER AFB HOSPITAL! That's why he looked like the bearded me! You have blessed me tremendously by remembering me in that way, "But this bearded guy was attractive in the

Lord. I remember that, but not his name." His name, my friend, is me, Ron Cousineau. Thank you!

And, by the way, I know all of the people you've named in your email. Can't wait to get back and respond!

--Ron

My point to this *Transitions* is that God is the one who makes us attractive in the Lord. Jesus Christ is what is attractive in us. He wants to be attractive in you. How blessed I am that it was Jesus that impressed Dale—and Dale didn't even remember my name (so much for *my* "Hi, my name is" sticker!). I know that God has a reason for my relentless searching for Dale. That over time that will be clear to both of us. First impressions are lasting ones—even over 40 years.

What impression are you making on people?

A Piece of My Heart The Son Rises in Lynnfield Too

I am embarrassed to say that I *just* made it over to see Roy Evans at his new apartment. I was very impressed at the surroundings as I made my way to the front door. I was taken with the architecture of the building. I found it to be very charming. As I entered the front door everything my eyes jumped to was pleasing, warm and friendly. There were residents everywhere. Lunch had just ended for the day and people were moving back to their places. Many gathered on the side in comfy armchairs and chatted with one another. I found it to be very inviting.

As I made my way to the front desk to ask for my friend Roy, a lovely lady was telling me how to get up to his room. I asked if he was done with his lunch. She went to check as I stood in the lobby, soaking in my surroundings like a sponge. There was a juke box playing music. Dance music, swing, I believe. It made me want to move. I once went dancing with Roy. He offered to go with me to the ballroom. I so wanted to try it. He said, "I'll go with you." And that was not many moons ago. I have fond memories of dancing with Roy that evening. My eyes drifted towards the dining room and there he was, my March Christmas present, *Roy*.

The Good Lord directed my steps to go and see Roy on this day, March 25. Roy would totally understand the March Christmas thing. I also had his Christmas present that I needed to give him. He loves Australian licorice. This was the right time to bring it. Roy was talking to Marjorie, whom he introduced to me, who knows our friend Barbara Flynn. I told her I would remember her to her. Roy seemed to know everyone. He was excited about March Christmas and told a staff member how I had come on March Christmas and that I celebrate Christmas on the 25th of every month. He seems to get a kick out of that. She wanted to know what religion I was, but it gave me an opportunity to explain that Jesus wasn't born just for one day, but He came for every day. Christmas every month spreads it out and lightens it as it should be. I wished her peace and good will and she said it made a lot of sense. I explained the glass slipper, but that's another story for another day...

As we headed back to Roy's room, he picked up his mail. Many greeted him with every step he took. I was with a celebrity, I thought. As we got to his floor, Roy said, I know God is here, but He's not mentioned often. I pondered the thought and right away Roy pointed out a cast iron pheasant that was on the floor next to an old fashioned phonograph. I know Roy loves birds and music. I know God is in the details and that pheasant was not an accidental decoration. As we walked along, there was a glass cross on a table. I pointed that out to him. As we continued, every picture on the wall had images of dancing and big bands. Roy always listens to the swing station on the TV. It was amazing to me that here were all these pictures of what he loves, all along the wall on the way to his place. As we got closer to his apartment, right on the wall before it was the RCA dog with the caption *His Master's Voice*. I said to Roy, "And who is our Master?" We both said, "Jesus." *I have the very same picture in my kitchen!* It is a reminder to listen to God. Across from his place was room 203. I told him that was the Trinity room and his is 212, the twelve disciples. There was a globe to the left of his door. I said, "Look Roy, He's got the whole world in His hands!"

Our friend Roy is surrounded by the personal touches the Lord has placed in his pathway. It was incredible. Oh! And right across from his room, what he sees as he leaves his apartment, is a picture of Louis Armstrong. Wow. That was one of the best Christmas presents I have ever unwrapped with my eyes that also warmed my heart. To see Roy and hold onto him tightly and be able to give him a great big hug, was the best. It was so wonderful to see him.

Ruth Ross, Stewardship is truly a Gift

STEWARDSHIP (115 COMMITTED PLEDGES) FINANCIAL UPDATE THROUGH MARCH

GOAL THROUGH MARCH	\$85,500.00
RECEIVED THROUGH MARCH	<u>\$70,611.26</u> (pledges + plate gifts)
WE NEED TO CATCH UP	-\$14,888.74



May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Leonard & Julie Hart (A)
- 3 Lisa Roderick
- 4 Jeffrey Brennan, Sarah Hammond
- 5 Gregg & Marianne Whitney (A), Linell Nester
- 8 Thomas Martin, Jr., Shannon Callaghan
- 9 Brenda Applin, Eric Atwater
- 11 Lynn Arena, Frederick Howland (Sr.), Joanne Peavey
- 13 Jared Spies
- 16 Rebecca Jackson, Jill Martin, Mark & Nancy Sleger (A),
Ginger McGonagle
- 17 Laura Hurren, Arthur Callan, Russell Fanjoy, Sheila Martinez
- 18 David Hammond
- 19 Dominic Mercurio
- 20 Linda Hunzelman
- 24 Erica Illanes
- 27 Donna Nicolai, Elmer & Paula Maxwell (A), Chandra Laboy
- 28 Robert Thibodeau, Joan Potter, Leonard Gebhard
- 29 Jennifer & Andrew Black (A), Leonard Jesse
- 30 Lily Powell
- 31 Bailey Perkins, Lloyd Stevenson

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April 18, 2014

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



On Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the Board of Trustees will host a Yard and Bake Sale. Rain or Shine there will be a sale!

As you do your spring cleaning, please be on the lookout for items you can donate. We hope to have a nice selection of kitchen items, linens, toys, plant accessories, tools, picture frames, glassware, books and much, much more—something for everyone. **Plus a Bake Sale!**

Come and Shop—Bargains and Baked Goods, too!

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

Marcia Phinney, for the Board of Trustees