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Minister's Column

"Greetings from Rev. Dr. Barbara Coeyman, Interim Minister"

Hello to All! I am so pleased to serve as interim minister for First Parish Church UUC for the coming church year. I have met many of you already, and look forward to getting to know all members, friends, and children and youth of this congregation.

This is my second year of ministry here in New England. Previously, for nine years I lived in Austin, Texas, where I heard my call to ministry, attended seminary, and was ordained by Live Oak UUC Church in Austin. As a circuit preacher, I have visited over half of Texas' forty-five UUC congregations: I love getting to know folks in our different churches. Before ministry, I was a professor of music history at West Virginia University. My area of performing is early music, my main instrument being the viol. I also am passionate about contra-dancing and English County Dance, and look forward to sharing theological discourse as well as music and dance with this congregation over the coming year. I have two children: Patrick, age 22, part-time teacher and part-time student at University of Texas in Austin; and Amanda, age 19, full-time student at University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

This is a half-time interim ministry. As leadership of this congregation and I work out how that half-time may be put to best use, I will keep you informed about my availability for pastoral visits, for other appointments, and especially for getting to know you in various small-group meetings. For questions and pastoral needs, please don't hesitate to contact me, at barbrevbarb@aol.com, or cell phone 978-809-9750.

See you at church!

Blessings.

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