

June 14, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost, Celebration Sunday

Welcome Visitors!

As members of the United Church of Christ we say: “No matter **who** you are or **where** you are on life’s journey, **you** are welcome here! We mean it!”

Please introduce yourself to an usher and come meet Pastor Deborah.

Feel free to join us for refreshments in Currier Hall immediately following the service.

If you would like information about our church or would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a bright yellow “How May We Serve You”/ “Communication Options” card located in the pews and at the back of the Sanctuary. We also have cards available in the church office.

Thank you for worshipping with us. We are honored to have you with us today.

WELCOME & JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Lighting the Candles

*HYMN NO. 267

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Rev. Dr. Nancy Taylor)

Pastor Heidi

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Many: In prophet’s visions and scientist’s data.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: In a teacher’s lesson plans and the choir’s music.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Many: In late night meetings, and early morning breakfasts.

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

All: When we feel a deep sense of calm, or provoked from our comfort zones.

One: Whether rain or shine, feast or famine, times of chaos or times of calm,

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless our worship with celebration and insight.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Pastor Heidi

Come Spirit Come,

Move among us with your holy wind.

Stir us to hear the tongues of fire among us today.

Blow away our fear and our hesitations.

Breathe on us –

transforming our hard hearts into lives of passionate joy.

Here in this gathering of your disciples, move as you did so long ago.

Teach us to sing a new song of praise, and to dance with reckless abandon. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Let Everything”

Andre Thomas

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD’S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

“I’m Gonna Sing”

I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing (x2)

I’m goin’ a sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

In our thanks, these gifts we bring, for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you, in all we say, and all we do. Amen.

TEACHER RECOGNITION
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN NO. 351 (vs 1, 2) (Remain seated while the babies are introduced.)

Pastor Deborah with Rachel Cobban
Anna Josephine Crowell and Lillian Rae DiMarca

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

(N.T. p. 123)

CELEBRATION SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

"I CELEBRATE THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST" By Ann Weems

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Will Sing and Not Be Silent"

Pote

WE RESPOND WITH STEWARDSHIP

PRESENTATION FROM BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul Ambler

WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

We often confuse "wants" with "needs". Where is our thanksgiving to God? And our commitment to love God and neighbor as ourselves? Let us give in proportion to our faith.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Thank you, God, for your faithfulness. We bring ourselves and some of what we have accumulated to praise you and do the work you call us to do. Fulfill your purpose for this church as you enlist our offerings and our lives. In our labors for you, we will not lose heart. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*HYMN NO. 2

"Glory, Glory Hallelujah"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Deborah and Pastor Heidi

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (chorus)*

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated.)

ALL ARE INVITED TO STAY FOR A SPECIAL Q & A with the Building Advisory Committee

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH
LAY READER
USHERS

GREETER(s)
PASTOR
AFFILIATE PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CE DIRECTOR

Members of the Congregation
Fred Merrill and Julie Turner
Brian Williams
Stanley and Holly Gorgol
Tom and Andrea Cooper
Michael Bryan
Beth Hunter
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
Rev. Chester R. Ham
Susan Handy
Jeff DeLangie
Lindsey Roman
Heidi Carrington Heath

First Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, June 14

7:00am Continental Breakfast ~ Currier
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Music Room
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:30am Sacred Dance ~ Sanctuary
11:30am Mission ~ Nursery

Monday, June 15

9:00am Nutfield Summer School ~
Mark/Matthew
7:00pm Troop 405 Board of Review ~ A/B
7:00pm Troop 405 Meeting ~ Currier
7:00pm Troop 405 Court of Honor Practice ~
Sanctuary
7:00pm Troop 405 Patrol Leaders Council ~
Luke

Tuesday, June 16

9:00am Nutfield Summer School ~
Mark/Matthew
4:00pm GS Troop 20993 ~ Currier
6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
6:30pm AA ~ Library
7:00pm Building Advisory Committee ~ Cook
7:00pm OA ~ A/B
7:00pm Troop 405 Committee Mtg. ~ Currier

Wednesday, June 17

9:00am Nutfield Summer School ~
Mark/Matthew
7:00pm Council ~ Cook

Thursday, June 18

9:00am Nutfield Summer School ~
Mark/Matthew
7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Music Room

Friday, June 19

7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B
9:30pm AA Fri Night Assoc. ~ A/B

Saturday, June 20

10:00am HeartSaver CPR/AED Course ~
John
7:30pm AA ~ Currier

Sunday, June 21

Father's Day

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier
8:00am Historic Preservation ~ Archive
8:00am Youth Ministry ~ A/B
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Music Room
10:00am Worship – Celebration Sunday ~
Sanctuary
10:15am Kids Church Program ~ John
11:30am Mission ~ Nursery
11:30am Sacred Dancers ~ Sanctuary

As of May 17, 2015:

Year-to-date Budget amount = \$67,307.69
Actual Income = \$77,368.75
Thank you for your faithful contributions!



Today, First Parish is proud to celebrate our high school and college graduates. You have all worked so hard for this accomplishment. We are very proud of you!

We'd like to recognize the following graduates today:

HIGH SCHOOL

Harry Handy III

Lizzy Webber

Theo Keller

Michael Montgomery

COLLEGE

Bryce Williams

Katie Cobban

Carrie Dugan

*"For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope."*

- Jeremiah 29:11

First Parish Congregational Church

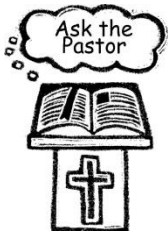
General Announcements

June 14, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Pentecost, Celebration Sunday

First Parish Congregational MISSION STATEMENT: This is who we are!
First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ,
is a community of faith built upon a firm foundation of
worship, prayer and education.

In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God,
Christian fellowship and service to others.

In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the ever-widening community
through active and loving ministry.



Ask the Pastor: On June 21, we will have our first “Ask the Pastor”. Rather than a sermon, Pastor Deborah will answer questions you have: about Scripture, about UCC polity, about church in general, etc. You will write your question on an index card and hand it to an usher that morning. Spontaneous! Honest! Spirit-filled!

Christian Ed: A reminder that there is NO church school today as we all gather for Celebration Sunday!

We need your help! 5 members needed: The Membership Committee seeks to connect, to nurture, and to sustain evolving relationships within the First Parish Church Family.

- Seek out visitors and identify non-members attending church
- Maintain a list of prospective members and assist the Pastor in contacting them
- Cultivate, prepare and assimilate new members
- Identify members who have become inactive in the Church’s life
- Inform the Records Clerk concerning active and inactive members.

The Four Agreements: On April 30 and May 21 groups gathered. On June 25, groups will gather again to read this book together. We will begin at **6:30 pm** and end close to **8:00**. We read together and discuss some of the basic understandings. It is hoped that all elected members and friends of First Parish will set aside a few hours to read this important book, either in one of the formal sessions or on their own.

This summer, when our worship service is from 9:00 - 10:00, we will have book discussions that are open to whoever has read the book. These sessions are tentatively scheduled for **July 12 and 26** and **August 16**. Please consider reading this simple yet profound book.

The church has 10 copies that are circulating. Some folks have found the book on sale for as little as 50 cents. Keep your eyes open! Please see Pastor Deborah if you have any questions or concerns.



Vacation Church School: Vacation Church School (VCS) is back at First Parish Congregational Church for kids from K-8th grade! This year’s theme is “The Incredible Quest”. We will learn about Bible characters who faced amazing challenges. Vacation Church School runs from **Monday, July 20-Friday, July 24** from **9:00am-12:00pm**. Early registration is \$13 per child for applications received by July 13. Registrations received after July 13 will be \$15 per child.

Fireworks Cruise: The FPC/Youth Ministry Sunset Fireworks Cruise will be Wednesday, July 8, 6:30-10:00pm! Tickets are \$15 per person, \$7 for FPC Youth. Buy a 4-pack for only \$50! See Jack Leonhard for more info.

Scriptures – June 14

Acts 2.1-21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”