

First Parish Congregational Church

United Church of Christ East Derry, New Hampshire

We are 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.

Come visit us! Worship is at 10 am.



From the Pastor's Desk

Beloved First Parish,

One of my favorite parts of Sunday morning is watching the weekly reunion of our middle and high school youth. They often run across the sanctuary like long lost siblings to catch up on their week. Their joy and reconnection fills my heart to the brim each week.

I expect we will see a lot of hugs like that throughout the fall as we continue to welcome back our summer travelers now fall is setting in, and settle back into our regular worship routine.

We also typically see a significant increase in first-time visitors in the fall. It has been said many times that our deepest desire as human beings is to be known. So how can we help every person who enters our doors feel seen and acknowledged – affirming they have a place in our community, too?

I recently read about a group of eight pregnant women who regularly met together for two hours to snack, watch videos about labor pain, and share about their experiences. Their meeting looked like a social gathering or a support group, but in this case it was actually a shared doctor's appointment. Instead of making appointments with eight women in 15-minute intervals, the doctor could spend two hours with all of them.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

"Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips, and offer God today your love and your service."

- Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England



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They would rotate through stations for basic prenatal checkups and to chat with the doctor, and they would also talk together about critical topics like gestational diabetes, exercise, and blood pressure.

Studies showed that participants in these group meetings were 33 percent less likely to have a premature birth. In many cases, the women were more willing to follow healthy prenatal routines when the recommendations did not simply come from the doctor but were reinforced by their peers. These gatherings were times for mutual accountability as well as emotional support, laughter, and camaraderie.

Why do I bring this up? I believe there is a measurable difference between sitting through worship as a stranger and worshipping in a church where you are known and know others. Maybe the people you know are simply the folks who sit near you week after week. Maybe they are the ones with whom you volunteer, or the people you see when you pick up your kids from Sunday school. These are precisely the people who might call if you miss church for several weeks, or who would offer to pray for you if you shared a personal concern or special need. These are the friends and acquaintances whose actions reinforce the messages you hear from the pulpit, the choir, and each other during shared prayers.

As we kick off the new program year at church, I urge you to take the initiative to meet someone new. Seek out a stranger and leave that day as an acquaintance, or strike up a conversation with an acquaintance and make a friend. Try to learn something about them, and if they share about a transition or challenge in their life, offer to hold them in prayer. (After all, studies show that 70% of those who return to church after a long absence or go to church for the first time do so because they are experiencing a major life transition and are looking for a community to help them make meaning of it.) Is there someone you haven't seen in a while? Give them a call or reach out to let them know you love and miss them!

I regularly tell people that one of my great joys in serving this congregation is that there is a place for everyone who enters our doors. When we say you are welcome here no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, we mean it. Let's make a special effort this fall to practice that radical hospitality week in and week out!

In today's individualistic world, we are urged to be self-focused and self-sufficient, but the Scriptures have always challenged this view. We are created in God's image, and just as everything in creation, down to the tiniest cells, exists in relationship, we too were made from the beginning to be in relationship with God and one another.

Of course you can pray alone, but it feels qualitatively different to know that someone else is praying for you. Yes, you can be moved by solitary worship experiences, but the services that are most memorable invariably involve praising God as part of a larger family of faith where you feel included, known, and welcomed.

I am convinced that God is doing amazing things in our midst, First Parish! I want everyone to get a taste of what this community has to offer. I have joy in my heart for all you are people of God, and hope in my heart for our future where God already is. Let us make sure that everyone who enters our doors knows that feeling as well. Peace be with you,

Pastor Heidi

FROM
PASTOR
HEIDI



Christian Ed News from Pastor Heidi

Beloved of God,

As I write to you fall is upon us. The days are cooling, and it is finally sweater weather. My mind is filled with daydreams of pumpkins, cider doughnuts, and apple picking. This fall baby loves this time of year. And yet, I cannot believe that it is almost October already! The church has been hustling and bustling for weeks now that the program year is off and running.

No doubt your houses are also abuzz with the start of the school year and all that brings as well. Perhaps there are groans of evening homework from dining room tables, and busy carpools to various activities? You are finding your way anew to the school year routine. I've been praying for you all.

As we start our church school year anew as well, I hope you will take some time to talk to our children about what it is we are doing here at church too! The best research on faith formation tells us that what children of all ages learn in church is most effective if it is also discussed and engaged at home. Sunday mornings are wonderful, but on their own the roots don't plant quite as deeply. Like a tender seedling, our children and youth's faith takes gentle planting, tending, and nurturing to grow from a seed into a seedling into a strong plant.

Here are some simple suggestions of ways to knit faith a little more deeply into your home life:

- Ask your church school aged kids about what they are learning in Sunday School!
- Engage our take home sheets at the beginning of each unit. Say one of the prayers, or use a discussion question for fun dinnertime conversation.
- Say grace at each meal. Set up a practice of prayer or singing at each meal. Take turns and have fun with it! ☺
- Pick up some of the amazing picture books that are out there that explore faith, and read one as a family. Come by my office to borrow one, or see some suggestions.
- Learn a prayer like the Lord's Prayer together as a family and say it daily.
- Make space. Especially for middle school and high school aged youth, make space for them to share their questions and wonderings of faith with you. Be a safe space. Know that my door is always open if they want to talk also.

The list goes on and on. But you get the idea. Starting in October, Pastor Deborah or I will be preaching on the topic the K-5 class is learning about in Sunday school each time they start a new unit to help knit our life together more deeply. This in conjunction with the take home sheets for each unit will help give more fodder for at home discussion. The CE board and I will also be talking about how to continue to grow our worship experience to be more truly intergenerational.

As always, my door is open to you. Ideas? Questions? Concerns? Sparks of an exciting idea? Dreaming and scheming with God? Just want to talk? Come by for a visit. I'd love to see you. I'm so grateful to be doing this ministry alongside such vibrant and committed families.

Blessings,

Pastor Heidi

Christian Education Updates

Youth Group!

Youth Group is off and running for the fall! Thanks to Mr. Matt, Miss Kerri, Reni, and Liz G. for being our leaders this year. Thanks also to the Deranians for hosting us for an Apple picking event in September! Youth Group will meet Sunday, October 4th, and Sunday, October 18th at the church.

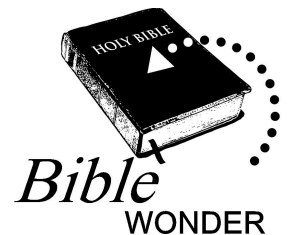
Trunk-or-Treat

Save the date! The Church will be getting into the Halloween spirit this year with a community wide trunk-or-treat event on Saturday, October 31st from 4:30-6:00 PM. Come in costume to trick-or-treat from car to car in the church parking lot before heading out for Derry town trick-or-treating! Fun is sure to be had by all. Bring friends!



Bible Wonder

Have you ever wondered what the heck a particular Bible passage is really trying to say? Have questions about the Bible, but feel too afraid to ask them? Want to learn a little more about our sacred text? This Bible exploration is for you! Starting Tuesday, October 13th at 7 PM, Pastor Deborah will offer a fall Bible Wonder class. Come see where the Spirit moves us as we grow and learn together.



Church School Registration

A reminder if you have NOT registered your children for church school this year to please see Pastor Heidi ASAP. It's important we have updated records for all kids attending church school. Thanks so much!

Diaconate News

MEMBERSHIP LIST: The Diaconate has updated the membership directory with the help of Pastor Deborah and our Administrative Assistant Lindsey. We are concerned about those members who have no longer been active in the life of First Parish Church. A letter will be sent to these members requesting an indication of their faith journey and how might FPC support and help them.

NEIGHBORHOODS: The neighborhood lists have also been updated. Each Diaconate member received a list of members to offer support and to communicate with. Members will receive a card from their Deacon in the mail within the first couple weeks of October. We ask that members do not hesitate to contact their Deacon at any time.

ADVENT: Advent plans are formulating. The Diaconate will be decorating the Sanctuary on November 28th.

If anyone would be interested in helping with this event, please contact a Deacon. You would be very welcomed!

JOYS & CONCERNS: Joys and concerns are reviewed at the beginning of each of our meetings. That has enabled us to have another moment of reflection upon the joys and concerns that our parishioners are experiencing.

We send blessings to all of you as we enter the fall season having been refreshed by sunshine, family events, vacations and all else that has strengthened you.

Your Diaconate; Steve Davis, Cyndi Gray, Reni Harnden, Sarah Keller, Fred Merrill, Dick Plouff, Pat Plouff, Cindy Pingree, Diana Sweeney, Julie Turner, Brian Williams



Stewardship Board

“MODERN TITHE” 2016

5+5=10%. It's that simple!! The **Modern Tithe** is the idea that we are challenged and encouraged to give 5 percent of our household income to God's work through the church (Pledge) and 5 percent to God's work through other programs, mission, or charities that we believe are doing God's work in the world.

Jesus spoke frequently about money. In fact, Jesus spoke of money more than any other single topic except the Kingdom of God. And Scripture as a whole addresses the matter of money and its place in our lives...So, though stewardship is a wonderfully large concept with a host of implications, our focus here is a more limited one: the role of money in the lives of people of faith and in supporting the mission and ministry of our church.

The question has been asked this year. How do we get people to pledge more during our stewardship Campaign?? Another concept that the Stewardship Board will be featuring and learning about for 2016 is the “**Narrative Budget**”.

Stay tuned for more exciting news as we journey together through our 2016 Pledge Drive.

Stewardship is an act of worship, an expression of our Faith in God our creator, redeemer, and sustainer, and a discipline for spiritual growth that helps us become the kind of faithful, grateful, generous people we want to be.

Your Stewardship Board,

John Bartel, Carl Hepworth, Margie Ives, Chris O'Brien, Glenn Pope, Joyce Pope, Sue Weaver

Stewardship

REPORT

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Neighbors in Need: The Neighbors in Need offering is one of four special UCC offerings collected during the year. The offering will be collected for a period of four weeks beginning on September 20th. You will find the Neighbors in Need offering envelopes in the pews. The offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, the national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues such as federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak Indian tribes in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Food Basket Program: The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions has made some changes to the Food Basket program. There will be a shopping cart located at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place your donations. On Communion Sunday (first Sunday of the month) the donations will be brought forward by the youth to be blessed as part of the Communion service. The food baskets under the Missions table at the side entrance will still be available for donations.

Missions Brochure: The new Missions brochure is ready and available to the Congregation in the pews, on the Missions table at the side entrance, and from members of the Board of Christian Outreach and Missions. The brochure provides a simple and important means of communicating to the Congregation and guests the missions that we support at First Parish Church. Please bring one home to be shared with others outside of our church who may be interested in the missions work we support.

Missions Nametags: Lastly, do you know who we are? Thanks to the wonderful talents of Gloria Bingel, Mission members will be sporting new nametags. Check out the new nametags and talk with us about mission.

Monthly Giving: Mission is so thankful to each of you for sharing so generously with those in our community who are struggling. We can do nothing without your kindness. Below is our latest list of agencies receiving monthly Mission support: **Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) - \$350**
Sonshine Soup Kitchen - \$90, First Baptist Food Pantry - \$90, Community Caregivers - \$90, Vintage Grace - \$90, Family Promise - \$90, Pastoral Counseling - \$90, Upper Room - \$90, Kairos - \$90, Pastor Discretionary Fund - \$90

Respectfully Submitted, The Board of Christian Outreach and Mission (BOCOM): Joe Weaver, Gloria Bingel, Sue Brown, Beth Hunter, Katelyn Whittier, Karen Wilson, Linda McCarthy

Nominating Committee

**“Opportunities”
“And the ‘Rally’ Continues!”**

#1. Strive for 100% occupancy of all elected positions of the Church. Select nominees with Focus consistent with the Mission Statement of the Church.

#2. Strive for 100% Occupancy of all elected positions of the Church. We're at 83% to date! 96 out of 115 Positions Filled!

VACANCIES FOR OCTOBER 2015

Board/Committee	# of Vacancies	Meeting Time	Chairperson(s)
Board of Missions	1	3rd Sun. @ 11:30a	Joe Weaver/Gloria Bingel
Board of Christian Education	2	1st Thurs. @ 7p	Rachel Cobban
Diaconate Board	1	1st Wed. @ 7p	Reni Harnden, Brian Williams
Stewardship Board	2	1st Thurs. @ 7p	Fran Berube/Margie Ives
Nominating Committee	1	2nd Sun. @ 7:30a	Carl Hepworth
Library Committee	4	TBD	TBD
Membership Committee	5	TBD	TBD
Personnel Board	1	TBD	Cathy Zylinski
Music Committee	1	2nd Tues. @ 7p	Sue Handy
Finance Committee at Large	1	3rd Tues before Council @ 7p	Ken Gould

**** This time of year presents an Awesome opportunity for members and friends of First Parish Church to get their “feet wet” with these fourteen vacancies we have available on various Boards and Committees.**

You can try them out until next Annual Meeting the end of January 2016 and see what you think!! We are looking for a few good people, and we have a place for You!! We need you and we would hope that you would consider being involved in one of these important positions in the life of our Church.**

Yours Always in Nominating Committee Faith,
Bill Armstrong 432-5446, Paul Dionne 244-8360, Carl and Gail Hepworth 434-2053, and Joe Merrill 247-3051.



Fundraising Committee

Thanks to the diligent, hard working crew who volunteered for clean up detail at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in July and to the generosity of the CE Board, we have added another \$1200 to our fundraising total. We have therefore successfully raised \$5200 in all events to date, not including placemat advertising sales.

We have been busy during the month of August selling advertising for placemats for church events (Best Breakfast, Spaghetti Suppers, Harvest Supper). A big thanks to church members, neighbors, and friends who have supported this campaign by purchasing ads for their businesses. Watch for the placemats to be in use at all food related church events by the first Best Breakfast of the year! Please support our advertisers as they have supported us – and let them know where you saw their ad! As of this writing, we have sold \$5400 in ads. After printing costs this fundraiser will net \$4400! A huge thank you to our sales people, Becca, Alec, and Rachel Cobban, Pastor Deborah, Liz Greenberg, Harry Handy, and Chris Cox – and to Becca Cobban for excellent design and layout work!

Our new grand total of fundraising efforts now stands at \$9600!

HANNFORD'S GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:

This brand new (to us) fundraising project was rolled out starting on Rally Sunday, September 13th. This one won't require you to dig any deeper into your pockets for any more money than you already budget each and every month. We all buy groceries, right? Well, our local grocery chains offer community fundraising programs in which we can buy gift cards in any denomination and will pay our church 5% back. Doesn't sound like much? Well, here's an example:

If we had 150 participants purchasing \$200 of groceries monthly using gift cards purchased through the church, the church would make \$18,000 in a year!!! We have already pre-sold our first twenty cards and are off to a good start!

Yes, friends, that's no more money out of your pocket than you already spend and the church has a steady income stream! What could be easier!

So, starting this Fall, we will be piloting this program by selling \$100 Hannaford's gift cards on Sundays in Currier after church. Once you have your gift card, you can repeatedly reload them through the church and we will continue to receive our 5% of your grocery purchases! Unfortunately, we have learned that Market Basket does not offer this gift card program, so sadly we will be unable to offer this program to our members and friends who shop at Market Basket.

FPC Dining for Dollars: This very popular church fun-raising event returns on Tuesday, October 13th at La Carreta's in Derry, NH between 4 and 9 p.m. Simply dine at La Carreta on that date and bring one FPC/La Carreta flyer per party and the church will earn 15% of our total food and beverage purchases for the evening! Invite your friends too! Not a huge money maker for us, but priceless memories of fellowship and fun will be created.

- Submitted on behalf of Fundraising Committee, by Liz Greenberg

Historical Preservation Committee

What's Your Favorite Story or Memory of FPC's Steeple?



On Wednesday, September 9, 2015, preservation timber framing experts removed the top sections of FPC's steeple from the tower. Over the next two years many parts of the meetinghouse, including many sections of the tower and steeple, will be repaired as part of a multi-phase building rehabilitation project.

Many of you have significant memories of the steeple and the Historical Preservation Committee urges you to share your stories! Were you one of the people who helped repair the weathervane? Did some of that work really take place at Dena's house? Do you remember the bell sounding the hours? How many bats did you see flying out of the belfry? Do you have a particularly vivid memory of seeing the tower or clock?

We have created a form ("Share a Memory of the Steeple at First Parish Church") and we hope you will fill one out! There are three options to obtain a form: 1) Forms are available in an envelope attached to the bulletin board across from the Archives Room in Noyes. 2) Lindsey (officemgr@fpc-ucc.org) is willing to email an electronic copy of the form for anyone who requests it. 3) An online version of the form is available on the Nutfield History blog: <http://www.nutfieldhistory.org/fpc-steeple-stories>

Please share your memories!

- Nancy Heywood on behalf of the Historical Preservation Committee

Help Plan Our 300th Anniversary!

April 2019 marks 300 years since Rev. MacGregor and the First Settlers arrived to establish our church and community. The towns that make up old Nutfield – Derry, Londonderry, Windham, and parts of Salem and Manchester – are starting work now to plan a grand celebration of this significant milestone.

Council wants First Parish to also get started, and just voted to form a new committee to begin this effort. The Historic Preservation Committee will take the lead on getting this new team assembled, with organization and brainstorming sessions coming in the next month or two (watch for announcements!).

Meanwhile, if you want to learn more about our history, wish to make a positive impact on our community, enjoy event planning and project management, or just want to make sure it's a really great party, let us know so we can save you a spot.

Just talk with anyone on the HPC any time, or email paul@nutfieldhistory.org with your interests or questions.

With excitement, your Historic Preservation Committee: Janice Braley,
Marilyn Ham, Nancy Heywood,
Paul Lindemann, Ginny True, Janet Wetherbee

CHURCH
Anniversary
PREPARATIONS

Harvest Supper is Back!

Join us on Saturday, October 24, 2015 for our legendary annual turkey dinner with all the fixings! Dinner is served buffet-style from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now: Children (5-12) are \$7.00, Seniors (62+) are \$8.00, and Adults are \$10.00. Willing to help out? Contact Chris Cox (gschris@comcast.net or 845-8489) or stop by the church office for details.



From The Upper Room Food Pantry:

Dear Members of the First Parish Church,

Right up to the end of her life, Anita Huse was thinking of the needs of others. We were so touched when we heard that she had made a request to the members of the congregation that they give gifts of food to The Upper Room Food Pantry in her honor. And that is exactly what the congregation did. Two large deliveries were made to The Upper Room Food Pantry in the last few weeks!

This generosity and special way of remembering Anita came at a very needed time when so many in the greater Derry community are in need. The Food Pantry was started by Anita because she was seeing the need and wanted to provide for those that were food insecure in this area. We are pleased to continue this program that was begun several years ago. For those of you who gave in her honor, please know that many were blessed by your generous donations.

- With gratitude, Andrea Younie and Gale Stanley, TUR Food Pantry Co-Managers

The Second Agreement

Many folks were able to read the Four Agreements this year. This amazingly helpful way of life is definitely a Christian way of life. Last month, we posted the First Agreement in our newsletter. This month, we'd like to share the Second Agreement with you. Whether you have or have not read the book, here is a little reminder:

Agreement Two: Don't take anything personally

DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONALLY

Nothing other people do or say is because of you. What people do or say is a result of their own dream world. When we take things personally, we feel offended and react by defending ourselves, creating drama.

It is important to understand that people may give compliments or criticism, but what they say is about them and how they feel at that moment and about their own needs. What they say is not just about you.

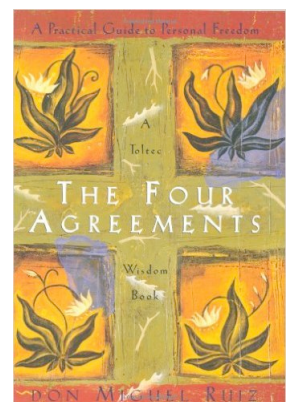
When we avoid taking words personally, we take away the power other people try to have over us. We become immune to manipulation. If you refuse to take things personally, even if someone is trying to draw you into their dream world and is being critical, you can remain peaceful.

SETTING LIMITS

When someone asks you to do something, listen intently and repeat what the person is asking. Don't take the request personally even if it is presented with criticism or with a compliment. You can simply ask, "You would like to..." or "You want me to..." to clarify the person's request. Be sure to clarify if you correctly understand what someone is communicating to you.

Set limits by being impeccable with your word. Use your words to speak truth and to encourage yourself and others. There are several techniques that can help:

- Use "I" statements.
- Don't put yourself down.
- Don't use excuses or blame others.
- Offer any possible alternatives.



Around Our Church

Congregational Communication Cohorting

The Communication Cohort is such a resounding success to the people who attend. The one regret is that more people do not participate. At the September Cohort meeting the suggestion was made: "Let's have one of these for the Congregation!" "Let's do it in October!" "Why don't we use this opportunity to meet our Deacon!"

Hear ye! Hear ye! Everyone is invited! Everyone is welcome! Come to the CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION GATHERING on Wednesday, October 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 in Currier Hall. Come and see others! Come share your love of FPC! Come and hear what others are doing!

Pumpkin Carving

Join us on Sunday, October 25 for Pumpkin Carving in Currier! We'll be carving pumpkins to help decorate for Trunk-or-Treat the following Sunday. There'll be pizza and music. We'll have a few pumpkins for those who need them, but otherwise please BYOP (Bring your own pumpkin). We'll provide food, drinks, and fun music to carve by. All ages and all families welcome! Adult and MS/HS volunteers also needed. Please see Pastor Heidi for more info, but no RSVP required.

Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 13, 5:00-8:00 PM

Bring the kids to First Parish for a night of fun, food, and fellowship while you get a night out! It's a great night to plan your holiday shopping! RSVP to Pastor Heidi at pastorheidiheath@gmail.com.

From the Facilities Board

The Facilities Board requests that all Boards, Committees or other groups that have "stuff" stored in the Noyes attic area please review your "stuff" and purge everything that is no longer needed. The Church will be needing a great deal of storage space in the coming months, and the more space we have available onsite, the less space we will need to rent. Thank you!

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 4th at 11:45am in Currier. This meeting will be to discuss the possibility of an Associate Pastor position. Please attend if you are able. There will be childcare available.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in Currier Hall on Friday, October 2 from 2:00-7:00PM. Appointments are recommended. Please schedule online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

In Our Community

A Lecture and Conversation

The Gospel of John: The Story of Jesus

New Testament Scholar & Teacher of Preachers:

Rev. Karoline M. Lewis, Ph.D.

Alvin N. Rogness Chair of Homiletics at
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

October 21, 2015, 7-9 PM

Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church
171 Zion Hill Road, Salem, NH

Cost for the event: Free-will offering

NH Conference of UCC Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 24th

Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH

The Annual Meeting of the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ is fast approaching. All are invited to attend: UCC Clergy with Full Standing in NH, Lay Delegates, Members in Discernment and Visitors.

We hope all will attend for uplifting worship; to learn more about the NH Conference, UCC, and to meet the UCC General Minister and President-Elect, John Dorhauer, who will keynote this year's event.

Registration is now open! Please click here to register: <http://www.cvent.com/events/annual-meeting-2015/event-summary-03a7d9d2e0494c0185d30d2ed8d163b0.aspx>

To read the official call to the Annual Meeting, please visit

www.nhcucc.org/ConferenceMinistries/ConferenceAnnualMeeting/downloads/AM-2015-Official-Call.pdf

Save the Date

Third Annual Gala
To Benefit
**Family Promise of
Greater Rockingham County**

An Evening of Thanks and Giving

Atkinson Resort and Country Club
Friday, November 13, 2015
6:30pm

Dinner, Dessert & Coffee
Tea, Cash Bar
Silent Auction, Raffle
\$45 per person ~ \$450 table of 10

**Please purchase tickets or
sponsorships securely online at**
www.familypromise.org.
Click on "Gala Nov. 13"



Scripture Readings

*Readings are from the Revised Common
Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals – Year B*

October 4th – Proper 22

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-5

Psalm 90:12-17

Heb 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 11th – Proper 23

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Psalm 90:12-17

Heb 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 18th – Proper 24

Job 38:1-7

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Isa 53:4-12

Psalm 91:9-16

Heb 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 25th – Proper 25

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)

Psalm 126

Heb 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Worship Leadership

Deacons & Lay Readers

Deacons of the Month

Pat and Dick Plouff

October 4th: Ashley Cox

October 11th: Reni Harnden

October 18th: Diane Breeden

October 25th: Beth Hunter

Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

October 4th: Ushers: Diaconate

Greeter: Verna Elwell

October 11th: Ushers: Ross & Linda Webber

Kevin & Diane Gordon

Greeter: Shirley Dickason

October 18th: Ushers: Ken Gould, Joe Weaver

Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason

Greeter: Ruth Honnors

October 25th: Ushers: Stanley & Holly Gorgol

Tom & Andrea Cooper

Greeter: Beth Hunter

Nursing Home Friends

Theo Johnson

Hillsborough Country Nursing Home

Phil Guertin

Pleasant Valley Nursing Home

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

Church Office Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am – 4:30 pm

You are most warmly invited:

10:00 am Sunday Worship & Church School

11:00 am Coffee Hour

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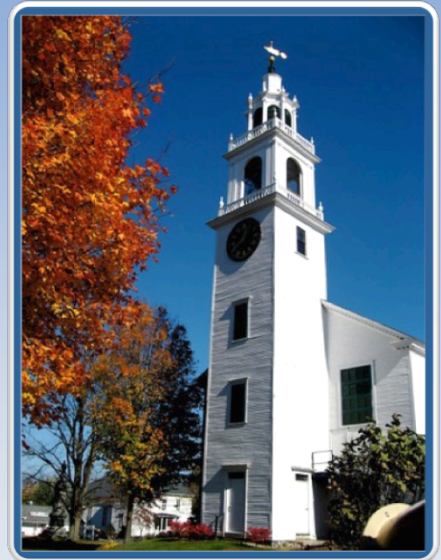
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