

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

Dear Child of God,

"Cause and effect" wasn't just something I learned in physics class in high school. It was one of the most important laws of surviving on our farm. We didn't have livestock but we did have a garden – a big garden. Our winter's food supply came from my father's garden – the garden that I helped to till, to plant, to weed, and finally to harvest.

We heated our 1832 brick home with wood stoves – one in each of the four rooms. Cutting down trees, chopping wood and hauling it back to the house in order to fill the wood boxes every day throughout winter. If the corn caught the black fungus and you didn't catch it, you'd lose rows of corn overnight. That's less food in winter. If you planted the tomato plants too early, the frost would wipe them out. No tomato sauce, no stewed tomatoes. If I put one too many logs on the wood pile, making it just a bit too high, the whole thing would topple over and I'd have to start piling all over again.

Cause and effect: when "one event produces a certain response to the event in the form of another event."

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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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And it wasn't just about the things that I **did** which had an effect. If we **didn't** do things, there was an effect, as well. If we didn't plant enough butternut squash or potatoes, meals consisted of thinner and thinner soups come springtime. If the woodpile wasn't big enough by snowfall, we needed more blankets on the beds in March because the fires didn't burn long enough from lack of wood.

Little did I realize when I was a teenager that cause and effect was not only a law of physics, it was also a law of discipleship. Something happens and causes something else to happen. On the farm, we planted seeds – all kinds of seeds. We cared for them and nurtured them. The result was the nourishment we then enjoyed all winter long.

In our daily walk with God our Creator, we are blessed to recognize God's grace and we have the opportunity to respond. In our daily walk with Jesus, our Redeemer, we understand the Call to live into God's love through generosity and we learn to give of ourselves. In our daily walk with God our Sustainer, we nurture the seeds of faith that have been sown and we reap one hundred-fold. One action produces a certain response. In God's economy of abundance, our meager human acts of generosity reap results of abundant proportions.

Where are you in your faith walk currently? Are you looking at the woodpile – trying to decide whether to pile on more, or have you decided to quit stacking wood, because it's boring or because it's hard work or because you think it's someone else's turn?

In the Gospel text for October 25, we hear about the blind man (Mark 10:46-52) who is sitting alone alongside the road outside Jericho at the beginning of the story. In the first verse the man is alone, "by the roadside" and in the last verse he is with Jesus "on the way".



How did this man go from being an outsider, an outcast, a man alone - to a disciple of Jesus, walking with Jesus, with Jesus' disciples? No longer an outsider; no longer an outcast; no longer alone. How do we go from being bystanders to Jesus' teaching to disciples of Jesus?

Jesus asks: "what do you want from me?" What do we want from Jesus in our lives today? What will it take for us to be "on the way" with Jesus. On the farm, I knew what it took to make it so that it was warm in my house in winter months. I knew what it took to work the garden and harvest the food so that we had food throughout the winter. Now, I want to be a disciple and Jesus asks: "what do you want from me?" "I want to be a disciple." "Then you know what you must do."

Do you?

May the love of God and the Peace Jesus breathed into us be with each one of you,

Pastor Deborah

News from the Associate Pastor

Beloved of God,

I will keep my reflections brief for this month. This is my first newsletter to all of you as your newly called Associate Pastor. Thanks be to God! It is a tremendous honor to take this next step in ministry with you. I had no idea what God had in store when I accepted the position as Christian Education Director nearly a year ago. Thankfully, God is God and I am not, and she indeed knew what she was doing.

This is a joy-filled and spirit kissed time at First Parish. The Holy One's presence among us is palpable. Indeed, there is work to do as we go forward. I do not take lightly the tremendous responsibility that comes with this new role. Know that as I pray for each of you, I covet your prayers as we begin this new chapter.

I do not know where the road ahead will lead. But like all of you, I am stepping out in faith. Because what I do know for sure is that we serve a good God. I step out in hope toward the future where God already is and where we are being called to journey to. I step out in gratitude into the present moment ready to join alongside you in this holy work in new ways.

My door is always open to you. I hope that you will feel free to stop by, call, email, and check in with me. Have an idea? I want to hear it! Have a question or concern? Let's talk together. Need a gentle place to land and rest your spirit for a while? I'd be honored.

Thank you for inviting me to talk with you for a while First Parish.

God loves you church, and so do I,

Pastor Heidi

Words of Inspiration

Risk-taking, trust and serendipity
are key ingredients of joy.
Without risk, nothing new ever happens.
Without trust, fear creeps in.
Without serendipity, there are no surprises.
- Rita Golden Gelman

Faith Formation Updates

Youth Group!

Youth Group will meet November 8th and November 22nd from 6-8 PM! For more information, please see Mr. Matt, Miss Kerri, Reni H., or Pastor Heidi! We give special thanks for the ministry of Mr. Matt and Miss Kerri in getting the year off to a fantastic start. Youth Group is open to all youth from 6th-12th grade.

Advent Devotional Group



Save the date – Adult Faith Formation continues during Advent! Pastor Heidi will lead a Tuesday night devotional group from 7-8 PM using Quinn Caldwell's Advent book, "All I Really Want". This will be a fun, funny, thoughtful, faith-filled time. Looking for a way to make

your Advent more meaningful, but also not too serious? This is the group for you. Our fall film group had such fun together. Won't you join us? All are welcome, even if you haven't done anything like this before!

Coming Soon to a Church Near You!

First Fridays at First Parish! A time for fellowship, fun, food, family, and more! Join your church family on the first Friday of every month for a fun evening activity. Have an idea of something you'd like to see included? Let us know! Thanks to Chris Cox and Katie Cobban for helping to bring forth the idea of First Fridays. We'll see you in December for Game Night on Friday, December 4th from 6-8 PM. All are welcome. Please see Pastor Deborah or Pastor Heidi if you have idea for activities or for more information.

Parents Night Out



Looking for a pre-holiday night out, or some time to do some shopping sans kids? On Friday, November 13th, we will host a pre-holiday Parents Night Out at FPC. Children ages K-5th grade are welcome to attend! There will be an evening of age appropriate games and activities. Middle and High School students who would like to be helpers should see Pastor Heidi in advance of the event. RSVP's ARE required. Please RSVP to Pastor Heidi as soon as possible at: pastorheidiheath@gmail.com

Diaconate News

MEMBERSHIP LIST: The Diaconate has continued to update the membership directory with the help of Pastor Deborah and our Administrative Assistant, Lindsey. If you have a new address or other updated information would you please notify Lindsey so that she can keep your information in the Church's Directory updated?

NEIGHBORHOODS: Each Deacon is in the process of sending out a note introducing themselves to each of you. We would like every member to have a contact Deacon to speak with at any time. If you have not been contacted by your Deacon, please let Reni Harnden or Pastor Deborah know.

ACOLYTES: Speak to Pastor Heidi or any Deacon if your child would like to be an acolyte. It is a wonderful opportunity for a child to be a part of bringing the light of God into worship.

ALL SAINTS DAY: November 1. The congregation is being asked to bring a picture of someone whom you perceive to be a Saint and give it to a Deacon to hang on the sanctuary's wall.

VETERANS DAY: On November 15, we will be honoring our veterans, both living and deceased, during worship. We encourage members to bring a picture of their veteran and give it to a Deacon so that it can be hung on the wall of the sanctuary.

ADVENT REMINDER: The Diaconate will be decorating the Sanctuary on November 28 at 9:00 AM. Please join us!

The Diaconate is excited about Heidi becoming our Associate Pastor of Faith Formation. Congratulations, Heidi ☺

Blessings to you all as you enter the holiday season and reflect upon all the blessings that have been bestowed upon you.

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



Stewardship Board

“OUR TITHE HAS COME”

CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

The Stewardship Board and Pastor Deborah has challenged the members and friends of First Parish Church into a faith practice of a **“Modern Tithe”**. **The modern tithe is the idea that we are challenged and encouraged to give 5 percent of our personal income to God’s work through the church and 5 percent to God’s work through other programs, mission, or charities that we believe are doing God’s work in the world.**

Stewardship is the call on member’s hearts to utilize the gifts that God has given them and to support the mission of the church. Stewardship is about inviting each and every person to grow in the spiritual practices of generosity, of giving, and of sharing.

The Stewardship Board continues to educate our wonderful congregation of very generous people about the unanimous Faith that has been exhibited the past two years with our Capital Campaign and the call of an Associate Pastor. We, on the Stewardship Board, wish to talk to you about our God-given, God-inspired purpose and mission as the church of Jesus Christ. We are inviting people to grow spiritually by growing in financial generosity.

On November 8th, Consecration Sunday, we will have the opportunity to bring your pledge cards down the center aisle of First Parish Congregational Church to be blessed by the congregation and Pastor Deborah. If you cannot be with us on November 8th, please bring or mail your card to the church prior to Consecration Sunday.

Trust in the Promise

“For surely I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11

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

Thanksgiving Basket Program: For many this is the hardest time of the year to get through and the time in which many of us need a helping hand. Each year the Board of Christian Outreach and Missions receives a list of names of people who need some extra help managing the holidays. Recipients are recommended to us through a number of organizations such as the Derry Community Caregivers, The Upper Room, and by word of mouth. If you know of anyone or any family that is in need of help this holiday season, please talk to Pastor Deborah so that we may add them to our list.

Missions will have a table setup in Currier Hall beginning Sunday, November 1. We will be providing grocery bags for collecting the Thanksgiving food. Written on each bag will be one or more item(s) which we will need in order to complete a basket.

Food will be collected up to and including Saturday, November 21 (day of Sugar Plum Fair). There will be collection baskets at the side entrance to the Church as well as in the foyer going up to the sanctuary. The Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled on November 21. If you are bringing food in on the 21st we will be in the foyer going up to the sanctuary to collect the items since the Sugar Plum Fair will be using the rest of the church. The baskets will be distributed to people/families on Sunday, November 22. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Kairos: Earlier this year the Kairos Prison Ministry had revised their Code of Conduct which was reviewed by the Board of Christian Outreach and Missions. We are an Open & Affirming Church and the new policy is contrary to what we believe. After much prayer and conversation, Missions has decided that we can no longer financially support the ministry. We will still support Kairos in our prayers. In the event that Kairos reverses its new policy, we may then re-instate our financial support to the ministry. If you would like further details please contact a member of the Board of Christian Outreach and Missions.

Monthly Giving: Mission is 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 list of charities 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
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$90

Respectfully submitted,

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

Nominating Committee

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE “2015” CAMPAIGN was a HUGE SUCCESS, “but”
Now it’s time to look for New and Exciting Opportunities for 2016!!**

The Nominating Committee’s goals are always to strive for 100% occupancy of all elected positions of the church, with Focus to be consistent with the Mission Statement of the Church.

The Nominating Committee’s definition of “FPC” stands for Focus, Patience, and Commitment.

**CHECK OUT THE BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP
BY VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE IN 2016!!**

“Expected” VACANCIES FOR OCTOBER 2015

Board/Committee	# of Vacancies	Meeting Time	Current Chairperson(s)
Assistant Moderator	1	3rd Wed. (at Council) @7p	Wendy Staggs
Church Council Members At Large	3 (includes one Youth Rep.)	3rd Wed. @7p	-
Board of Christian Outreach and Missions	1	3rd Sun. @ 11:30a	Joe Weaver/Gloria Bingel
Board of Christian Education	5	1st Thurs. @ 7p	Rachel Cobban
Board of Diaconate	5	1st Wed. @ 7p	Reni Harnden, Brian Williams
Stewardship Board	2	1st Thurs. @ 7p	Fran Berube/Margie Ives
Personnel Board	1	TBD	Cathy Zylinski
Finance Committee At Large	1	3rd Tues before Council @7p	Ken Gould
Library Committee	4	TBD	TBD
Nominating Committee	5	2nd Sun. @ 7:30a	Carl Hepworth
Membership Committee	5	TBD	TBD
Youth Ministry Committee	2 (Youth Reps.)	3rd Sun. @8a	Reni Harnden, Nancy Magee
Community Life Committee	3	TBD	Connie Cox
Pastor-Parish Relations Committee	1	TBD	TBD

**Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee if you can help in these positions.
We encourage “ad hoc” members!**

Your Nominating Committee,
Bill Armstrong 432-5446, Paul Dionne 244-8360, Carl Hepworth 434-2053, Gail Hepworth 434-2053

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee welcomes new members, especially to help with managing the gift card program. Ideally, we would like to have a team of four people so we can take one Sunday a month to staff the Gift Card table. If interested in helping with this, see Liz Greenberg. Training provided!

HANNAFORD'S GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER:

Although we did have some glitches with card activation, all problems have been straightened out. Cards can be purchased or reloaded every Sunday before or after church services during Best Breakfast or at Social Hour in Currier. Gift cards can be loaded with any amount from \$5-\$500 by personal check made payable to First Parish Church with "gift card" in the memo line or by cash. Cards will be activated by the next day and available to use.

FPC Dining for Dollars:

A big thank you to La Carreta's Derry for deciding to give FPC 15% of all food and beverage purchases for the evening – not just our members but for everyone dining in that evening! We are working on scheduling our next event.

- Submitted on behalf of Fundraising Committee, by Liz Greenberg

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee wants to congratulate the Church for taking steps on 10-04-15 to call our new Associate Pastor. We did not paint the rosier picture in our rough draft of the 2016 budget, but everyone wanted to show their optimistic side with a very strong vote.

Now we have an anonymous offer to match the first gift of \$1004.15. Let's see how many of these gifts we can raise in the month of November. That is right, if yours is the first gift of \$1004.15 it will be matched by an anonymous donor.

By the way, we owe a great big thank you to one member who has given \$15,000 to make our budget healthier. How can we challenge ourselves to match this generosity? Karoline Lewis said, "Yes we can". Let's! Thanks for your support!

- Debbie Ambler, Pat Crowell, John Bartel, Fay Chary, Chris O'Brien, Ken Gould



Community-Oriented Fundraising for Meetinghouse Rehabilitation



As we discussed before and during the very successful internal Capital Campaign, we expect to need about a million more dollars for everything we hope to accomplish by the 300th anniversary of the church's founding in April 2019.

That includes the new Meetinghouse foundation project, the Tower and Meetinghouse structural and roof renovations, and interior refurbishments throughout, plus the adjacent new welcome tower connecting the Meetinghouse and Noyes building and bringing full accessibility to the facility.

Council recently voted to address this shortfall through a new committee focused on external fundraising.

This new committee will lead a capital campaign scale effort appealing to area residents and businesses to help restore and preserve the Meetinghouse as an important historic landmark. We'll also seek out additional grants, explore ways to use crowd sourcing and other innovative fundraising methods, and partner with the Derry Heritage Commission and other area groups to help spread the word.

This external fundraising will clearly be a significant challenge, but also an exciting and rewarding effort. We're just getting started now and need to move quickly: if you would like to help or even just have suggestions, please let me know or talk with Pastor Deborah or any member of Council or our preliminary advisory team (Becky Fleury, Liz Greenberg, Bill Mann, and Chris O'Brien).

Thanks very much, Paul Lindemann (paul@montmark.com)

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 anything 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, thus saving funds that can be put to better use. Thank you!



Attic Clean Out!

71st Annual Sugar Plum Fair

SATURDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

November 21, 2015

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

Please check off any areas you would like to help with:

- ☐ Make 2 double batches of home-baked cookies for the Cookie Walk
- ☐ Bake a pie, cake, or holiday goodie for sale on the bake table _____
- ☐ Help set up for the fair (5:00 pm Friday night)
- ☐ Help clean up and set the rooms to right (3:00 pm Saturday)
- ☐ Organize the White Elephant items (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)
- ☐ Direct Cars in Parking Lot ___ A.M. ___ P.M.
- ☐ Roll out dough for Pecan Rolls (many other tasks also available)
(See Reni Harnden or Wendy Staggs for details)
- ☐ Work at Cookie Walk, Craft table, Bake table, White Elephant tables, lunchroom, etc.
 ___ A.M. ___ P.M.
- ☐ Prepare and/or serve lunch
- ☐ Prepare Egg Salad using 2 dozen eggs
- ☐ Prepare Tuna Salad using 4 cans of Tuna
- ☐ Donate items for White Elephant tables (drop off location – Library after 11/1/15)

We need everyone's help to make this Fair a success!!

**Please drop off this form in the church office or in the
collection plate ASAP!**

Thank you!

Cathy Lee Pottle 668-4215

clpottle@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Telephone No.: _____

E-mail address: _____



White Elephant Donation Rules

Items we cannot accept for the White Elephant Sale

Due to space limitations, FPC will not accept furniture or clothing.

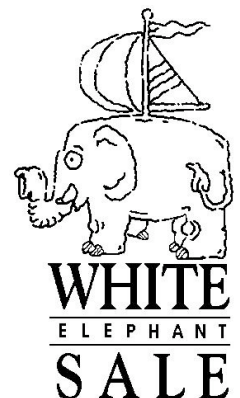
Since anything that does not sell is immediately trucked to Goodwill after the fair, we must also observe their donation rules. **Goodwill only accepts items in “good condition”**, meaning no rips, tears, stains, cracks, rust, chips or anything broken, moldy, with missing pieces, or wet.

Goodwill will also not accept the following items:

- Large appliances
- Ammunition or firearms
- Auto parts
- Beanbag chairs
- Bunkbeds
- Construction debris
- Computers
- Copiers
- Hammocks
- Mattresses, box springs or waterbeds
- Paints
- Textbooks
- Televisions
- Venetian blinds
- Wall-to-wall carpeting
- Paints/fuels/solvents

Thank you for adhering to these rules.

- The Sugar Plum Fair White Elephant Committee



The Four Agreements: Agreement Three

Don't Make Assumptions

Internal Assumptions:

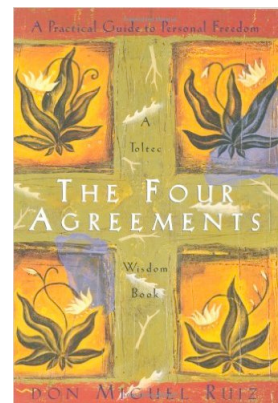
The ABC's of emotion tell us about how and why we make internal assumptions. First, there is an Activating event that helps us set up an assumption. Then, we establish a Belief system. This belief may be either rational (based upon observable, factual data) or irrational (not based upon facts). Finally, we develop a Consequential emotion that is triggered by our belief. It is important to recognize when an irrational belief could be beneficially changed to a rational one.

Don't Make Assumptions:

We create drama by making assumptions, by taking it personally, and by gossiping about our assumptions. We perpetuate this by not asking for a clarification, defending our assumptions, and trying to make someone else wrong based on our assumptions.

To avoid making assumptions, it is important to gather more facts about the situation and about our own beliefs. It is also important to gain knowledge about the facts, about how others perceive the situation, and about your own beliefs.

Communicate, communicate, communicate!



Senior Pastor's Study Leave: Fall 2015

Pastor Deborah receives two weeks of Study Leave each year. In May she attends the Festival of Homiletics and this year, from November 2-5, she will attend a conference at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. The title of the conference is "Change, Organization, and Generosity."

The titles of the day-long seminars are: "Fearless Change in the Small Congregation – Clarity, Creativity, and Occasionally Conflict"; "Creating a Lean, Effective Organization in Small Churches;" and "Beyond Generosity: Church Fundraising Based on Relationship, Vision, and Competence".

All congregations struggle with change and with the conflict often engendered by even the most insignificant change. Many congregations approach change with great creativity and vigor, but in some congregations even one or two voices opposed to a change can carry inordinate weight and cause excruciating conflict. This course will help leaders of small congregations understand why change is so hard, what they can do to practice and prepare for change, and how to address conflicts that erupt in the face of change.

Many congregations struggle under the weight of organizational structures that were created at a time when the congregations were much larger than today. As a result, nominating committees have a difficult time filling vacancies in these large governing structures; members experience burn-out as they serve on multiple committees/boards/teams; and an inordinate amount of time goes into the governance of the congregation.

Church leaders often try to raise money by encouraging people to become more generous, or to adopt a philosophy of "abundance." Meanwhile, our most generous potential donors are directing their gifts to other charities that focus on building relationships, projecting an inspiring vision, and building trust in the competence of the institution to carry out its plans. This course will offer a peek into the secular fundraising playbook. Churches stand to benefit by dropping some of the unproductive trappings of traditional stewardship campaigns and asking for support in a more streamlined and effective way.

Around Our Church

SoulCollage® Workshop: Gratitude & Thanksgiving

Come together for a morning of creativity and meditation on themes of Gratitude and Thanksgiving! All materials and supplies will be provided for you to create collaged cards reflecting your thoughts and feelings about these themes. We will hear music, poems, and readings and choose from a wealth of images to stimulate our imaginations. It is my hope that you would leave the workshop with a greater feeling of well-being and deep gratitude for all God's Gifts in your life! Join Liz Greenberg, SoulCollage® Facilitator, in Currier on Saturday, November 14th, 9am-12pm. Fee of \$20 covers all materials and tools. I'd like to know how many to prepare for, so please RSVP to: lizgreenberg26@gmail.com.

Mitten Tree Project is Back

It's that time of year again! Looking for knitters and crocheters for the mitten tree project. We need about 35 to 40 pairs. There is a bucket in Currier Hall with donations of yarn. Please feel free to take what you need to knit or crochet mittens from the heart for many little fingers. Directions for both styles will be in the box also. The last day for collection is December 13th to get them to the children before their school vacation. If you have any questions, please contact me, Gloria Bingel at 548-0908.

Pastor Heidi's Ordination

It is with great joy that we share the news that our newly called Associate pastor, Heidi, will be ordained at Old South Church in Boston on **December 6th at 3:00 PM!** FPC is working on transportation possibilities for those who do not wish to drive, but would like to attend. All members and friends of FPC are very welcome to attend.

Recipe Idea

Here at First Parish, we have many times throughout the year where people bring delicious dishes from home to share with others. During these events if you bring in homemade goods, please attach the recipe so: 1) Those with food allergies may know what's in the dish 2) Those who love what you made may copy the recipe!

Meeting Update

In honor of Veteran's Day, there will be no Communication Cohort in November. Please be reminded that if you have information to share with any of our leaders, you may do so at any time. All meetings are open to members and friends of FPC.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in Currier Hall on Friday, November 6th from 2:00-7:00PM. Appointments are recommended. Please schedule online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

November Calendar

FPC officeadmin, [Contacts](#), [First Parish Church UCC](#), [FPC Events](#), [Holidays in United States](#), [Nutfield](#), [Other Groups](#)

Nov 2015 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time ends 7am - Pancake Breakfast ~ 9am - Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ 10am - Worship ~ 10:15am - Sun. School ~ 11:15am - Handchime	2 7pm - Trp 405 Board of 7pm - Trp 405 Mtg ~ 7pm - Trp 405 ~ Nursery	3 9:30am - Nutfield Gym ~ 4pm - GS Trp 20993 ~ 6:15pm - GS 20321~Luke 6:30pm - AA ~ Library 7pm - Bible Wonder ~ Cook 7pm - OA ~ A/B	4 6pm - GS Trp 13152 ~ Luke 6:30pm - Deacons ~ Cook 7pm - AA 12 Step	5 4:30pm - GS Trp 11080 ~ 6:30pm - BSA Venture Crew 6:30pm - CS Pack 405 Mtg 7pm - CE ~ Nursery 7pm - Sr. Choir ~ Music 7pm - Stewardship ~ Cook	6 2pm - Red Cross Blood 7pm - AA Serenity Sisters ~	7 8am - Scouting for Hunger 9:30am - HPC ~ MacGregor 7:30pm - AA ~ Currier
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In Our Community

The Ministry of Christian Healing

November 14, 2015

9:00am-4:30pm

New Creation Healing Center
80 Route 125, Kingston, NH 03848

Registration Fee: \$40 before Nov. 5th
\$45 after Nov. 5th

Group Discount \$35 per person (5 or more)
Must reg. by Nov. 5th. Healthy lunch provided

Visit www.newcreationhc.org for information about
the event

14th Annual “Family Matters” Auction

To Benefit
The Upper Room
(Presented by La Carreta)

Promises to Keep
199 Rockingham Road, Derry
Friday, November 6, 2015
5:30 pm

Come celebrate with live Mariachi
music, complimentary wine (while
supplies last) and great food from local
restaurants.

Silent Auction ends at 6:45 pm
Live Auction begins at 7:00 pm

\$35 per guest and \$350 for a table

An Evening of Thanks & Giving

To Benefit
Family Promise of Greater Rockingham County

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

Young Talent Showcase
Dinner ~ Dessert ~ Silent Auction ~ Raffle
DJ ~ Cash Bar

\$45/person ~ \$450/table of 10

Tickets and Details at:
www.familypromisegrc.org
Click on *Gala Nov. 13*



Scripture Readings

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

November 1st – Proper 26 (All Saints Day)

Ruth 1:1-8
Psalm 146
Heb 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 8th – Proper 27 (Consecration Sunday)

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Psalm 146
Heb 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15th – Proper 28

1 Sam 1:4-20
1 Sam 2:1-10
Psalm 16
Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22nd – Proper 29

2 Sam 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
Psalm 93
Rev 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 29th – 1st Sun. of Advent (Year C)

Jer 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thes 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Worship Leadership

Deacons & Lay Readers

Deacons of the Month

Steve Davis and Reni Harnden

November 1st: Malyssa Deranian

November 8th: Julie Turner

November 15th: Brian Williams

November 22nd: Fred Merrill

November 29th: Pat Plouff

Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

Nov. 1st: Ushers: Diaconate

Greeters: Verna Elwell & Shirley Dickason

Nov. 8th: Ushers: Stanley & Holly Gorgol

Tom & Andrea Cooper

Greeters: David & Lorie McGrath

Nov. 15th: Ushers: Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell

Joe Weaver, Suzanne Hunt

Greeter: Diane Breeden

Nov. 22nd: Ushers: Ross & Linda Webber

Kevin & Diane Gordon

Greeters: Wayne & Lisa Hall

Nov. 29th: Ushers: Ken Gould, Diane Breeden

Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason

Greeters: Mark Pingree & Nancy Magee

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

Check us out on the web:

www.fpc-ucc.org

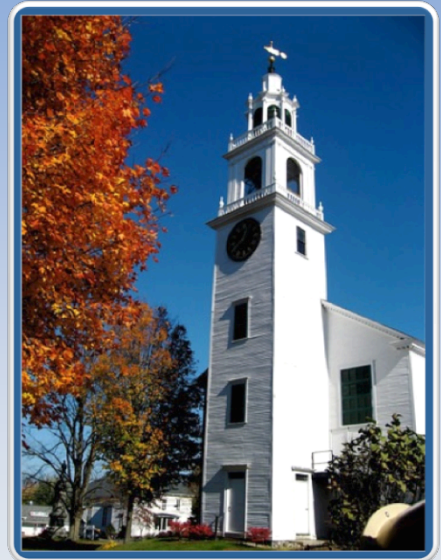
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