

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,

Recently a member of the congregation said to me "I hate change." Believe it or not, there aren't many of us that enjoy "change" and the truth is that I cannot protect you from change. It will happen.

I found a poignant article by Samantha Bennett. I bring it to you now. Let me know what you think:

"Oh, I HATE change!" she said.

And she shook her head and she closed her eyes and shuddered again. "Hate it!"

"Really?" I said, "Because change sure loves you."

Change loves you. Look at how change is always present in your life, swirling around you and taking you in new directions. Change wants you to notice what's happening right now. Change points out the infinite possibilities in each new moment.

Change wants to keep you from dwelling in the past (which is a dream) and from fretting about the future (also a dream) and keep you right here, in the gift of the present moment.

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Upcoming Events

Friday, April 1st, 7:00 PM

First Friday at Exeter UCC

Sunday, April 3rd, 4:00 PM

Songweavers Concert in sanctuary

Tuesday, April 5th, 12th, 26th

6:30-8:30 PM

Bible Study in Cook

**Wednesday, April 13th,
12:30 PM**

Keeping In Touch (K.I.T.) in Currier Hall

Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 PM

Council in Cook

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 the present moment is our one big chance to create something new. Our ability to make something out of apparent nothingness is miraculous. But it is only possible thanks to change. And change is so forgiving. If we miss our chance to change a minute ago, here change is again, fresh as ever.

Sometimes change shows off with a fabulous sunset or a look from a stranger across a crowded room or a big, unmistakable transition like a birth or a death, but mostly change just dwells right here with us in each heartbeat.

Feel that? Each breath is change. Each meal, each step, each smile - we are ever-transforming. Things may feel the same, but it's an illusion, like gazing at a stream or a waterfall, which appears static but is actually nothing but movement.

So:
 with us all the time...
 located in the present moment...
 contains infinite possibilities...
 forgiving... eternal...
 generative... creative...
 omnipresent...

Change is not just good: change is God. Let me say that another way. Change is not just good: change is the presence of the Divine.

Now, I don't believe that the Divine cares how you feel about It. The Divine just keeps being the Divine whether you believe or don't believe, notice or don't notice, call It by one name or another name or don't call on It at all.

But I find my life goes more smoothly when I cooperate and when I quit trying to have control over that which I clearly have no control. Much like arguing with gravity, hating change is rather a futile effort. Better, maybe, to allow the laws of gravity to support you, and to allow the laws of change to enlighten you and to reveal more love to you, so that you may be in closer relationship with the Divinity of every beautiful, fleeting moment."



We are facing a whole myriad of changes in the weeks and months to come. Even when we "hate change", would it be possible to appreciate that God is among what we are doing? The presence of the Divine is with us in all we do. Let us face change with grace and compassion – in keeping with what our Lord Jesus taught us.

Emmanuel! God is with us!

I thank God for you each and every day!

Pastor Deborah



2016 Adult Faith Formation at First Parish Congregational Church (Times to be announced for each event)

April 5th – May 10th from 6:30-8:30 PM – Exploring the Bible: A 6 week overview

Join us for this thoughtful, thought provoking journey as we survey our sacred texts, and explore it in new ways. Even if you don't think "Bible study" is for you, we promise you this one is. Endorsed by some of the best theologians of our time, and lay folks alike, it's sure to be a fun and interesting exploration. Please let Pastor Deborah or Pastor Heidi know if you'd like to attend, so we can ensure we have enough books!

May 17th – June 7th – Christianity Hot Topics: All of the questions you thought were off limits, or are too afraid to ask (even the Book of Revelation)

Does everyone go to Heaven? What happens when we die? Does this Bible passage really mean what I think it means? Is there really a literal hell? Too often we think these questions have no place in church or the life of our faith, but we encourage you to bring your questions to church. This is 21st Century Discipleship. Come with an curious spirit, and an open mind!
No RSVP required.

June 8th – July 11th – Year end wrap-up/Break

We'll take a quick breather from our weeknight meetings to allow maximum participation in the end of our church program year, school festivities and more. We'll gather back together in July!

July 19th, July 26th, August 9th, and August 16th – The Shack: A Summer Reading Journey

The Shack is the unlikelyest of stories. The first and only book written by a salesman from Oregon, it was self-published on a shoestring budget. There are now over a million copies in print, and it spent months on best seller lists everywhere. William Paul Young's groundbreaking, extraordinary story is a heart-stirring, challenging, provoking work for people of deep faith and no faith alike. Join us for discussion as we read through it together! Pastor Heidi marks it among her very favorite books to read in a small group.

August 15th-September 10th - Summer Recess/Faith Formation in the world

While we won't be formally meeting during the week at the end of the summer, we encourage you to take what you've learned so far through the year into the world. Then, make sure to come back and give us your testimony in the fall.

September 13th-October 4th - Glorify: Reclaiming Progressive Discipleship by Emily C. Heath

We kick off our fall faith formation with this extraordinary work for a 21st century church. This primer on Christian Discipleship for the progressive church turns the foundations of Jesus' Gospel into a vision of what progressive Christianity needs today. We'll read the book and discuss it together. At the end of our time together, Rev. Heath will join us for a book signing and discussion!

October 11th-November 1st - Exploring the Bible: Hebrew Bible 6 week series

We'll go from a broad overview to deeper exploration as we dive into the Hebrew Bible (sometimes called the Old Testament). This portion of the Bible contains some of our most challenging texts. While we can read them alone, it's so much richer to explore them in community. All are welcome if it's your first time or 100th time reading the Bible.

November 8th-November 22nd - Break

Take this time to be grateful for the gifts God has given to us as you prepare for Thanksgiving with your families. Feeling brave? Offer testimony in church about what you're grateful for if you're feeling brave!

November 29th-December 20th - Advent Exploration (More details to come)

Our 2015 Advent small group was one of the most well reviewed of the year. We'll gather again to explore this sacred, holy, mysterious season of watching and waiting together. Stay tuned for more details!

Stewardship Board

“THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD IS “ALL IN”!!

2016 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN- ‘THE MODERN TITHE’.

THRIVE ON A TITHE YOUR TAX REFUND FOR 2016.

TRY A TITHE SUNDAY ON JUNE 19, 2016

ARE YOU IN??

The Stewardship Board asks that members and friends of First Parish Church will prayerfully consider “Coming on Board”!!

“THRIVE ON A TITHE YOUR TAX REFUND FOR 2016”

Stewardship is a journey that is grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer, and lived in faith. Each of these vital elements of Stewardship is necessary for growing faithful and generous stewards here at First Parish Church.

Real Bounty, Real Generosity occurs when we are mindful of our most vital partner on the journey, and that is God.

Scripture directs us to give generously, willingly, and happily. We should not give out of self-serving motives (Acts: 8, 18,19) seeking to gain something from God. Our giving, when done rightly, is an act of worship. So, we should each procure the right intentions for our giving. Our motivation should be worship; our attitude should be willing.

“Thrive on a Tithe Your Tax Refund for 2016” is a creative and alternative for 2016 to generate additional income from the Stewardship Board to go into your Pledge Income.

We really want you to get excited when that US Treasury check comes in the mail and you know that 10% will be pledged to First Parish Church. The Stewardship Board wants to make this FUN and will give weekly updates in the Sunday bulletin. Feel free to write the words **“Thrive on a Tithe”** in the memo section of your check!

- Submitted by Carl Hepworth on behalf on Stewardship Board

Stewardship

REPORT

Stewardship Board

“TRY A TITHE SUNDAY”- JUNE 19, 2016

With Joy and Thanksgiving!

In an effort to connect giving with discipleship and faith practices, the focus of Try A Tithe Sunday is to invite and encourage each household to grow toward a tithe, to a tithe and beyond a tithe as they have been blessed.

Stewardship is more than just giving to a budget. Living and growing as faithful stewards means that we give of our Time, our Talents, and our Treasures with Joy and Thanksgiving. Stewardship is a statement of faith that who we are and everything we have, not just possessions, but all of creation, belongs to God. 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.

We want everyone to experience a taste of God's abundance, and what is possible when we become grateful and generous stewards of all that belongs to God, through

“Try A Tithe Sunday”

“Try A Tithe Sunday” an invitation for those who call First Parish Church their church home to try for one Sunday giving one week's tithe (10 percent of your households net weekly income), on **Sunday, June 19th**.

What is “Try A Tithe Sunday”? It is first an invitation for those to give one week's tithe on Sunday, June 19th (10 percent of net household weekly income). ***“Try a Tithe Sunday” is above and beyond your regular weekly pledge.** * The purpose is to demonstrate what our giving potential could be if every household in our church family tithed (gave 10%).

Why are we doing this? God's Work is accomplished on earth through the tithes and offerings of God's people. By having a **“Try A Tithe Sunday”**, we will experience the abundance of God's provision and witness the possibilities for ministry and mission. As we witness the resources available through being grateful and generous givers with the Tithe (10%), we become excited about what God can accomplish through us. Another reason we do this is to have a starting point and plan to take steps toward becoming Tithers together.

How are we going to do “Try A Tithe Sunday”? You will be receiving a letter, spreadsheet, and a special “Try A Tithe” envelope two weeks prior to “Try A Tithe Sunday”, June 19th (we will also have them available at church). Find your weekly giving level if you were to tithe and write a check for that amount, put it into the “Try A Tithe” envelope and bring that to worship on June 19th to be added to your regular weekly pledge amount.

What if I won't be in church that Sunday? If you can't attend church on Sunday June 19th, please use one of these options:

1. Mail in your “Try A Tithe” envelope so it will arrive prior to June 19th
2. Give your “Try A Tithe” envelope a week earlier.
3. Drop off your “Try A Tithe” envelope in the church office ahead of time.

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What if I'm already tithing? Again, this is an "additional" special tithing offering, like a 53rd week!

What if I do not feel I am able to participate in "Try A Tithe Sunday." or tithe? God calls us to give what we can, not what we can't. The Bible reminds us that God loves a cheerful giver. If you are unemployed, underemployed, in school, under the financial care of someone else, then there may be no income to tithe. God's challenge in the Scripture is for each Christian to become a generous giver by giving our first and our best to Him. Therefore, tithing becomes less an issue of the wallet, and more an issue of faith and trust. Maybe God is calling you to give more of your time in service, through the church or in the community?

Your Stewardship Board,
John Bartel, Carl Hepworth, Margie Ives, Glenn Pope, Joyce Pope, and Sue Weaver.



Finance Committee

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Financial Committee Report as of 2/29/16

Pledges received year to date: \$34,243

Budgeted year to date pledges: \$35,000



Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Zimbabwe Sunday: The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions (BOCOM) in collaboration with the Community Life Committee and the Board of Christian Education hosted a Zimbabwe informational Sunday on February 28th. The event included a pot-luck dinner featuring native Zimbabwean food such as Mazda. Dr. Eric Hobbie (who has visited Zimbabwe 5 times) provided the sermon in Pastor Deborah's absence and Pastor Michele Bagby Allan from the North Hampton UCC, who had recently led a delegation of youths to Zimbabwe, shared information concerning daily life in Zimbabwe. Pastor Michele was able to stop by our sister church in Dangamvura, Mutare, during her visit and hand deliver a letter from Missions to Rev. David Peyiye. Pastor Michele also presented the 2016 Ukama Partnership Water/Food Security Project. The projects goal is to raise \$7,300 for the drilling of a "Bore Hole" to provide clean water to a primary school (Dimiri near Mt. Selinda) in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe Pen-Pal Program: The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions is in the early phases of revitalizing this program. More will follow over the next few months.

Ukama Regional Educational Night: The first "Ukama Regional Educational Night" will be held at the Chester Congregational Church on April 20th at 5:30 (bring and share supper). There will be information presented on the Shared Water/Food Security Project and Covenant. There will also be some more specifics on the bore hole and maize project as well as the history of our partnership. All are invited.

The Derry Friendship Center: Missions has added the Derry Friendship Center to our list of monthly donations. For over 30 years the Derry Friendship Center has provided a safe, confidential, alcohol and drug free environment for people seeking and/or maintaining recovery from substance abuse and to participate in activities and ongoing rehabilitative peer support to people in recovery from alcoholism and drug abuse.

Monthly Giving: The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions 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	\$100
First Baptist Food Pantry	\$100
Community Caregivers	\$100
Derry Friendship Center	\$100
Family Promise	\$100
Pastoral Counseling	\$100
Upper Room	\$100
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$100

Respectfully Submitted,

The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions (BOCOM): Joe Weaver, Gloria Bingel, Sue Brown, Beth Hunter, Karen Wilson, Kathy Holland, Kris Barker, Bart Wetherbee, Melanie Van Steensburg (Affiliate member)

Fundraising Committee

FPC Dining for Dollars Fun and Fellowship Events

Our events at Panera Bread in January and at Texas Roadhouse were well attended and enjoyed by everyone. We've already received a check from Texas Roadhouse for \$178 and we received \$128 from Panera Bread.

Save the Dates: Thursday, April 21st, 4-9 PM, our next FPC Dining for Dollars Fun and Fellowship event will be hosted by Applebee's Restaurant in Derry. They will give us 15% of our meals for the evening. If you haven't been to one of these yet, come on out to enjoy the chance for fellowship and good food! **Sunday, May 22nd, 4-9 PM** at Margarita's Restaurant in Manchester. They will give us 20% of all food and drink ordered at the event. They are thrilled to welcome us back after our very successful event last year!

Hannafords Fundraiser

Our weekly re-load order is running between \$1000 and \$3000 weekly, earning the church \$50-\$150/week – just to buy groceries we would buy anyway! For the first quarter of 2016, we have earned over \$700 for the church. Remember that you can reload or buy cards every Sunday outside Currier, by check or cash.

Even if you're not a Hannafords shopper regularly, you could still support the program (and the church) by purchasing the bonus cards we earn each week. FPC earns free gift cards representing 5% of our total order. We currently have several cards in a range of dollar amounts available for purchase. These make great gifts for your college student, a friend or neighbor going through a rough patch, a donation to the Upper Room or Pastor's discretionary fund, or just a "Pay It Forward" gift to someone in the grocery line!

Thank you, everyone, for participating and making these programs such a great success!

Submitted by Liz Greenberg

Summary Update about Treasure Hunt

Thanks to all who helped make the recent Treasure Hunt (the tag sale/silent auction that was held in February) a success! A total of \$401 was raised! Over the past few months, lots of people have been cleaning and reorganizing many spaces in the church! Many people have moved items! We appreciate all the energy and time people have spent recently!

On Saturday, March 12th, Habitat for Humanity's Manchester Warehouse sent a truck and 2 movers and they took almost all of the leftover large items from the tag sale. A helpful group of First Parish volunteers helped to load the truck and made the pick-up of those pieces of furniture go smoothly. We are grateful that a local organization will probably find homes where these items will be used.

- Nancy Heywood and Liz Greenberg

We Want to Know...

First Parish will be starting the first phase of a significant rehabilitation project! Could you spend a few minutes and think about the meetinghouse and share your thoughts with us? We know that First Parish is much, much, more than a building, and certainly worship and community are important to us, but for the following questions we are interested in your thoughts about the meetinghouse structure itself – the wooden structure originally built in 1769, expanded in 1824, and renovated many, many times.

1. What is one of your favorite things about the meetinghouse?
2. What are one or two words you would use to describe the sanctuary?
3. What have you learned recently about the meetinghouse?
4. What is one of your concerns about the meetinghouse?

Need a jumpstart? Some aspects of meetinghouse:

Stained glass windows

Tower with 3 clocks

Bell

Balcony

Sun in the sanctuary

Age of building

Split/stretched in 1824

Post office window

Dena's kitchen

Town offices once on ground floor

Vintage lift!

Please turn completed questionnaires into the office, or leave them in an envelope on the bulletin board across from the archives room in the Noyes building. Another option would be to complete this questionnaire online: <http://bit.ly/meetinghousethoughts>

Thanks so much! Historical Preservation Committee, First Parish Congregational Church

Building Advisory Committee

Well, you are starting to see work happening around the church related to the next phase of our rehabilitation projects. After what seems like a long time since we approved this rehabilitation work, things are going to happen fast and furious! BAC has spent much of the last year planning and putting into place the details of the foundation replacement and new connector build. Contractors have been interviewed, decisions made, questions answered, contracts signed, discussions with state preservation officials, discussions with town officials and details reviewed, modified, reviewed again. Most of this work has not been obvious to you, but the BAC has been extremely busy performing the oversight charged to us by the congregation.

You can see that Preservation Timber Framing (PTF) has been removing siding in various places to determine the exact structural elements of the building and the degree of rot and deterioration. This is to prepare for the lifting of the building. Members of our various committees, along with other volunteers, have moved items out of the meetinghouse and stored them elsewhere (other rooms in Noyes and Currier, in the pod, off site). The choir has moved to the Luke classroom. The cabinets in Dena's kitchen have been removed by Bill Wheeler and Harry Carter to allow for the asbestos remediation of the floor tiles. This is all in preparation for the work occurring over the next few months when the meetinghouse building will not be accessible.

Specific dates are not set for all activities, but here is what you will be seeing in the next month:

Date	Activity
March 27	Easter; last service in the sanctuary
April 3	Songweavers concert, last activity in sanctuary; first worship service in Currier
April 5	Removal of organ pipes by Andover Organ
April 7	Isolation of MacGregor hall for asbestos remediation by EnviroVantage
April 11	Removal of asbestos tiles in MacGregor by EnviroVantage
April	Removal of heating system in the music room
April	Removal of the 2 chimneys in the meetinghouse
April	Remove stained glass windows and store in sanctuary
April	Remove wall plaques and store in sanctuary
April	Remove lift
April	Remove fire escape stairs
April - May	Temporarily move lilac bushes
April - May	Closing and demolition of the current connector
April - May	Begin site work for foundation

Watch the activity and stay tuned for an update next month. If you have questions, please see one of us.

Your BAC: Paul Ambler (Chair), Nancy Heywood, Larry Krantz, Paul Lindemann, Bill Mann

Rehab Fundraising Committee Update

A Most Productive Beginning

Twenty-three hours after the congregation's March 6th vote to hire fundraising consultant Carlton & Company, we had our kick-off meeting with principal Bill Carlton. He didn't leave for ten days.

This first stage of campaign preparation focuses on identifying potential large donors and building our leadership team.

Bill met with several parishioners and a community member and is rapidly building a network of leads and tips about key folks in town. He'll be back the week of April 4th to continue these sessions. Please chat with him if you haven't: he has an amazing ability to extract more information than you even know you have!

Bill's colleague Gary Webster was also here. He is developing the "case," the compelling written description that will help encourage donations. He absorbed our relatively complete starting materials, also talked with several members, and expects to have a first rough draft fairly soon.

I hadn't known what to expect working with these new experts, but I can't imagine any better first couple of weeks. Our challenge is huge and the potential for giving from the community is still untested, but I'm convinced we're off to a good start.

If you'd like to learn more about the fundraising fundamentals Bill Carlton is teaching us, watch this video on YouTube. It's not by Bill, but is consistent with his approach: [Basics of Non Profit Fundraising in 12 minutes!](#)

- Submitted by Paul Lindemann for the RFC: Liz Greenberg, Harry Handy, Chris O'Brien, Bill Mann, and Pastor Deborah

Catching Up With Pastor Deborah

We are so busy!

We are so busy Sunday morning. I never get the chance to just sit and chat with most of you! When we have meetings, we "meet" but we don't catch up with one another.

How are you – really? What is new? Did your son get that job he was hoping for? Did your grandchild get that part in the play? What!? – you're going where?!

Please email or call me to set up a time to "catch up". Come alone. Come in groups 3, or 5.

That's a lot going on! Let's catch up!

Pastor Deborah (pastordebora@fpc-ucc.org or 434-0628)

Gratitude to Best Breakfast

The Best Breakfast.

I first brought my son here when he was seven for Cub Scouts. Then I would ask each of my children to volunteer helping out in the kitchen. Just to learn and touch people beyond their years. To learn to care!

For some people, like me, it is their only good breakfast each week. A chance to listen, feel wanted and hear the footsteps of children at their feet. All the bacon you can eat.

Over on the wall is my Eagle Scout plaque. Once a single panel when I came but now, three panels are almost filled. But it is not just a plaque but each name comes with a family, a mom, a dad whose but for a brief time of their life I shared. A boy's smile to grow to learn to choose his path.

Together we learned in canoes, trails, helping others, cold nights in tents the softness of a boy's dream to become a dad just like me.

So many families and boys through the many years.

People come just to talk. The only dress code is you wear a smile and allow one hand to be shared. Sometimes national politicians come, but most its dads and moms just like me.

This is New England at its best. And through these years, I sit and observe: children change into parents. Now those parents change into me.

To just sit here and observe our life as it wanders into quiet, the reflection never anticipated to be, is the gift of Best Breakfast for me.

You learn a lot about people just by watching them grow – learning to smile and say hello.

Five dollars for anything you want for breakfast. What a bargain for just a chance to hear sounds of friendship while you eat. A brief rest from a week's struggle of life's journey in need of repair.

Funny what I want is just to say thank you for all the kindness that has been shared here to me and my children through the years. A quiet dad who now is the one beyond his years.

So I say Wiggle your feet. Some people like the girl under the tree care and see you have a hand to spare.

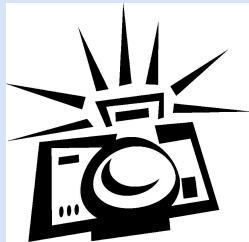
Gratefully,
Mike Rounds (Boy Scout Leader)

Around Our Church

Save the Dates!

As previously mentioned, professional photographers from Lifetouch will be at the church on **May 20, 21, June 10 and 11** taking our pictures for the new pictorial directory. By participating in a portrait session, you will receive a free 8x10 family portrait, and an updated church directory. Additional pictures may be purchased, however you will not be obligated nor pressured to do so. All are invited and encouraged to participate. Stay tuned on how you can schedule your appointment, including an online option. Additional information will be available very soon.

Brian Williams, Carol Bates,
Cindy Pingree, and
Paula Robinson



First Friday Event

The **April 1st First Friday** event will be a trip to Exeter UCC to watch "Spotlight" together and discuss the film. If you're going, please let Pastor Deborah know!

Looking for a Home

Looking for a 2 bedroom apartment or small house with 2 bedrooms to rent for under \$1000. Quiet, semi-retired couple with a cat. Have lived in Derry for 31 years. Don't want to leave area or church family, but must if we don't find something. Please call Gloria at 548-0908. Thank you in advance!

So Glad I'm Here:

Songweavers 25th Anniversary Concert

Sunday, April 3, 2016, 4:00 PM
First Parish Sanctuary

Tickets: \$20 per adult
\$15 per student/senior

A last minute reminder that there are still tickets available for the Songweavers 25th Anniversary Concert, happening here at First Parish in our sanctuary on Sunday, April 3rd at 4:00 PM!

Songweavers is a 100+ women's a capella chorus from the Concord Community Music School conducted by Peggo Horstmann Hodes. Our own Pastor Deborah is a singer in the group! This exciting concert celebrates Songweavers 25th anniversary of delighting and entertaining audiences for over two decades with their voices and vibrancy. This concert will also be the last event held in our historic sanctuary before it undergoes rehabilitation work.

There will be a light reception to follow the concert, and CDs will also be for sale afterwards! Tickets to the event are \$20 per adult and \$15 per student or senior. Proceeds go toward the building rehabilitation.



Songweavers

In The Community

Sonshine Soup Kitchen

The Annual Meeting of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen is **Wednesday, April 6th** at 6:00 PM at the First Baptist Church on Crystal Avenue. You are invited to attend for our annual report and an update on where we are with Build to Feed. This is the project to relocate to a bigger building nearby with handicapped accessibility. Contact Margie Ives for more information.

An Evening of Celtic Music with Charlie Zahm

**Friday, April 29, 2016
7:30 PM**

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
63 E. Broadway, Derry
Admission: \$15.00

Proceeds to benefit Community Caregivers of Greater Derry

With a baritone voice some have described as "coming along once in a generation", Charlie brings an authentic love and respect for the music he sings – and with dashes of humor and a light in his eyes he will draw you into the stories of his songs!

For tickets contact: Community Caregivers of
Greater Derry, 1B Commons Dr. Unit 10,
Londonderry, NH
Or call: 603-432-0877
Cash, checks, or major credit cards accepted

Model Passover Seder

Sunday, April 10, 2016, 1:00-3:00 PM

Etz Hayim Synagogue

1 ½ Hood Road, Derry, NH

Cost: FREE (Like the Israelites when they left Egypt)

RSVP: pastordeborah@fpc-ucc.org by 4/4/16

Why will **THIS** event
be different from all other events?

At this event we will share a Model Passover Seder with Derry's interfaith community. At this event we will sing and dance during the "meal" and **not** wait til' it's over. At this event, we will learn about the history and symbols of the Seder. At this event we will ask and answer all kinds of questions.



Scripture Readings

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

April 3rd – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29

Rev 14-8

John 20:19-31

April 10th – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Rev 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

April 17th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Rev 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

April 24th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Rev 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Worship Leadership

Deacons & Lay Readers

Deacons of the Month

Fred Merrill and Joanne Worthen

April 3rd: Ashley Cox

April 10th: Joanne Worthen

April 17th: Diane Breeden

April 24th: Fred Merrill

Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

April 3rd: Ushers: Diaconate

Greeters: Verna Elwell & Shirley Dickason

April 10th: Ushers: Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell

Joe Weaver, Suzanne Hunt

Greeters: Mark Pingree and Nancy Magee

April 17th: Ushers: Ross and Linda Webber

Kevin and Diane Gordon

Greeter: Becky Fleury

April 24th: Ushers: Ken Gould, Diane Breeden

Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason

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

Check us out on the web:

www.fpc-ucc.org

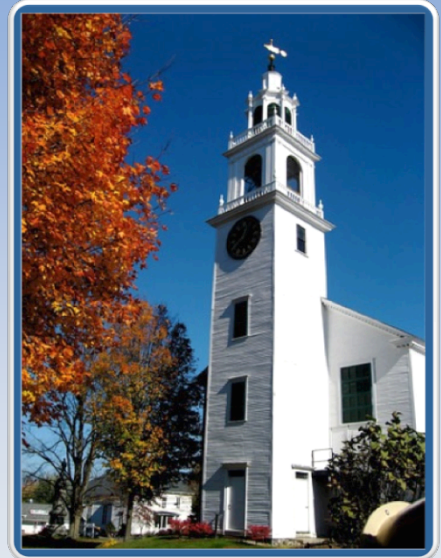
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