

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 Associate Pastor's Desk

Beloved of God,

As we prepare to celebrate another Pentecost Sunday, I got to thinking about what it means to be a pentecostal Christian (notice the lack of capitalization of the word pentecostal). Certainly the word "pentecostal" comes with all sorts of assumptions and presumptions. We think it has to do with speaking in tongues, loud shouts of alleluias, and dancing in the aisles of the church. Lots of you know that I've spent time in churches who would fit that description, and deeply value those contributions in our worship life as they appear. I even identify myself as a pentecostal! And, the word pentecostal is so much bigger than one church or congregation. We think it has to do with a particular theological position, or a certain style of worship. But at the heart of the word, being a pentecostal Christian in a pentecostal church is really very simple, and boils down to one thing – are we receptive to the holy spirit within and among us? Are we paying attention to where the Spirit might be moving in our church, in our community, and in our world?

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Upcoming Events

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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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Here in the United Church of Christ we like to say that God is still speaking. We even have it on a banner on the front of our church. But how often do we live as if that were really true? How often do we wake up and ask ourselves, “what will the Holy Spirit say to me today? How will God choose to speak to me today?” How would our interactions with others change if we thought there was a possibility that God’s Holy Spirit was moving and speaking through them? How would our own actions change if we believed that God was actually moving and speaking through us?

To be pentecostal Christians, we must be receptive to the still speaking voice of God all around us. Being a pentecostal church means being a church that pays attention. Not only that, we must be willing to let that still speaking voice guide us and move us in our lives. It means that we not only listen for the voice of the Spirit among us, but that we allow it to move us when we hear it speak. So perhaps the question is, as we approach Pentecost this year, what is the Spirit saying to you? Where is the Spirit moving you? And are you willing to respond? Are you willing to be a pentecostal Christian? Are we willing to be a pentecostal Church? I hope so!

Blessings,

Pastor Heidi

The Birch Tree in the Yard

By Eileen Cox

I’ve watched this lovely birch tree
Since it was very small.
Reaching always reaching,
Trying to grow tall.

And now it’s grown and still its arms
Reach up to the sky,
Reaching up and praising God
And saying “Here am I”.

**Thanks to Eileen Cox for sharing her beautiful poem
with us during the Earth Week service, April 24th!*

May-July 2016 Faith Formation at First Parish Congregational Church

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 a curious spirit, and an open mind!

No preparation required.

Sunday, June 5th – Children and Youth Sunday

On June 5th, we will celebrate the children and youth of our congregation by elevating their leadership in worship. With help from Pastor Heidi, Sue Handy, and the FPC Choir, our young people will design and lead worship for us. If you are a child, youth, or parent of one, and interested in being a part of the service, please let Pastor Heidi know ASAP.

Summer Church School

Our theme for Summer Church School this year will be “Under Construction” in honor of the historic restoration work happening at First Parish. Are you interested in teaching, or helping out? Please see Pastor Heidi, or a member of the CE Board.

Church School Open House

On Sunday, June 5th immediately following worship, Christian Education will host a church school open house in John. This is an opportunity to see what the church school kids and youth have been up to this year, and to visit our K-4 classroom space if you haven't already. All are welcome.

Vacation Church School: Come Ride the Wave of God's Love!

Vacation Church School for 2016 will be July 18th-22nd from 9 AM-12 PM. Programming is open to Preschool-6th grade students. 7th-12th grade youth helpers always welcome! College and adult aged folks who want to teach also welcome. Registration will open in May. Please see Pastor Heidi or email her with questions at: pastorheidiheath@gmail.com.

Faith Formation



Diaconate News

As of this writing, we have celebrated three services in Currier Hall. It has been an interesting time to say the least and what the Deacons would like to convey is that our mission is to keep service as comfortable and reverent as possible. As with any move one thinks they have all the contingency plans they need but it is never quite that simple, is it? On the very first day, being Communion Sunday, poor Fred Merrill had all the juice poured into the cups when we said “what are they going to do with the cups after?” We have no circular slots on the pews like in the Sanctuary? We chose not to go with the plan of taking the bread, drinking the wine and dropping off the cups all at the same time so we quickly changed to Intinction. Then we realized we wouldn’t need 6 Deacons, only 4. That was the easy part! We also came to the discovery that some of the older benches were, in fact, wobbly and needed some quick repairs if we were to continue to use them. What about coffee hour? Is it too much to have our friends setting up for coffee hour competing with service? How do we quickly change over after service? Should we continue to tape the sermon even though we had no balcony? Will it work on the floor?

These were but a few of the concerns that were raised, not only by Deacons but perhaps by some of you. We hope that you can see that we are attempting to harness all the small inconveniences that this necessary move has cost and that you will not only bear with us but offer suggestions. All of the church family are able constituents to make this work.

The up side is that we have had three wonderful services. Seeing our pastor on the old pulpit was a striking reminder that church and messaging are powerful. The history of our proud church is powerful. The fact that we can overcome just as our forefathers did (though for us remarkably minute compared to them) is powerful. We are a fortunate assembly. We support and love one another through this. As my late Marine Corps husband would say “Adapt and Overcome”. I believe we have done this in great style. Thanks to all of you for your patience and let your Deacons know how we can enhance our service.

- Cyndi Gray on behalf of the Diaconate, Diane Dunn, Diane Gordon, Diana Sweeney, Jo Worthen, Fred Merrill, Brian Williams, Sarah Keller, Carol Bates, Cindy Pingree, Reni Harnden, Becca Cobban



Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Strengthen the Church: The United Church of Christ has a goal for all of its congregations to be 5 for 5, giving to all five of the UCC's special offerings throughout the year. Strengthen the Church is one of the special offerings along with Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, and the Christmas Fund. First Parish Church has met that goal through your generous donations.

Strengthen the Church is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, it largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. Please support this important ministry. There will be envelopes provided in the pews. The suggested offering date for the Strengthen the Church offering is Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Zimbabwe Pen-Pal Program: The Board of Christian Outreach and Mission is in the early phases of revitalizing the Pen-Pal program. We have recently learned that Rev. Peyiye of our sister church in Dangamvura, Mutare, Zimbabwe has moved to the United States. It is not known at this time if Rev. Peyiye's replacement has been called yet. We do have the name of a contact who will be able to connect us to the leaders of the Dangamvura Church so that we can continue to pursue this program. More will follow over the next few months.

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's Discretionary Fund	\$100*

*Missions provided an additional \$339.02 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in April.

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

We finally received a check from Panera Bread for \$128. Our Applebee's event on April 21st was really well attended by over 70 First Parish members and friends. Great food and fellowship enjoyed by all present! We even got to join in on serenading Katie Cobban for her birthday! Our total for our first two events of the year (Panera Bread and Texas Roadhouse) is \$306.

Save the Dates: Sunday, May 22nd, 4-9 at Margarita's Restaurant in Manchester we'll gather to enjoy more great food and fellowship together! 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! Come join us, even if you're not a Mexican food aficionado as there are other great choices on the menu.

If you haven't joined us for one of these events yet, talk to someone who has been before and get the scoop on what a great time we have! Fun & Fellowship—FPC style!

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! Remember you can load any amount up to \$500 on your Hannafords gift card by cash or check and your card will be ready for grocery purchases by Tuesday. You can reload or purchase cards every Sunday following the church service. Our profit for the first quarter of 2016 was \$781.25 which goes into the general fund.

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

On right: A few of the many fabulous folks who participated in our Dining for Dollars event at Applebee's on April 21! A great time was had by all.



Finance Committee

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Financial Report as of 3/31/16	Received	Budgeted
Pledges year to date:	\$52,014	\$52,500
Plate year to date:	\$5,090	\$7,000

First Parish Financials

Following this page are the First Parish Financials. Should you have any questions please feel free to ask any member of the Finance Committee. You can also email Chris O' Brien at chrisobrienct@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns. Finance Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Finance Committee: Chris O'Brien (Chairperson), Deb Ambler (Treasurer), Pat Crowell (Financial Secretary), Harry Carter (Assistant Financial Secretary), Fay Chary, Bill Armstrong, Ross Webber and Joyce Pope.



Balance Sheet
March 2016

Assets

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
Cash Checking Account	\$ 14,333.37	\$ 34,839.67
Cash Non-Profit Money Market	\$ 512,169.79	\$ 511,951.19
Petty Cash	\$ 977.76	\$ 937.76
Fidelity Brokerage Account	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Pledge	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -
Investments @ UCF (1/18/16)	\$ 202,454.34	\$ 202,454.34
Total Assets	\$ 729,935.26	\$ 750,182.96

Current Liabilities

Sanctuary Rehabilitation	\$ 378,824.25	\$ 125,977.94
<i>Connector Construction</i>	\$ (1,000.00)	
<i>Facilities Board - Ella Anderson</i>	\$ 3,429.31	
<i>Meetinghouse Restoration</i>	\$ 319,932.35	
<i>Steeple Restoration (LCHIP)</i>	\$ 102,503.10	
<i>Restoration</i>	\$ 3,645.40	
<i>Sanctuary Restoration - other</i>	\$ (49,685.91)	
Payroll Liabilities	1,507.18	1,249.22
Youth Ministry	2,535.00	2,570.00
Office Equipment Reserve	-	40.00
Pastors Discretionary	120.00	-
Memorials	494.43	574.43
Capital Campaign	54,812.43	313,682.43
<i>Income</i>	\$ 340,870.54	\$ 338,940.54
<i>Expenses</i>	(35,156.86)	(35,156.86)
<i>Transfer to Sanctuary Rehab</i>	(250,000.00)	
<i>Rehab Fundraising Consultant</i>	(10,800.00)	
<i>Rehabilitation Fundraising Funds</i>	9,898.75	9,898.75
Mission	2,338.60	2,677.62
Spaghetti Suppers	868.44	1,084.04
Garden	625.90	625.90
Music	3,292.20	3,292.20
Rally Day	163.48	163.48
Bachelor Diaconate	586.86	586.86
Historical Preservation	7,843.71	7,641.21
Christian Education	3,239.20	3,265.98
<i>Camp Scholarships</i>	\$ 569.17	\$ 569.17
<i>Bachelor</i>	854.67	854.67
<i>VCS</i>	454.76	481.54
<i>Other</i>	1,360.60	1,360.60
Facilities	65,062.92	68,492.23
<i>Capital Campaign Facilities</i>	\$ 65,062.92	\$ 65,062.92
<i>Other Designated Projects (subaccount moved to Sanc Rehab)</i>	-	3,429.31
Others	1,341.83	1,447.76
<i>Community Life</i>	\$ 840.95	\$ 954.88
<i>Defibrillator Maintenance</i>	388.18	388.18
<i>Sacred Dance</i>	104.70	104.70
<i>Diaconate Flower fund</i>	8.00	
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 523,656.43	\$ 533,371.30

Equity

Investments @ UCF (1/18/16)	\$ 202,454.34	\$ 202,454.34
Investment Equity	\$ 202,454.34	\$ 202,454.34
Retained Earnings as of 3/31/03	\$ 1,723.37	\$ 1,723.37
Retained Earnings	\$ 955.53	\$ 955.53
Net Income	\$ 1,145.59	\$ 11,678.42
Prepaid Pledges	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Pledges and Carryover Auction Proceeds*	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Equity	\$ 3,824.49	\$ 14,357.32
Total Equity	\$ 206,278.83	\$ 216,811.66
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 729,935.26	\$ 750,182.96

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		1/1/16-12/31/16	1/1/16-12/31/16	1/1/16-3/31/16	1/1/16-12/31/16	
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
	4000 · Pledge Income					
	4000 · Pledge Income	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 51,748.64	\$ (158,251.36)	Trended from 2015
	4001 · Pledge Income-Assigned		\$ -	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00	
	Total 4000 · Pledge Income	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 52,500.00	\$ 52,013.64	\$ (157,986.36)	
	4002 · Plate Income	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,090.00	\$ (22,910.00)	Trended from 2015
	4003 · Childrens Offering	550.00	\$ 137.50	\$ 181.26	\$ (368.74)	Trended from 2015
	4010 · Nutfield School Rent	13,344.00	\$ 3,336.00	\$ 3,351.00	\$ (9,993.00)	New Contract Rate \$1,112/month
	4011 · Building Use	3,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ (1,790.00)	
	4013 · Initial Offering	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Trended from 2015
	4015 · Miscellaneous Income	7,500.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 971.05	\$ (6,528.95)	Amazon (\$250), Best Breakfast (\$2,500), Harvest Supper (\$1,800), Sugar Plum Fair (\$5,300), & Other Misc. Income (\$150)
	4020 · Fundraiser Income	2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 301.35	\$ (1,698.65)	\$15,000 from 2014 Auction & \$13,000 from other Faith Fundraising
	4021 · Hannafords	3,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 389.75	\$ (2,610.25)	
	4050 · Investment Income	4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,190.51	\$ (2,809.49)	
	4099 · Cash Carried Forward	22,132.00	\$ 5,533.00	\$ 22,132.00	\$ -	
	4522 · Christmas Gift	5,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ (5,000.00)	
	Total Income	\$ 298,526.00	\$ 74,631.50	\$ 86,830.56	\$ (211,695.44)	
Expenses						
	5100 · CHURCH MINISTRY					
	5101 · Sr. Pastor's Salary	\$ 45,611.00	\$ 11,402.75	\$ 11,402.69	\$ 34,208.31	6% increase of Salary & Housing Allowance to meet Conference Guidelines
	5102 · Sr. Pastor's Housing Allowance	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 6,625.00	\$ 6,625.06	\$ 19,874.94	
	5103 · Sr. Pastor's Annuity	\$ 10,095.54	\$ 2,523.89	\$ 5,047.78	\$ 5,047.76	14% of Salary & Housing
	5104 · Sr. Pastor's Health Insurance	11,501.56	\$ 2,875.39	\$ 5,539.20	\$ 5,962.36	Rate B Single Person Coverage + 50% Spouse Coverage (\$3,250)
	5105 · Sr. Pastor's Travel Reimb.	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 550.00	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00	
	5106 · Sr. Pastor's Prof Reimb.	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 414.10	\$ 1,285.90	
	5107 · Sr. Pastor's Study Reimb.	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 896.00	
	5108 · Sr. Pastor's Dental Insurance	489.00	\$ 122.25	\$ 244.50	\$ 244.50	Single Person Coverage
	5110 · Sr. Pastor's Life Insurance	\$ 1,081.67	\$ 270.42	\$ 1,081.00	\$ 0.66	1.5% of Salary & Housing
	5111 · Sr. Pastor's Social Security	\$ 5,516.49	\$ 1,379.12	\$ 1,379.17	\$ 4,137.32	7.65% of Salary & Housing
	5120 · Associate Pastor's Salary	18,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,499.95	\$ 13,500.05	
	5121 · Assoc Pastor's Housing Allow.	12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.01	\$ 8,999.99	
	5122 · Assoc. Pastor's Annuity	4,200.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	
	5125 · Assoc. Pastor's Prof. Reimb.	2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 646.89	\$ 1,353.11	
	5128 · Assoc. Pastor's Life Ins.	450.00	\$ 112.50	\$ -	\$ 450.00	

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	5129 · Assoc. Pastor's Social Security	2,295.00	\$ 573.75	\$ 573.69	\$ 1,721.31	
	5130 · Transitional Ministry		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Total 5100 · CHURCH MINISTRY	\$ 144,740.26	\$ 36,185.06	\$ 40,658.04	\$ 104,082.22	
	5200 · MINISTRY OF MUSIC					
	5201 · Organist	\$ 8,234.85	\$ 2,058.71	\$ 2,058.68	\$ 6,176.17	\$150/week w/ 2.5% increase 8/1
	5202 · Music Director	11,065.50	\$ 2,766.38	\$ 2,766.45	\$ 8,299.05	3% increase
	5207 · Sacred Dance Supplies	150.00	\$ 37.50	\$ -	\$ 150.00	2016 Budget Request
	5210 · Special Musicians	200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	2016 Budget Request
	5215 · Staff Dev./Prof Fees	300.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	2016 Budget Request
	5225 · Substitute Organist	600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	2016 Budget Request
	5230 · Organ Repair/Maintenance	300.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	2016 Budget Request
	5233 · Instrument Maintenance	300.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	2016 Budget Request
	5235 · Copyright Package	180.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (20.00)	2016 Budget Request
	5236 · Sheet Music	600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	2016 Budget Request
	5238 · Church Music Program	200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	2016 Budget Request
	Total 5200 · MINISTRY OF MUSIC	\$ 22,130.35	\$ 5,532.59	\$ 5,025.13	\$ 17,105.22	
	5500 · ADMINISTRATION					
	5501 · Admin. Assist Salary	\$ 26,351.52	\$ 6,587.88	\$ 6,132.60	\$ 20,218.92	30 hrs/week @ \$16/hr w/ 2.5% increase 8/1.
	5510 · Postage	1,800.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,325.00	Trended from 2015
	5512 · Vanco	300.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 236.50	
	5513 · Office Supplies	1,300.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 235.39	\$ 1,064.61	Trended from 2015
	5515 · Copy Machine & Printing	4,500.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,251.82	\$ 3,248.18	Trended from 2015
	5520 · Office Equip. Replacement	500.00	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
	5525 · Social Security	4,066.00	\$ 1,016.50	\$ 877.98	\$ 3,188.02	7.65% of lay staff salaries.
	5528 · Workers Compensation Ins.	2,052.00	\$ 513.00	\$ 2,052.00	\$ -	Based on bill received. 4.4% of salary for Maint. Person and .55% of salary for all other staff.
	5530 · Association Dues	4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$10.50 x 386 members
	5535 · Advertising	500.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 165.00	Trended from 2015
	5540 · Telephone/DSL	2,460.00	\$ 615.00	\$ 629.19	\$ 1,830.81	\$185.85/mo.
	5543 · Computer Software/Maintenance	500.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 519.00	\$ (19.00)	Trended from 2015
	5545 · Miscellaneous	250.00	\$ 62.50	\$ -	\$ 250.00	
	5550 · Treasurer	800.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	
	5551 · Financial Secretary	550.00	\$ 137.50	\$ -	\$ 550.00	
	Total 5500 · ADMINISTRATION	\$ 49,929.52	\$ 12,482.38	\$ 12,571.48	\$ 37,358.04	
	5600 · BOARDS & COMMITTEES					
	5601 · Diaconate	\$ 600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 491.13	\$ 108.87	
	5604 · Membership Committee	300.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	2016 Budget Request
	5605 · Council	250.00	\$ 62.50	\$ -	\$ 250.00	Trended from 2015
	5608 · Safe Church	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	Trended from 2015
	5610 · Stewardship Board	600.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	
	5620 · Community Life Committee	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Total 5600 · BOARDS & COMMITTEES	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 462.50	\$ 491.13	\$ 1,358.87	

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	5700 · MINISTRY OF EDUCATION					
	5711 · Curriculum/Events/Supplies	3,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 299.35	\$ 2,700.65	
	Total 5700 · MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 299.35	\$ 2,700.65	
	5800 · CHURCH PROPERTY					
	5805 · Maintenance Personnel	\$ 7,498.40	\$ 1,874.60	\$ 519.12	\$ 6,979.28	10 hrs/wk for 52 weeks. 3% increase
	5810 · Custodial Service	22,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 16,750.00	2016 Budget Request
	5830 · Custodian Supplies	1,800.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 157.46	\$ 1,642.54	2016 Budget Request
	5835 · Heating Oil	8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,901.13	\$ 4,098.87	2016 Budget Request
	5840 · Electricity	8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,187.37	\$ 5,812.63	2016 Budget Request
	5845 · Propane Gas	1,250.00	\$ 312.50	\$ 115.20	\$ 1,134.80	2016 Budget Request
	5850 · Building Insurance	6,500.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 6,842.00	\$ (342.00)	2016 Budget Request
	5855 · Church Maintenance	10,500.00	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 6,085.73	\$ 4,414.27	2016 Budget Request
	5860 · Rubbish Removal	3,100.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 1,197.54	\$ 1,902.46	2016 Budget Request
	5865 · Water	425.00	\$ 106.25	\$ 185.93	\$ 239.07	2016 Budget Request
	5870 · Snow Removal/Sanding	6,170.00	\$ 1,542.50	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,570.00	\$1,170/mo for 5 months + \$170 sand/salt barrels
	5871 · Maintenance Emergency	1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	2016 Budget Request
	5880 · Lawn and Garden	1,000.00	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
	Total 5800 · CHURCH PROPERTY	\$ 77,243.40	\$ 19,310.85	\$ 30,041.48	\$ 47,201.92	
	Total Expenses	\$ 298,893.53	\$ 74,723.38	\$ 89,086.61	\$ 209,806.92	
	Net Ordinary Income	\$ (367.53)	\$ (91.88)	\$ (2,256.05)		
	Other Income/Expense					
	Other Income					
	4040 · Mission Income			\$ 4,494.64		
	Previous Year carry over			\$ 2,142.00		
	4041 · Designated Mission Income			\$ 960.00		
	Total 4040 · MISSION INCOME			\$ 7,596.64		
	5050 · MISSION					
	5051 · Mission Expenditures			\$ 3,635.00		
	5052 · MISSION - Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 560.00		
	Total 5050 · MISSION EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,195.00		
	Net Other Income/Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,401.64		
	Net Income	\$ (367.53)	\$ (91.88)	\$ 1,145.59		

Building Advisory Committee

WOW! As we said last month, things were going to be happening fast and furious, and they sure have. Here's a list of what's happened in the last month.

- Trees cut down along north wall
- Organ pipes removed from tower, packaged in crates and stored in room on 3rd floor
- Chime tubes removed and stored
- Stained glass windows removed and placed in box frames in center aisle of sanctuary
- Window openings closed in with plywood
- Wall plaques in sanctuary taken down
- Cabinets in Dena's kitchen removed
- Historical artifacts stored in storage room on 3rd floor
- Janitor's closet in MacGregor removed
- Electrical closet in MacGregor removed
- Fire doors to connector removed
- Elevator lift removed
- Two chimeys removed
- Furnace disassembled and removed
- Siding removed to assess sills and frame in preparation for lifting
- Asbestos flooring in MacGregor removed
- All contractors selected

During the month of May, the following activities will be occurring:

- Take down Parker plaque in sanctuary
- Removed concrete slab under furnace
- Remove concrete slab under old lift
- Remove oil tank
- Remove balance of heating ducts in MacGregor
- Move lilac bushes and shrubs
- Remove flag pole (if necessary)
- Prepare site for building lift
- Demolish old connector
- Excavate for building lift
- **Lift the building**

Around the middle of May, you should see the old meetinghouse being raised in preparation for a new solid foundation.

Watch the activity and check out our website's home page <http://fpc-ucc.org/>. If you have questions, please see one of us.

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

Stewardship Board

“THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD IS “ALL IN”!!

2016 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN- ‘THE MODERN TITHE’.

“April 15th has come and gone, but it is not too late to –“

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!

- John Bartel, Carl Hepworth, Margie Ives, Glenn Pope, Joyce Pope, and Sue Weaver.

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.

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up Information

Photographers from Lifetouch will be on-site May 20, 21, June 10 and 11 to take our pictures for the new church directory. Members and friends, please make your appointment now. Reservations can be made after church each Sunday, or you can sign up online using the link provided on the church website at www.fpc-ucc.org (click to the "Links" tab at the top of the homepage).

Just in case you're trying to decide whether to participate, here are some reasons why you don't want to pass up this opportunity:

- You get a free 8x10 professionally produced photo with no further obligations.
- You can purchase additional photographs if you wish, but you will not be pressured to do so.
- You get a free church directory simply by participating in the photo sessions.
- Your picture will be included in the directory of record at the time we celebrate our church's 300th anniversary.
- More members and friends of the church will now know your name.
- You have an opportunity to get your family in the same room at the same time.
- You have an opportunity to look your best.
- You have an opportunity to have your picture taken with loved ones.
- You have an opportunity to have your picture taken center stage.
- You have an opportunity to have your picture taken with your pet.
- You'll have a keepsake that will last forever.
- All are welcome to participate.
- _____ (fill in the blank)

Don't delay! Sign up today!

- Brian Williams, Carol Bates, Becca Cobban, Cindy Pingree and Paula Robinson

Around Our Church

Save the Date! Friday, June 3rd at 6:00 PM

By popular request, Rev. Emily C. Heath, Sr. Pastor of the Congregational Church in Exeter, and Pastor Heidi's spouse will join us for a reading and signing of their new book *Glorify: Reclaiming the Heart of Progressive Christianity*. Copies will be available for purchase beginning in mid-May here at the church. Potluck supper at 6 PM, and reading/signing at 7 PM. We hope you'll all join us! *Glorify* will be our fall kick-off for adult education in September as well! Please see Pastor Heidi or email her at pastorheidiheath@gmail.com for more information.



Are you on Facebook? So is First Parish! "Like" our page to stay up-to-date on all the church happenings, fun photos, building restoration updates, shared articles and quotes we think you may like, and much more! You can search for our page on Facebook at: **First Parish Church, East Derry NH** We look forward to staying connected with you!

Conversations on the Way with Pastor Heidi

Join Pastor Heidi on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-6:00 at the Coffee Factory for coffee, conversation, or a blessing on your way home from work. She'd love to chat and get to know you better.

Lost and Found

Things are quickly piling up in the lost and found bin in the office (located on the table under the Board/Committee mailboxes). If you think you've lost something at any point, please check the bin at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Pastors' Vacation and Study Leave

Pastor Deborah will be away on Study Leave at the Festival of Homiletics from May 14-May 21. She will return to First Parish on Sunday, May 22. Pastor Heidi will be on-call.

Rockingham Association Meeting

The Spring Meeting for the Rockingham Association of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 1:30 PM, Atkinson Congregational Church, 101 Main Street, Atkinson, NH 03811.

In The Community

Bereavement Support Groups

Rockingham VNA and Hospice will be offering Bereavement Support Groups May 3rd through June 7th. An afternoon group and an evening group are planned. These groups are free to the public, but must have 4 registered participants for each group. The afternoon group will meet at the Epping Regional Health Center on Route 125 and the evening groups will be held at the Offices of RVNA

Family Promise: Volunteers Needed

Our next co-hosting week for Family Promise is May 8th-14th. We need your help! We caught a break last time we were to host (Feb 14-20) because there were no families in the program. That is no longer the case; we currently have 2 homeless families in FP, and a couple more being assessed for eligibility.

We need to provide the families meals, and have evening and overnight hosts. Dinner is from 6:00-7:00 PM, hosting is from 7:00-9:00 PM, and overnight starts at 9:00 PM. Please try to find a time the week of May 8th-14th when you can help out in one of those roles. Please email sueandrandybrown@gmail.com for more info.



Londonderry Lions Club Giant Yard Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2016

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM (no early birds)

**Lions Hall, Rt. 128, 256 Mammoth Road
Across from Londonderry Town Common**

Donate your goods to the Lions! May 2nd through the Friday before the sale at the Londonderry Lions Shelter. **Please**, no large kitchen appliances, couches, skis, air conditioners, computers or TV's.

"Sell your own goods by renting spaces"
Call Tom in advance *603-548-5011

Proceeds for donated goods and rented spaces to benefit: **Lions Local Charities including Local Eye Care**



FPC officeadmin, Contacts, First Parish Church UCC, FPC Events, Holidays in United States, Nutfield, Other Groups

May 2016 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9am - Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ 10am - Worship ~ Currier 10:15am - Sun. School ~ 11:15am - Children's Choir 11:35am - Handchime 12pm - CE ~ Nursery 3pm - Patel Gathering ~	7pm - Trp 405 Board of 7pm - Trp 405 Mtg ~ 7pm - Trp 405 ~ Nursery	9:30am - Nutfield Gym ~ 4pm - GS Trp 20993 ~ 6:15pm - GS 20321~ John 6:30pm - Bible Study ~ 7pm - OA ~ Nursery	8:30am - RFC ~ A/B 6pm - GS Trp 13152 ~ John 6:30pm - Deacons ~ Cook 7pm - AA 12 Step	4:30pm - GS Trp 11080 ~ 6:30pm - CS Pack 405 Mtg 7pm - Sr. Choir ~ Luke 7pm - Stewardship ~ Cook	6pm - First Friday ~ Currier 6pm - Nutfield Parents 7pm - AA Serenity Sisters ~	7:30pm - AA ~ Currier
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Scripture Readings

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

May 1st – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Rev 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

May 8th – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

May 15th – Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Rom 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

May 22nd – Trinity Sunday

Prov 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Rom 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

May 29th – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 4

1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39

Psalm 96

Psalm 96:1-9

Gal 1:1-12

Luke 7:1-10

Worship Leadership

Deacons & Lay Readers

Deacons of the Month

Carol Bates and Cyndi Gray

May 1st: Malyssa Deranian

May 8th: Diane Gordon

May 15th: Cyndi Gray

May 22nd: Steve Davis

May 29th: Sarah Keller

Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

May 1st: Ushers: Diaconate

Greeters: Verna Elwell and Shirley Dickason

May 8th: Ushers: Stanley and Holly Gorgol

Tom and Andrea Cooper

Greeter: Betsy McCall

May 15th: Ushers: Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell

Joe Weaver, Sue Hunt

Greeters: David and Lorie McGrath

May 22nd: Ushers: Ross and Linda Webber

Kevin and Diane Gordon

Greeter: Diane Breeden

May 29th: Ushers: Ken Gould, Diane Breeden

Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason

Greeters: Lisa and Wayne Hall

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 or call our office:

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Email our Administrative Assistant, Lindsey Roman:

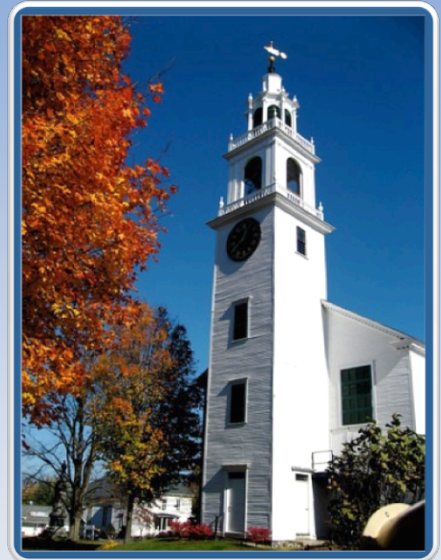
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