

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,

The mission statement of First Parish Congregational Church says that our community of faith is built upon a firm foundation of "worship, prayer and education." Education is important. Education is one of the keys to making choices that enhance life. It seems like every famous person has something to say about education. George Washington Carver wrote: "Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom." Derry's beloved son Robert Frost said: "Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." And a personal favorite is by Sydney J. Harris, American journalist for the Chicago Daily News and, later, the Chicago Sun-Times: "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows." I love that!

The New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ is leading the denomination with the suggestion that all sitting pastors participate in at least 12 contact hours of continuing education. Just recently the Rockingham Association endorsed this practice. Continuing Education is now a requirement for me, an ordained clergy in the NH Conference.

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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 the truth is that for me, it won't be difficult at all! For those of you that don't know me well, I have a Bachelor's degree, two Master's (one in French literature and one is my Master's of Divinity) and a Doctorate (Doctor of Ministry in Preaching). And I taught French and Spanish in elementary programs, high school and college levels for 20 years. Clearly, education is a personal passion of mine.

My "Call Agreement" with First Parish says that I will engage in two weeks of Study Leave. So, what, pre-tell, is Study Leave? Many pastors will take a week of their study leave and read that stack of books that has collected over the past few months. In my stack of books is Emily Heath's Glorify and Karoline Lewis' book She. And there are many others: all of Brene Brown's books, the book Pastor Heidi gave me written by her friend Rachel Held Evans, Searching for Sunday. So much to read! And I receive tremendous benefit from attending conferences on preaching and the church. Study leave is not vacation. I am not sitting next to a pool all day sipping cucumber water. Oh, believe me, if there is an opportunity to enjoy a swim after a day of thought-filled, thought-provoking, thought-inspiring lectures I will do so without hesitation or guilt.

It is a sacred duty for me to practice what I preach. I believe in education – not just mine, but all of yours, as well. My heart sang loudly and steadily that we had no fewer than THIRTY participants in our 6-week "Exploring the Bible" class in April/May! Blessed be! I believe that we grow in faith when we "love God with all of our minds"! Education is growing in faith. Reading is growing in faith. And as I grow in faith, and open my mind to new and different things, I am able to be a better pastor and teacher to all of you, my sacred Call. I have covenanted with you to learn and to teach, to listen and to preach, to hear and to point to God whenever and however possible. Believe me, God is thrilled to be in relationship with us! Anything that you can do to open your heart and open your mind to the Spirit of God is bringing you one step closer to intimate relationship with the divine. Thanks be to God!

I am returning from my first week of Study Leave of 2016. I attended the Festival of Homiletics (the science of preaching). 1200 pastors and preachers and students of preaching gathered together in Atlanta – and they came from all over the world. We listened to the best preachers in North America: Bishop Will Wilimon (United Methodist) and Bishop Yvette Flunder (UCC); Rev Dr. Raphael Warnock, pastor of historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and Rev Dr. Otis Moss III, pastor of Trinity UCC in Chicago; Karoline Lewis and Leonard Pitts; and many, many more. The overarching theme of this year's festival was "Prophetic Preaching in Times of Change". As preachers, we were fed and inspired; we were comforted and challenged; we were encouraged and we were warned: prophetic preaching can and will "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable". That is, after all, exactly what Jesus did.

As always, I invite your thoughts and your questions regarding study leave – or anything else, for that matter! Remember that I crave getting to know you better: email me, call me, or let's have coffee or lunch! I am gratefully at your service in the service of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer.

Every day, I give thanks for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Deborah

The Associate Pastor's Pen

Beloved of God,

As I write you this letter, we have reached the time of the year when the weather begins to warm. We are seeing vital signs of new life all around us. The First Parish Meetinghouse has been lifted, and is lovingly held on the wings of so many angels while the foundation work is done. The trees and flowers are blooming. Birds are returning. Behold! Even now, God is making all things new.

I have also begun to dream about sitting on the porch at Star Island this summer, and looking out on God's beautiful creation. Star Island is one of my Spirit's homes, and a place I count on for rest and renewal each year. Those among us who love the mountains speak to me in similar ways of Horton Center. They tell of the painted night sky from sleeping out overnight on the ledge, or the expanse of God's gorgeous creation at Chapel Rock.

Have you taken the opportunity to explore the great treasures of our NH Conference Outdoor Ministry Offerings? If not, might this be the year? Outdoor ministries are literally life changing for children of all ages, and stay with us forever. Just this week I had someone in my office telling me about how Horton Center literally changed their life! Perhaps now it's your turn?

A few highlights:

- This year Horton Center offers a "Getting Started" half-week camp for rising 3rd-5th graders who want to explore camp, but for whom a full week of overnight camp may not be quite right. There is also a longer session for 4th-6th graders.
- Horton Center is not just for those under 18. July 6th-9th is Loosen Up week for Adults! Come for all or part of the week to relax and recharge in a beautiful environment.
- There are multiple weeks for both middle and high schoolers throughout the summer.
- UCC Weeks 1 and 2 will happen on Star Island this year July 30th-August 6th and August 6th-August 13th.
- Laity Weekend on Star Island (a favorite of some folks here at First Parish) will take place September 2nd-September 5th.

Both Star Island and Horton Center have scholarship funds available. Christian Education also has limited scholarship money available for those attending Horton Center. We want as many people as possible to share in the joy of our conference's outdoor ministries. Brochures are available outside of Pastor Heidi's office. You can also visit the websites: www.hortoncenter.org and www.starisland.org for all of the information you need. May this be YOUR year to be made new in ways you didn't even know were possible through the great offerings of our conference outdoor ministries.

Blessings,

Pastor Heidi

Faith Formation/Christian Ed/Youth Ministry Updates

Horton Center Preview

All rising 6th-12th graders (including current 5th and 12th graders) are invited to join us from Saturday, June 11th-Sunday, June 12th for a Horton Center “sneak preview” weekend. A worship service at Chapel Rock, hiking, food, and games will all be part of this opportunity to get a little taste of camp. Please see Reni Harnden for more information!

Summer Sunday School

Sign-ups for summer PreK-Sunday School teaching are here! Our theme for the summer is “under construction.” As our building is under construction, we are under construction too! Always trying to build and re-build ourselves as followers of God. This a GREAT opportunity to teach Sunday School if you haven’t before. Sign-ups are available outside of Pastor Heidi’s office. Two adults are needed for each week.

Pawtuckaway Day

Saturday, July 23rd is Pawtuckaway Day! Join us for a day of Fellowship, Fun, and Food. Cost will \$5 per person. All 6th-12th graders are welcome.

Vacation Church School

Come ride the wave of God’s love with us at Vacation Church School (VCS)! VCS this year will happen July 18th-22nd from 9 AM-12 PM. Come ride the wave of God’s love for us as we explore each day. All are welcome from preschool-8th grade. Young children must be at least 4 years old. Those above 8th grade are welcome as helpers. Registration is open! Forms are available in the church office. Please pick one up and return it to us as soon as possible. Surf’s up!



Sign up
for **VCS!**

June Adult Faith Formation Offerings

June 8th-July 11th – Exploring the Bible: A 6 week, daytime overview
Wednesdays 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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. We are offering this repeat class in the daytime for those who wish to attend, but cannot do evening times.

RSVP: Please let Pastor Deborah know as soon as possible if you’d like to attend, so we can ensure we have enough books!

Worship in June!

We receive “grace upon grace” from our amazing God! Sunday morning is our opportunity to gather and to praise and say thank you for all of the gifts that God has showered us with! Our worship program is full this June. Take a look:

June 5th is Youth and Christian Education Sunday. 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 as soon as possible. The choir will sing “Train Up A Child”.

Membership Committee will be presenting folks to be added to our membership rolls. Among our new members this year are folks who have been coming for mere weeks and someone who has attended FPC for many years! Welcome them one and all!

From the Stewardship Board, Carl will reflect on the faith practice of tithing and how one week of 10% has the power to catapult us into black ink throughout the summer! **Remember: This will be the fourth Sunday of Pentecost! WEAR RED!** Join us after worship in John for a Church School open house as well!

June 12th: In worship, the choir will sing “Morning Has Broken” (Farjeon, arr. Larson). The young people are visiting Horton Center this day and the younger children will enjoy their last day of Sunday School.

June 19th is Celebration Sunday! We will celebrate the Church and one another! On this day we will receive envelopes from all those people who choose to participate in the “Try-A-Tithe” giving program.

June 26th will be the last day of worship at 10:00. (The next week it will be 9:00!) It will be our last day with a full choir. We will celebrate Trinity Sunday. Pastor Heidi will preach.

The word "June" is written in a large, elegant, black script font. It is surrounded by several light gray, swirling decorative lines that add a sense of movement and grace to the design.

Worship Services

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Sonshine Soup Kitchen: We support the mission of the Sonshine Soup Kitchen which is to provide hot meals, clothing, and other items for areas needy which they have been doing for 27 years. We support this Mission on a monthly through donations funded by your generous Missions giving. The ministry at 4 Crystal Ave. has been serving hundreds of thousands in the Derry area and are now moving to a new home at nearby 6 Crystal Ave., formerly of Fred Fuller Oil.

The Derry Friendship Center: Missions has recently been 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.

Ukama Regional Educational Night: The second "Ukama Regional Educational Night" will be held at the Hanover Christ Church Dartmouth College with Rev. Matuvhunye and Rev. Keller on the history of UCC and UCCZ (UCC in Zimbabwe) on June 22nd at 5:30 (bring and share supper). All are invited.

Zimbabwe Pen-Pal Program: The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions 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.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Joe Weaver on behalf of

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

Sunday, May 22nd Margaritas Restaurant in Manchester we gathered to enjoy more great food and fellowship together! We will receive 20% of all food and drink ordered at the event – many people were really going all out to help the church by downing Margaritas and Sangria and Mexican Beer!

Save the date:

Our next Dining Out for FPC dollars event will be Sunday, June 12th after church until 4:30 p.m. When we return again to the hugely popular Texas Roadhouse at their invitation. We will once again be able to earn 15% of meals purchased.

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

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. 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



What a great time we had at the Margarita's fundraiser on May 22nd! Thank you to all who joined us for this exciting event!

Finance Committee

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Financial Report as of 4/30/16	Received	Budgeted
Pledges year to date:	\$67,036	\$70,000
Plate year to date:	\$6,568	\$9,333

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

Pictorial Directory

It is not too late for your chance to be included in the new church pictorial directory. We've had a great response thus far, but it won't be complete until we have your photograph, too. Professional photographs from Lifetouch will be on-site June 10 and 11 for the last two photo sessions. Members and friends please make your appointment now. Reservations can be made after church each Sunday, or you can sign up on-line using the link provided on the church website at www.fpc-ucc.org. Don't forget that you will get a free 8x10 professionally produced photograph with no further obligations, plus a new church directory that will absolutely be the best yet. We can hardly wait!

So don't delay any further, sign up today!

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



Stewardship Board

Planned Giving

In a song titled “Death Is Not The End”, Bob Dylan sings:

Oh, the tree of life is growing
Where the spirit never dies
And the bright light of salvation shines
In dark and empty skies.

“It is in dying that we are born into eternal life.” This is the last line of one of my favorite prayers, The Prayer of Saint Francis. It is quite a wonderful promise, that when the life of our physical body comes to an end, there is still more to come. A “Holy Hereafter”, as I have heard Pastor Deborah refer to it, that is beyond anything our human minds can imagine.

The stewardship board was reminded recently that the life of these physical bodies does come to an end and it is important that we take care of the disposition of the material possessions of which we have been given stewardship in this life. That means putting in place the legal documents that govern that process. These should include a living will, healthcare proxy, power of attorney, and last will and testament. If you haven't already done this, it would be a good idea to contact an attorney to make the arrangements.

One last thought. When you have the attorney draw up your will, please consider including First Parish Church as one of your inheritors. You might think that that's only for wealthy people, but why not think of it as a faith practice and leave a small piece of your estate to the church, regardless of the size. Some folks have approached it as another chance to “tithe”, and leave ten percent of whatever they have to the church. In any case, it doesn't have to be complicated. Just advise your attorney to include the church in your last will and testament. Thank you for considering this idea and blessed be.

- Submitted by John Bartel on behalf of your Stewardship Board,
John Bartel, Carl Hepworth, Margie Ives, Glenn Pope, Joyce Pope, and Sue Weaver

PS: Please remember that Sunday, June 19 is “Try A Tithe Sunday” and we hope that you are all able to participate in this unique opportunity to augment your financial support of your church.

Stewardship

REPORT

Building Advisory Committee News

Well you were warned that things were going to be happening fast, and they sure have! Hopefully you have been by the church during the weekdays while work was happening to experience the excitement of the activity and the dedication of our contractors' crews. If you haven't been able to see the progress, here's a summary of what has occurred. During the first 2 weeks:

- Preservation Timber Framing (PTF) finished exposing the sills around the perimeter of the meetinghouse
- Morin Construction Services removed the top soil and the berm on the north side of the church, moved the lilac bushes and shrubs, demolished the connector and prepared the site for the lift
- Geddes Building Movers excavated for the piers to support the lift beams, placed the steel lift beams under the building, set up the hydraulic jacks for the building lift

On Monday May 16, the meetinghouse was raised over 3 feet in approximately 14" increments by Geddes. *An interesting fact: Geddes estimates the weight of the meetinghouse to be about 500,000 lbs or the equivalent of 4 fully loaded Boeing 737 airplanes!* Work then began on excavating and removing the soil and rocks from under the meetinghouse to provide a level floor that will form the 4 foot crawl space under the building when it's set down on the new foundation.

Morin then prepared the surface for setting and pouring the footings to hold the new foundation. The footings were then poured. By the time you read this article, the foundation will have been poured with the meetinghouse prepared to be set back down on a new foundation that will anchor it for the next 300 years.

This is a simple summary of the work that has occurred thus far. Many hours have spent by our contractors and BAC members planning and coordinating activities. Our contractors are amazing professionals who have been excellent to work with and keep activities on schedule.

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

- Submitted by Bill Mann on behalf of your BAC: Paul Ambler (Chair), Nancy Heywood, Larry Krantz, Paul Lindemann, Bill Mann





Congratulations to all the 2016 graduates in our church family!
We are so proud of you. May God be with you through the journey to come!

High School:

Kate Barker – Trinity High School

Ashley Cox – Pinkerton Academy

Courtney DesRoches – Pinkerton Academy

Libby Keller – Londonderry High School; Libby will attend Smith College.

MacKenzie Kittery – Pinkerton Academy

Amelia Milonas – Pinkerton Academy; Amelia will attend UNH College.
Amelia is the granddaughter of Rod and Suzanne Hunt.

Jennifer Robinson – Pinkerton Academy

College:

Brian Lew – Memorial University of Newfoundland, Degree in Music Performance/Pedagogy

Sam Magee – Keene State College; Bachelor's Degree in English

Kayleigh Sullivan – Worcester Polytechnic Institute;
Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry (Pre-Med), minor in Writing

Joshua Worthen – University of Maine at Farmington;
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing with a 3.66 GPA.

Update About Historical Preservation Ongoing Inventory Project

Over the past few months the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) has been doing a lot of inventorying, packing, and rearranging of artifacts and documents. The recent need to clear out MacGregor and parts of the sanctuary in preparation for the first phase of the meetinghouse rehabilitation has prompted a streamlined but systematic approach.

Our approach has been to assign unique numbers to artifacts (there are two sequences of numbers, one for two-dimensional materials and the other for three-dimensional materials) and complete inventory sheets that contain descriptions, dimensions and notes. Ideally we will add more information to these inventory sheets, but the priority has been to gather initial information. Streamlined information is added to the main tracking list and in the future many items will be added to the online collections database that is a work in progress.

We'd like to thank all of the inventory project volunteers: Diane Dunn, Marilyn Cornett, Sue Lindemann, Suzanne MacGibbon, and Mike Rounds

The HPC continues to plan and prepare for another move; later this year we will move the collections out of the current archives room which will be remodeled as the nursery and the archives room will be located in a new space (part of the current nursery).

- Submitted by Nancy Heywood on behalf of the Historical Preservation Committee (Nancy Heywood, Paul Lindemann, Janet Wetherbee) and Historical Preservation Volunteers (Janice Braley, Marilyn Ham, Ginny True)

Thank You for the Photos!

The saying goes "A picture is worth a thousand words" and we have been appreciative of the wonderful posts on the First Parish Church Facebook page, the Nutfield History Facebook, and also the displays during coffee hour that help to visually convey all the work that has been done recently on the first phase of the meetinghouse restoration.

At a recent Historical Preservation Committee meeting (after Paul Lindemann left the room!) we were chatting about how fortunate we are to see all the photographs, videos, and blog posts Paul L. has been assembling to document all of the work on the meetinghouse. Paul has really taken steps to ensure that the whole rehabilitation process is being documented. This information is helpful to us now and will be very helpful to others in the future. We also recognize and appreciate the posts on the church's Facebook page and thank the folks who contribute the timely updates!

Many changes to the meetinghouse are noted by all of us as we come and go to First Parish, but to have detailed sets of still images, and also the videos that compress the work of days into several minutes, is wonderful! These images help us appreciate the detailed work of all the different teams that have been hired to work on the tower, the preparations for the lift of the building, the building lift, and now the foundation work.

Keep the updates coming please!

-Janice Braley, Nancy Heywood, Ginny True, Janet Wetherbee

Shepard Family Exhibit at Taylor Library

FPC's neighbor, the Taylor Library, currently has an exhibit about Alan Shepard and the Shepard family on display. The items are on loan from Rick Holmes, Derry Town Historian. It includes photos, personal items, and artifacts from the family.

The Shepard family is significant to the history of Derry and First Parish. Alan B. Shepard Jr. (1923-1998) was born and grew up in Derry. He graduated from Pinkerton Academy and the US Naval Academy. He became the first man in space on May 5, 1961.

Alan Bartlett Shepard (known as Bart) was the organist for First Parish for over 40 years.

We encourage you to visit the Taylor Library and see the exhibit! (Taylor Library hours are listed on their web page: <http://www.taylorlibrary.org/>)

- Submitted by Ginny True and Nancy Heywood
(on behalf of the Historical Preservation Committee)



Handchime Jamboree

Have you ever thought about playing handchimes but are worried about not having enough talent? Or perhaps you just want to see what playing handchimes is like. This summer we will be offering the **Handchime Jamboree**. This is a no commitment chance to try your hand at playing handchimes. We will meet after church the second and fourth Sundays of June, July and August. We will practice handchimes basics and work on a simple tune. Feel free to come to one session or many sessions. This is for fun only and we will not be playing at any service.

If you are interested or would like more information please speak with Ken Williams or just show up.

- Submitted by Ken Williams

NH Motor Speedway Cleanup Fundraiser

The search is on for volunteers for this year's NH Motor Speedway Cleanup Fundraiser! This event will happen Saturday, July 16 about 3:30 PM. We are looking for church members, friends, relatives, aunts and uncles, anyone who can walk and is at least 14 years of age! It will be a FUN time for all, an opportunity to make a good bunch of money for FPC, and have great fellowship together. For anyone who can commit and wants to sign up, please send your name, phone number, email address, and the same info for any friends you have who will be helping, to Ed Sullivan at edsullivan@gsinet.net. We need at least 45 volunteers! Thank you!

Around Our Church and in the Community

First Friday Potluck/ Book Signing Friday, June 3rd at 6:30 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 6:30 PM, followed by reading/signing. 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 info.

Keeping in Touch (KIT)

The June 8th meeting of KIT will feature a speaker from AARP on scamming. We will learn what not to do and how to report scams. Bring your stories! Remember that the summer meetings will be at Ruthlee's and then Warren's. The sharing we had at our May meeting was wonderful. Pastor Heidi described her position and the growth in new families with their young children and Bill Wheeler told what happens in the next church restoration. We will have updates at each meeting about the restoration. Please feel welcome to contact Margie Ives, Warren Pillsbury or Nancy Cheyne for KIT information.

Family Promise Update

Family Promise is still going strong and currently has 3 families in the program. We co-hosted with People's United Methodist Church the week of May 8-14, and found the guests to be very appreciative and engaging. Thanks to Ken Gould, Diana Sweeney, Beth Nelson, Pat Plouff, Diane Cross, Sarah Keller, Sue Brown, and Carol Guerrin for cooking, hosting, and overnight duties. Our next week will be in mid-July or early August; more info available as we settle on the exact week. Please contact Randy Brown (rbrown1119@gmail.com) if you are able to donate a couple of hours. It's really a painless service, and is incredibly helpful to the homeless families. They are so impressed, and thankful, that people – all Christians practicing what we preach – are willing to give up some personal time to help people they don't even know. We need some additional people, so please volunteer if you can.

- Submitted by Randy Brown (612-0489)

Pastors' Vacation and Study Leave

Pastor Heidi will be on vacation June 8th-15th, and away on study leave June 20th-24th. Pastor Deborah will be on-call.

Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

Scripture Readings

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

June 5th – Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)

Psalm 146

Psalm 30

Gal 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

June 12th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-20 (11-14), 15-21a

Psalm 5:1-8

Psalm 32

Gal 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3

June 19th – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Psalm 22:19-28

Gal 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 26th – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

Psalm 16

Gal 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Worship Leadership

Deacons & Lay Readers

Deacons of the Month

Becca Cobban and Diane Gordon

June 5th: MacKenzie Kittery

June 12th: Diane Dunn

June 19th: Becca Cobban

June 26th: Brian Williams

Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

June 5th: Ushers: Diaconate

Greeters: Verna Elwell and Shirley Dickason

June 12th: Ushers: Stanley and Holly Gorgol

Tom and Andrea Cooper

Greeter: Mark Pingree and Nancy Magee

June 19th: Ushers: Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell

Joe Weaver, Sue Hunt

Greeters: Beth Hunter

June 26th: Ushers: Ross and Linda Webber

Kevin and Diane Gordon

Greeter: Becky Fleury

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:

www.fpc-ucc.org | 603-434-0628

Email our Administrative Assistant, Lindsey Roman:

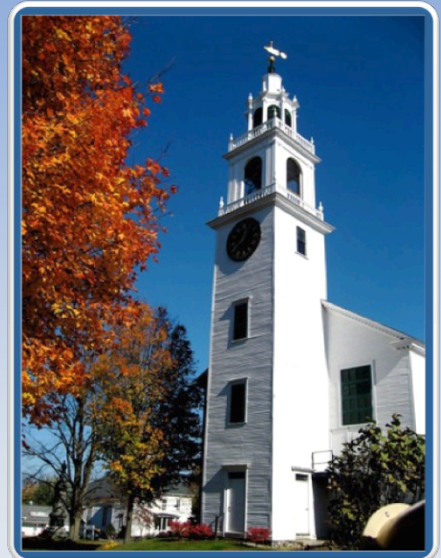
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