

# *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 9 am.**



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Child of God,

Recently I came across a beautiful poem. Parts of it are from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and parts of it sound like St Francis of Assisi. Perhaps it is a verbal collage, one person's attempt to articulate a prayer in these difficult times. The words resonate in my heart at this tumultuous time in our world. I commend them to you:

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## Upcoming Events

### Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Faith Formation ~ The Shack (p. 4)

### Thursdays

Slow-Flow Yoga

### Wednesday, August 10th

Fireworks Cruise

### Sunday, August 14th

Outdoor Service

### Sunday, August 14th

Congregational Meeting

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church in Hampshire, England



### From the Pastor's Desk Continued

"Another day will come, O God.  
I know not what it may bring forth,  
but make me ready, God, for whatever it may be.

If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely.  
If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly.  
If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently.

And if I am to do nothing, help me do it gallantly.  
Make these words more than words, and  
give me the Spirit of thy Peace.

O God, support us all the day long in this troubled life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Amen."

And until our work is done, perhaps you, too, are looking to make sense of the trouble in our troubled world. Perhaps, you, too, are hoping for a cure, an answer, a change of heart – that all of the violence that dominates the world might be silenced. The Old Testament sings of this holy conversion experience in the book of Isaiah, chapter 2:3-4:

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

Can this be real? Is it too good to be true?

For the Israelites an escape from Pharaoh was too good to be true. The baby King who lived to become the Prince of Peace was too good to be true. God's own Word becoming flesh, so that we might know more wholly, more truly the miracle of God's love for us is too good to be true. **AND THEY ARE ALL TRUE!**

Let us embrace what is true: God's love. May we know God's love. May we act out God's love in the world. Let us learn war no more.

Peace to you and yours,  
Pastor Deborah

## The Associate Pastor's Pen

Dear ones,

By the time you read this letter, I will have begun my week of Outdoor Ministry on Star Island for this summer. I'll probably be sitting in a big rocking chair on the Oceanic porch, or leading worship in the old, musty, hauntingly gorgeous stone chapel. I'll be praying for all of you as I use this time for retreat, collegiality, learning, and long-term planning. Pray for me too? After we wrap up our summer reading of *The Shack*, we'll be taking our summer break. Encouraging you to find God in the world, and then, if you dare come back and tell us about it. Some might even say we're encouraging you to testify.

Testifying - or giving your testimony - is one of those big, religious words. It can feel a little bit scary even. I hope, over time, that it won't. Because I have had the tremendous privilege of hearing some of your testimonies about the ways you have experienced or seen God at work in your lives, and they are nothing short of incredible.

Telling your faith story, or testifying the work of God in your life is a practice that Christians have done for millennia. Testimony is the basic building block of our Sacred Scripture. This year you've heard me testify a bit about my call story, and my own journey through the wilderness of mental illness. What are YOUR testimonies? What are the stories you have to tell?

This church year you will get the chance to hear some of the stories of faith in our congregation from our pulpit. And it is my fervent hope and prayer that you will continue to share them 1:1, in pastoral care, in small groups, and more. Because indeed it is our testimony that has the power to change the world. Be. Love. Experience. See. And then, go and tell. The world needs you.

God loves you and so do I,

*Pastor Heidi*

## Faith Formation/Christian Ed/Youth Ministry Updates

### 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 is 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.

### Vacation Church School

A HUGE thank you to our Vacation Church School Team!

On behalf of myself and Christian Education, a thousand thanks to all who helped with Vacation Church School this year. Our Surf Shack was a huge success with one parent commenting that her child had been to a program at a much larger church that wasn't nearly as well done. Thank you to: Rachel Cobban, Anne-Marie Merrill, Kathryn Bell, Sue Handy, Tammy Lynch, Connie Cox, Jennifer Robinson, Ashley Cox, Ella Simpson, Jaime Robinson, Becca Lynch, Diane Breeden, Melanie VanSteensburg, and Becca Cobban for all of their help. Thank you also to all of our families from FPCC and from greater Derry who brought their kids to participate. We can't wait for next year!

-Pastor Heidi

## July Adult Faith Formation Offerings

### The Shack: A Summer Reading Journey

The Shack is the unlikeliest 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.

### **\*\*UPDATED: Join us for Summer Faith Formation reading The Shack by William Paul Young!\*\***

Due to popular demand, we have updated dates, times, and expanded offerings for our summer reading group pursuing William Paul Young's The Shack. Our Pastors will lead an evening group from Tuesday, July 26th-Tuesday, August 16th from 7-8:30 PM on Tuesday evenings. We will also offer a daytime group from 9:30-11 AM on Wednesdays meeting August 3rd-August 24th. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Heidi and let her know which group you are attending, and if you need a book.

Please RSVP to Pastor Heidi at: [pastorheidiheath@gmail.com](mailto:pastorheidiheath@gmail.com) to ensure we have enough books!

## Worship in August!

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 July. Take a look:

**August Continues Summer Worship.** Worship will be starting at 9am followed by coffee hour.

**Outdoor Services!!** August 14<sup>th</sup> church service will be outside. Please remember to bring your own chair.

**Congregational Meeting** – August 14<sup>th</sup> after service. Please plan to attend.

*Thank  
You*

Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> was Try-A-Tithe Sunday. This was a day on which the Stewardship Board asked the congregation to consider the idea of tithing and make a one-time contribution of ten percent of their weekly income. In a way it could be looked at as an addition to their annual pledge, a fifty-third week, equivalent to ten percent of that extra week.

As of July 26<sup>th</sup>, forty-four participants contributed a total of \$5,181.81. This is an extraordinary result and the Stewardship Board thanks each and every one who made this program such a success for their extravagant generosity.

The love and stewardship continually exhibited by the members of this congregation in so many ways is nothing short of amazing. Once again, we say thank you and blessed be.

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

## Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

### Family Promise

First Parish's participation in Family Promise continues, with about 10 people in our congregation regularly participating every 10th week when our turn to co-host comes around. One new twist which started with our last hosting slot, July 31-Aug 6, is that we will assume primary responsibility for finding volunteers for the week, rather than being a support church. We will still work with People's United, but it will be with them supporting us, rather than the reverse.

### The Derry Friendship Center

With your charitable giving, Missions provides support to the Derry Friendship Center which is one of the charities that we support monthly. 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. Missions has scheduled a "Missions Moment" on Sunday, August 14 and has invited Carol Bowden from the Friendship Center to talk to the Congregation concerning this important local mission.

### Zimbabwe Pen-Pal

The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions is in the early phases of revitalizing the Pen-Pal program. Rev. Peyiye from our sister church in Dangamvura, Mutare, Zimbabwe has moved to the United States and it is not known at this time if Rev. Peyiye's replacement has been called yet. We 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 Churches 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 VanSteensburg (Affiliate Member)

## Hannaford's Fundraiser Program

The new Hannaford's Gift Card program for nonprofits is in place! New cards will be available Sunday after worship for reloading. A significant improvement for the church will be that our orders will be discounted by 5% instead of earning "bonus cards" that we need to sell to make our profit--i.e. A \$1000 order will only cost us \$950 giving us an immediate profit. About 40 members are regular participants in the program at this time. Currently the Hannaford's project is administered by Liz Greenberg, Joyce Pope with support from Dawn Gilbert.

The FPC Dining for Dollars Program is suspended for the summer. While not a large fundraising project in terms of income, it has been a huge success in terms of building fellowship and positive camaraderie in the congregation. We plan to continue in the fall.

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

Welcoming New Members of Fundraising Committee: We would love to welcome more people to this committee to help brainstorm and implement fundraising and fun & fellowship ideas/programs! If you have an interest, contact Liz Greenberg at (585)472-0458 or [lizgreenberg26@gmail.com](mailto:lizgreenberg26@gmail.com)

Submitted by Liz Greenberg



With a successful loan closing next week, Enterprise Bank branch president Tom Hosey came by recently to hang their sign on our construction fence.

Note the sign's large title goes beyond their typical "this project financed by ..." to instead describe us as "Partners in Preservation." This reflects the bank and Tom's personal commitment to supporting our cause (Tom has also agreed to be part of our community fundraising team)!

## Finance Committee

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

Financial Report as of 7/25/16	Received	Budgeted
Pledges year to date:	\$101,044	\$105,000
Plate year to date:	\$14,747	\$14,000

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](mailto: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

## Church Pictorial Directory

Thank you to all of those who participated in photography sessions! We had over 100 sessions. If you were not able to make the sessions it's okay, you can still be included by sending a picture in to Becca Cobban, [rcobban@rivier.edu](mailto:rcobban@rivier.edu)

Now that photography sessions are over the next step is to design the book! If you have any good church pictures, either from events or of the church in general please let us know or email them to Becca! Becca Cobban will be putting everything together and submitting it in the next couple of weeks.

Again thank you to all of those who participated,

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

# Thank You!



## Stewardship Board

The Finance Committee meeting just adjourned. My mind is still reeling with figures and information. The balance sheet tallies up all those figures and makes sense out of all the chaos. Isn't bookkeeping wonderful to make the world look so neat and tidy? Our treasurer has what I would term an impossible job. I know at my house when it's the day to fill out the IRS Form 1040, I have a mountain of papers, somewhat formed into piles, sharp pencils, a BIG eraser, calculator and I feel a tension headache coming on. I'm sure glad that day comes only once a year! At First Parish Church right now we have not only the usual monthly expenses of keeping the church running but the Capital Campaign community is busy at work too. I picture the utility bills in one large pile, the restoration bills in another, income deposits must also be tallied and countless other details I can only imagine. I would think writing the checks is probably the easiest part. Phew. My head spins just thinking of it. We really need to thank our treasurer.

After shaking my head in wonderment over the accounting of the monies, my mind moved on to the accounting of gifts other than money. The Finance Committee has been asked to tally what is called "In-Kind Donations." I'm not a lawyer so in my simplistic logic I'm categorizing this as giving of time, talent, goods as well as services to the church, for which one does not get paid and no bill is submitted. I thought of all the people I see around the church working on one project or another. I started to picture the kitchen people. We have Best Breakfast people, coffee hour people, spaghetti supper people, funeral reception people, not to mention all the potlucks, Lenten soups and other special events. Next I thought of the upkeep of the building and grounds. We have people to take out the trash (special thank you to them), sweep the floors, dust, tidy up after a crowd. And that's just in Currier Hall! The work is so varied it takes a small army. We need mowers (or snow removers depending on the weather), gardeners, leaf rakers, flower tenders, weed pullers, branch clippers and on and on. Again my head spins with the activities being accomplished.

I must stop my list here or it would fill reams of paper. Try starting your own list of work you see being done at FPC. Be sure to envision the Sugar Plum Fair, Harvest Supper and the army of people involved in those endeavors. We are truly blessed to have so many willing volunteers who give their time and talents when asked. And a really BIG thank you for all those little things being done simply because someone saw they needed to be done.

2 Corinthians 9:7 says "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." We are so lucky to have so many cheerful givers here at First Parish Church. Thank you for all you do.

-submitted by Joyce Pope

(Stewardship Board representative to the Finance Committee)

# Save the Date

## Don Eaton will be in NH Saturday, October 15

Many of us may remember Don Eaton from his previous visits to First Parish Church when he shared his wonderful music and ministry of love, peace, and justice. There are also many of us who haven't had the opportunity to experience his gifts.

We all have a special gift that Don is returning to NH this fall and will offer a concert at the First Congregational Church of Hopkinton, NH on Saturday, October 15. So, we can each have the opportunity to experience his special music ministry, whether it be for the first time or a repeat performance.

If you don't know Don, he is a nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter, recording artist, lecturer, and seminar leader. He is known for his powerful, lyric-oriented music which addresses peace and social justice issues and for his inspiring and practical compassion education classes, seminars and retreats.

Don is also the founder of Small Change, a non-profit organization through which he has used his music and true stories to inspire people to be the 'small change' the world hungers for ... to encourage people to save and donate their small change to address hunger relief and to make small changes in their lives to address the hunger in their hearts.

Hilary Gorgol is planning to organize an opportunity for us to travel to Hopkinton for Don's concert on October 15. Stay tuned for more details.

As a prelude, you can experience some samples of Don's wonderful music ministry by listening to some of his compositions at the following web addresses:

"The Wall" ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-3-xw67Nnk>

"I Am One Voice" ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmjefNMrNA>

"No Frames, No Boundaries" ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZE0LUKRAs>

"Generations for Peace" ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdJqQM-FsSI>

## Building Rehabilitation Highlights: mid-June through mid-July 2016

On June 15, the meetinghouse was gently placed down on its new foundation by Geddes Building Movers! After about a month of being lifted off its old foundation, the meetinghouse now sits level and secure! The work during this phase included pouring a new foundation; building several piers under the building to support the main support columns that hold up the sanctuary floor; pouring a 3" reinforced slab under the whole meetinghouse and tower. This will provide a solid, dry, smooth surface in the space under the floor and will allow FPC to run electric lines, plumbing lines and heating pipes.

Skilled timber framing experts (staff of Preservation Timber Framing) are currently replacing rotted sections of sills with white oak beams sourced from New Hampshire. Millenium Granite of Maine has taken granite pieces removed from the old foundation and cut them into 2" slides that will be applied to the outside of the foundation (this will give it the appearance of the original granite foundation).

Morin Construction Services (MCS), our general contractor, has been filling in the cutouts in the foundation left from the steel lifting beams, insulating and waterproofing the foundation, and installing the perimeter drains. During this time period MCS has been working closely with members of the BAC to review the most recently-completed drawings for the new connector.

Right at the beginning of July, MCS suggested that some interior work within Noyes (reconfiguring the north end that is related to the upcoming connector) be completed in July – a wise adjustment of the schedule given the fact that some aspects of the connector design are currently being reviewed as this newsletter article is being written. The interior work within Noyes involves the rooms that had been the nursery and archives. These two spaces will be reconfigured and the end result will be that the nursery will swap locations with the archives. The upcoming new nursery will be on the east side of Noyes facing the parking lot. The upcoming new archives room will be on the west side and will be a windowless interior room. The room will be windowless because the design for the new connector wraps around that end of Noyes. (However, archival collections and historical artifacts aren't happy if they sit in the direct sun anyway!)

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## Building Rehabilitation Highlights (cont.)

Many FPC folks worked rapidly around the July 4th holiday to clear out the nursery and archives! Harry Carter, Bill Wheeler, Pastor Heidi, Beth Nelson and Sue Weaver devised an efficient plan to set up a temporary nursery in part of A/B and then planned for and moved other items to a storage trailer (the second one that is now in the church parking lot). Janice Braley, Paul Lindemann, Sue Lindemann, Janet Wetherbee, Bart Wetherbee and Nancy Heywood moved many archival collection to the second storage trailer and also moved the most fragile items to an offsite climate-controlled storage unit.

The work on our complex church building that has been happening over the past 4-5 weeks should be celebrated and acknowledged: The professionals involved have done exemplary work and provided excellent communication with the BAC!! Also, many First Parish people helped in a timely fashion with good humor, despite the heat!

Submitted by the Building Advisory Committee (Paul Ambler, Nancy Heywood, Larry Krantz, Paul Lindemann, Bill Mann)

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## Diaconate Notes

Despite the hot weather, we have had well-attended church services throughout the month of July. We continue to appreciate everyone's flexibility and positive attitude about our Currier worship space. We also appreciate Diane Breeden, Julie Turner and Beth Hunter's work in making our Currier space beautiful. The outdoor service on July 10<sup>th</sup> was a great success, and it was a delight to share the service with the folks from St. Luke's. Thank you to the choir for the lovely music.

As a diaconate body, we have been doing some good thinking about our Caring Communities. Each deacon has a list of church folks, and the people on our list make up our Caring Communities. As deacons, we would like to strive to know everyone on our lists. We can serve as contacts, liaisons to pastoral care, or just familiar faces. If you haven't met your deacon, please make an effort to do so. We want to meet you!

The church directory work is almost done. Over 100 families signed up to be part of the directory! Thank you to Brian Williams and Becca Cobban for their hard work with this endeavor.

Your deacons, Cindy Pingree, Brian Williams, Becca Cobban, Cyndi Gray, Sarah Keller, Jo Worthen, Diane Dunn, Diane Gordon, Carol Bates, Diana Sweeney, Fred Merrill, and Reni Harnden

## “PICK YOUR FAVORITE HYMN” MONTH

Have you ever wondered just how the hymns included in Sunday morning worship get chosen? Exactly why that seemingly unsingable tune was picked? Or why some hymns seem to get chosen more often than others while your particular favorite never gets sung anymore?

I'd like to tell you that it's a very complicated process that requires highly intelligent, musically knowledgeable individuals to decode an ancient process, but the truth is that there are resources available to churches to assist in determining which hymns apply to the lectionary readings for a given year. (For a mere \$23.99 per year, you too can own a guide to the secrets of hymn picking. But I should tell you, it's not as exciting as it sounds!)

However, in the month of August, we will be singing YOUR favorite in church because it's "Pick Your Favorite Hymn" Month. All it takes is for you write the name of your favorite hymn (and hymn number, if it's in the New Century Hymnal) on a piece of paper along with your name and contact information. Then, drop it into the Music Director's box in the office. Your hymn does not have to be in the NC Hymnal - we'll do our best to track it down and be in touch if we're having trouble finding it. When it's used, you have the option of having your name appear in the Bulletin next to the hymn name, indicating that it's your favorite hymn.

The expectation is to use all of the hymns submitted during the month of August, but if there is a heavy response to our "hymn challenge", the balance of selections will be used throughout the fall services. Submissions may begin immediately so we can organize the August hymn choices ASAP.

Have fun and sing on!!

*Sue Handy*

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## 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

## Around Our Church and in the Community

### Pastor Heidi's Community Office Hours

Pastor Heidi will resume coffee and conversation at the Coffee Factory on Wednesday beginning on September 7th. She'll be extending her hours by 30 minutes from 4 PM-6 PM to ensure even more folks are able to stop by. Join her for coffee, conversation, or a blessing on your way home, resuming in September.

### Dear First Parish Family,

We would like to thank everyone who donated food and money to our bake sale. We raised over \$650 to help us go on our trip. We are looking forward to reporting back about our adventures in Florida.

Jen Robinson, Malysa Deranian,  
and Rachel Cobban



## EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

- This is the LAST newsletter that will be printed!!!
- If you wish to continue to get on paper you need to let the office know.
- If you want it on paper then they will be able to pick it up after church (communion Sunday) or it will be mailed the following Monday.
- See insert for more information!

### Pastors' Vacation and Study Leave

Pastor Heidi will be on Star Island from July 30th-August 6th for her annual week of outdoor ministry. She will be away Sunday, August 7th for a day of study leave.

Pastor Deborah will be on vacation from the afternoon of August 21st-August 29th. Pastor Heidi will be on-call.

## Scripture Readings

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

### August 7<sup>th</sup> – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalms 50: 1-8, 22-23 or Gen 15: 1-6  
Psalm 33: 12-22  
Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12: 32-40

### August 14<sup>th</sup> – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5: 1-7  
Psalms 80: 1-2, 8-19 or Jer 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Heb 11: 29- 12: 2  
Luke 12: 49-56

### August 21<sup>st</sup> – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-10  
Psalms 71: 1-6 or Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Heb 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### August 28<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 2:4-13  
Psalms 81:1, 10-16 or Sirach 10:12-18  
Psalm 112  
Heb 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Worship Leadership

### Deacons & Lay Readers

#### Deacons of the Month

Cindy Pingree and Reni Harnden

August 7<sup>th</sup>: Jaime Robinson

August 14<sup>th</sup>: Fred Merrill

August 21<sup>st</sup>: Joanne Worthen

August 28<sup>th</sup>: Diane Gordon

### Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

August 7<sup>th</sup>: Ushers: Diaconate

Greeters: Verna Elwell and Shirley  
Dickason

August 14<sup>th</sup>: Ushers: Ken Gould and Diane  
Breedon

Dee Deranian and Shirley Dickason  
Greeter: Mark Pingree and Nancy Magee

August 21<sup>st</sup>: Ushers: Stanley and Holly Gorgol  
Tom and Andrea Cooper  
Greeters: Becky Fleury

August 28<sup>th</sup>: Ushers: Becky Fleury and Verna  
Elwell

Joe Weaver and Sue Hunt  
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-Friday  
10 am - 4:30 pm

**You are most warmly invited:**

9:00 am          Sunday Worship & Church School  
10:00 am        Coffee Hour

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**Check us out on the web or call our office:**

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