

# 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,

Pick up a dictionary - oh, I am showing my generation with that image! For you younger folks, you would go to [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com) - and look up a few words. Start with the word "neighbor". Yes, it is someone who lives in proximity to you but farther down the list you will see: "a person who shows kindness or helpfulness toward his or her fellow humans". Then look up "teacher" and you will see that a teacher is one who imparts knowledge, much like an advisor or guide or mentor. A teacher teaches by enlightening, by informing and by imparting knowledge. Then look up the word "storyteller" and you'll read "a person who loves to tell tales; a person who loves to 'spin a good yarn'".

For those of you who are long-time members of First Parish, you know who I'm talking about. For those of you who are new to First Parish, we lost a beloved saint this week. Our resident neighbor, teacher and

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

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Blessing of the Animals

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

KIT Group

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Don Eaton Concert

Harvest Supper

**October 16-22**

Family Promise Host Week

**Tuesday, October 18 - Date Change**

Exploring the Bible

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sonshine Soup Kitchen

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Consecration Sunday

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sugar Plum Fair



### From the Pastor's Desk Continued

and storyteller went home to God on Tuesday, September 29, surrounded by loved ones. Wilbur Palmer ('Webb' to his family and friends) fought the good fight, lived an extraordinary life and died with the same dignity and determination that he lived his life.

To Webb's beloved wife of many years, Marge, no words of consolation are "enough". To his children and grandchildren, no words of comfort can take away your pain. You are in our thoughts and in our prayers as you navigate a world that will be so different from the one you knew with him in it. I am reminded of a beautiful poem that has helped me through dark times when people I cherished had died. I commend it to you and to us all:

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there - I do not sleep.  
I am the thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints in snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
As you awake with morning's hush  
I am the swift-up-flinging rush  
Of quiet birds in circling flight.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there - I do not sleep.

Here's to you, Webb! I will miss you blue eyes and that impish grin!  
Thank you, God, for loaning us this gentle man for a time.

Peace to one and all,  
Pastor Deborah



## Stewardship Board

Ready or not, autumn is here. Students and teachers have returned to their classrooms. Summer vacations have refreshed our minds and spirits and we are ready for the new challenges that await us. Here at First Parish we are nearing the fiscal year end. Will we finish strong? Soon work will begin on the 2017 budget. Ready or now, the annual stewardship drive begins.

First Parish is a little church with a big heart. A very big heart. When the call went out that the community food pantry was low on supplies, you delivered. Big hearted people responded. We were awarded three gold stars and even a blue thunderbolt for our participation! Our mission board makes monthly contributions to 9 local charities. You delivered. Big hearted people responded. When the call went out for books and school supplies to be sent to Zimbabwe, you delivered. Big hearted people responded. The call went out when the summer offerings began to slump. You delivered. Big hearted people responded. The Try-a-Tithe campaign was a success. Again and again First Parish proves to be a little church with a VERY big heart.

Now it's pledge time. The call is going out to increase our yearly faith promise. Can we step up to the challenge and deliver again? Now it's that little church with the big heart who is asking for your support. We hope those big hearted people will again respond.

Consecration Sunday is November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Joyce Pop on behalf of the Stewardship Board.

## Blessing of the Animals!

In honor of St. Francis' Day, Pastor Heidi will be blessing all beloved creatures great and small outside of the church on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 12 PM – 1:30 PM. Bring your furry family member, or if you prefer a photo to have them blessed. Dogs should be on a leash, and animals who bite otherwise safely contained please.



## Faith Formation/Christian Ed/Youth Ministry Updates

### Sunday School

Debating this Fall! A new Christian Education Curriculum for Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> graders!

We will be moving into a trial run of Sparkhouse's Whirl curriculum that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. We are so excited about the possibilities for connection between what is happening in worship, and what is happening in Church School for deeper family faith formation.

### Confirmation Quest

Are you in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade? Are you feeling like you're ready to explore what your faith means to you? Have questions that you think aren't ok to ask in church? Then perhaps confirmation is for you. We'd like to offer a confirmation class in 2016-2017. If you're interested in being confirmed, please be in touch with Pastor Heidi and Pastor Deborah to let them know! Are you outside of the 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade age range, but interested? Let us know that too.

### Adult Faith Formation

**Tuesday Nights 7:30-8 PM**

#### Date Change

**October 18<sup>th</sup>-November 22<sup>th</sup>**

**Exploring the Bible: Hebrew Bible 6 week series** We'll go from a broad overview to deeper exploration as we dive into the Hebrew Bible (sometimes called the Old Testament). This portion of the Bible contains some of our most challenging texts. While we can read them alone, it's so much richer to explore them in community. All are welcome if it's your first time or 100<sup>th</sup> time reading the Bible.

**November 29<sup>th</sup>-December 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### Advent Exploration

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

Stay tuned for more details!

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### Blue Christmas Worship Service

This Service is especially geared toward those of us who want to make sacred space for the more tender feelings at this time of year.

(Please note: Whenever possible we will attempt to offer a daytime opportunity for those folks who cannot come in the evening. These sessions will not always mirror the Tuesday evening. If you are a daytime person, be sure that our Pastors both know your desire to participate.)

## Sugar Plum Fair

To all my friends here at First Parish -

The decision has been made by Council that the "Meetinghouse" will remain closed through this winter season.

With that being said - I am saddened to say that the Sugar Plum Fair - 2017 - will not be including a White Elephant room as part of the event.

There will be some 'brainstorming' that will need to happen since I would still like to see some type of luncheon offered - since this is more of a fellowship event - stop and talk to many we have not seen for a long time - or catching up with family and friends.

Another idea is - since the overall proceeds from the fair will be down by somewhere in the range of \$1,000 - I would like to put this out there to anyone that wants to take the challenge.

Every year - our cookie walk is sold out by approximately 1:00 - what if everyone baked just one more dozen cookies? Or what about those crafts that you have made - or think about making - that could be added to the craft table? Remember the year Pastor Sue gave us a challenge for that - and she made all those beautiful cards and donated the proceeds to the church/fair - we made over \$900 in crafts that year.

Or one more - how about one of those pie or cake recipes you have thought about trying - donate to the bake table - make someone happy for the holidays and help the proceeds from the fair?

I have some ideas - how about you?

Cathy



**72nd ANNUAL  
SUGAR PLUM FAIR  
SATURDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING**

**November 19th, 2016**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

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

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

- Make 2 double batches of home-baked cookies for the Cookie Walk
- Make a craft that can be sold at the First Parish craft table
- Bake a pie, cake, or holiday goodie for sale on the bake table \_\_\_\_\_
- Help set up for the fair (5:00 pm Friday night)
- Help Clean up and set the rooms to right (3:00 pm Saturday)
  
- Direct Cars in Parking Lot     A.M.             P.M.
  
- Roll out dough for Pecan Rolls (many other tasks also available)  
          (See Reni Hamden or Wendy Staggs for details)
- Work at Cookie Walk, Craft table, Bake table, lunchroom, etc.  
           A.M.             P.M.

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

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

**Thank you!**

Cathy Lee Pottle 668-4215

[clpottle@yahoo.com](mailto:clpottle@yahoo.com)

## Fundraising Committee

### FPC Dining for Dollars Fun and Fellowship Events Updates:

Mark your calendars--**Tuesday, October 18th** our popular FPC Dining for FPC Dollars event will return! We are very excited to be welcomed by Eddie Leon to his brand new La Caretta location in Londonderry! He is again offering us 15% of our purchases for the evening. So come on out to enjoy his new place and some great fellowship with FPC members and friends! Watch your bulletins for flyers to bring with you to the event. 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!

### Hannaford's Fundraiser Program

Our weekly re-load order is running between \$1000 & \$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 Hannaford's 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 Any questions, see Liz Greenberg or Joyce Pope. 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! I am also looking for a few more people to assist on Sunday mornings with accepting checks and recording reload orders so I can participate in hand chime choir. If you have an interest, contact Liz Greenberg at [\(585\)472-0458](tel:5854720458) or [lizgreenberg26@gmail.com](mailto:lizgreenberg26@gmail.com)

Submitted by Liz Greenberg



## Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

### Food Basket Program

The Food Basket program is a vital part of our Missions work as a Church. The food basket is kept outside of Currier Hall where services are now being held. The food goes to the Derry Food Pantry and the Upper Room, both important programs supported by your giving. If you have donated canned goods or other food items to this program in the past, thank you. If not, please consider dropping off items in the food basket on Sunday, or anytime the Church is open. Donations are desperately needed and always appreciated.

### Zimbabwe Shipment

The shipping container was successfully loaded with supplies on Sept. 10 and is on its way to Zimbabwe. We contributed 8 boxes of books, medical supplies, and school supplies. Thank you to all who have donated but if you were unable, the tentative date for the next shipment is September 9, 2017. To honor the request of the UCC, we donated three of the eight boxes to a non-partnered Church (i.e. Tuzuka, UCCZ) with the remaining five boxes going to our sister church in Dangamvura, Mutare.



In total there were 1206 boxes, barrels, bags, etc... totaling nearly 12 tons.

### 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



## News from the Council

Council accepted the Nominating Committee's recommendation that Fred Merrill serve as the interim Moderator until the next Annual Meeting. We would also like to thank Chris O'Brien for fulfilling the role of interim Moderator since the Moderator resignation. We appreciate his calm demeanor, open willingness and the ability to keep our meeting on task while giving everyone the opportunity to share their viewpoints and opinions. Thank you Chris!!!

Council agreed that they would hire and work with Dr. David Reynolds to assist Council in the evaluation and improvement in the functionality of the Council Meetings and also to name and manage the Undercurrents" felt at FPC.

## Family Promise

As all or nearly all of the newsletter readers know, First Parish continues to actively participate in the Family Promise program, which provides temporary shelter and meals to homeless families in Rockingham County. To date, 10 churches participate in the weekly rotation (soon to become 12!), so our turn to host the families comes up every 10 weeks. During our hosting week, each evening from Sunday through Saturday we provide a hot dinner (from 6 to 7 pm) for the families, an evening "host" (from 7-9pm) who is there mainly to just be a friendly presence, and an overnight host (from 9pm to 7am or so the next morning), who spends the night on the comfortable foldout bed provided, in a separate room. The hosting is done at Calvary Bible church, about 2 miles down Old Derry Road from our church. The Family Promise offices are there, so the families are quite comfortable there and familiar with the facilities. The program has no more than 4 families (and no more than 14 people in all) at any given time; families are expected to find their own housing within 60 to 90 days, with the assistance of the Family Promise case manager.

Last Sunday, the Director of Family Promise (Craig Everett) gave the Minute for Mission, and spoke about the charge we have from Christ to serve the most vulnerable among us. That's who these folks are. They are screened carefully to ensure that they are appropriate for the program, will fit in well with volunteers, and will abide by the program's rules and expectations. They are EXTREMELY appreciative of the assistance they receive from us, though it is often difficult for them to express this because their dependence on us is continual for as long as they are in the program. The program has run successfully for the past 4 years here, and keeps getting better.

Our next hosting week in October 16-22. We have already gotten volunteers for most

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**SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE**

**An Evening With Don Eaton  
Nationally Acclaimed Singer-Songwriter  
Saturday October 15 at 7 pm**

**First Congregational Church of Hopkinton  
1548 Hopkinton Road  
Hopkinton, NH**



**An opportunity to see and hear Don Eaton again - or for the first time!!**

**“Don Eaton’s music, message, and presence combine in a remarkable human being. His songs are...warm, captivating, and insightful...”**

*Dr. Marcus Borg, Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture, Dept. of Philosophy, Oregon State University*

**“Very strong lyrics of social commentary and insight, but most of all, these are songs of deep compassion.”**

*Robert McAfee Brown, Theologian, Author, Professor Emeritus, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley*

**“His songs are true healing for the listener.”**

*Robert Raines, retired Executive Director Kirkridge Retreat Center, Pennsylvania*

**Donations to benefit Concord’s Friendly Kitchen**

## Finance Committee

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

Financial Report as of 8/31/16	Received	Budgeted
Pledges year to date:	\$131,233	\$140,000
Plate year to date:	\$18,832	\$18,667

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

## SONSHINE SOUP KITCHEN

The next Sonshine Soup Kitchen date for us to prepare is October 24. No date is set yet for our move. Contact me if you wish to participate in December. We serve the day after Christmas, 12/26. We will definitely need a crew! Stay tuned for where we will be. ~

Margie Ives 434-6539

## KIT Group

October 12 – Come celebrate Halloween wearing your own Hoboblin Costume! We will meet at Currier at 12:30. Larry Krantz will update us on the Church Rehabilitation. Bring your lunch.

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of the 21 "slots" we have to fill (3 each day for 7 days), because we have a core group who faithfully and generously volunteers nearly every time. But we still have 4 slots for which we need volunteers: evening hosting and overnight for Thursday (Oct 20), and dinner and evening hosting for Friday (Oct 21). So please sign up; it's a very easy way to make a big difference in the lives of homeless children and their Moms.

I also want to point out 2 other ways that you can help the Family Promise program meet its goal of serving the homeless – (1) buy tickets to our annual fundraiser ("Gala"), which this year includes dinner, dancing to a live band, and live and silent auctions of some great prizes; and (2) consider joining our Board of Directors. The Gala is on Friday, November 4, at 6:30, and costs \$50 per person. Our Board is comprised of 12 people from the community, and we have several open slots. We have a particular need for a bookkeeper or accountant to serve as Treasurer, but we are also seeking anyone who is willing to contribute their time to the program.

If you are able and willing to help out with Family Promise in October, or would like to be on my email list of potential volunteers, please email me at [randybrown1119@gmail.com](mailto:randybrown1119@gmail.com) or call me at 603-612-0489. You can also call me to buy tickets for the Gala, or to put your name in the hat to join our Board of Directors. You can also learn more about Family Promise and follow developments in the program by visiting our website [www.familypromisegrc.org](http://www.familypromisegrc.org).

## Healthy Communication and Beloved Community Workshop

A workshop on "A Healthy Congregation: Putting It All Together" will be offered on Saturday, October 29th, from 8:45 AM until 1:30 PM with lunch included, at the Bradford Congregational Church, UCC, 145 North Main Street, Bradford, Vermont. Registration is \$10 per workshop.

This builds on the workshops offered in the spring but is designed to stand alone. Nancy Brown, the presenter, was one of the first people Peter Steinke trained. She has worked with and adapted the Healthy Congregations model over fifteen years of work with congregations and other communities. This workshop will help lay leaders and clergy guide their congregations through anxious times of change in a way that increases the health and vitality of the congregation. Our spring workshops were very well attended by many Vermont and New Hampshire congregations and rated 4.78 out of 5 for their usefulness. "One of the most informative and well-organized presentations I have ever attended."

We can car pool. Let Pastor Deborah know that you'd like to attend.

## A Clay Pot

A clay pot similar to this is how it all began. I watched a very special women turn a school gymnasium into a worship center for Holy Cross Catholic Church and realized we could add a visual to our worship time. Over the last 20+ years I have been blessed to work with each of our pastors as we journeyed through the liturgical year. Pastor Deborah has embraced this ministry as I have approached her with an idea, we have spent time dreaming up worship scenes that I hope have enriched your experience in our sanctuary and in Currier Hall while we wait out the renovation of our beautiful meeting house. This has added so much to my faith journey and I pray it has added to your faith journey also. Please share with me what works for you and what you see when you hear the scripture readings, the sermon, and the anthem that our choir so elegantly prepares each week.



Your thoughts and questions are important to me.

Yours in Christ, Diane Breeden

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## Administrative Updates

**Welcome Emily!** Emily Howard began working at First Parish Congregational Church as the Administrative Assistant on September 26<sup>th</sup>. In her most recent position at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Southborough, MA, Emily worked in a congregational setting, she created bulletins, updated the website, created newsletters, handled confidential information, worked with online communication tools and managed a great deal of data.

Emily recently moved to New Hampshire and was looking for a position that continued to allow her to work in a church setting. She is excited to find that First Parish Congregational Church is that place! Emily is settling right in and enjoying her new role at First Parish Congregational Church. Please stop by and introduce yourself during her office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9-3:00.

**Thank you to Becca!** A special thank you to Becca Cobban, our Interim Administrative Assistant who did an excellent job filling in for us this summer and into the fall! We would also like to extend our appreciation for training our new Administrative Assistant and helping her get off on the right foot!

## An Update from the Diaconate

The Diaconate is very excited about the soon-to-be available pictorial directory. Recently we received a draft copy for editing purposes, and once the updates are made, we hope to have copies of the final version ready very soon.

As much as we miss the old sanctuary, we have received a lot of favorable comments about church service in Currier Hall. It has been wonderful to witness so many people stepping up to prepare our temporary place of worship, and then to quickly transform Currier Hall to accommodate our time for fellowship. We've also been much more comfortable with the recently installed air conditioning system. Many thanks to Bob Wilson for helping to make that possible. Our appreciation also goes out to Harry Carter, Bill Wheeler, the Tech Team, and many others for working behind the scenes to ensure our facility is safe and everything is in good working order.

Don't forget that if you miss a service, or would just like to hear a sermon again, then go to the FPC web site where you can find links to the archived sermons.

Even though Rally Day has gone by, it is never too late to volunteer as an usher or greeter. We currently have a couple openings on our rotating schedule, and a need for people to fill in on an as-needed basis. If you are interested, just let us know.

Lastly, each one of you is a member of our Caring Community that is administered by the Diaconate. If you do not know who your Deacon is, please let one of us know. We want to hear from you!

Your Deacons,

Brian Williams, Reni Harnden, Becca Cobban, Carol Bates, Cindy Pingree, Cyndi Gray, Diana Sweeney, Diane Dunn, Diane, Gordon, Fred Merrill, Joanne Worthen, and Sara Keller

## Key Sundays and Services for 2016 & 2017

- Saturday, October 1st - Blessing of the Animals at 12 Noon  
Rain Date: Saturday, October 8th
- Sunday, October 2nd - World Communion Sunday
- Sunday, October 30th - Laity Sunday
- Sunday, November 6th - All Saints Day
- Sunday, November 13th - Veterans Day and Stewardship Sunday\*\*
- Sunday, November 20th - Thanksgiving Sunday
- Sunday, November 27th - First Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday, December 20th - Blue Christmas at 7 PM
- Saturday, December 24th - 4:30 PM Vibrant, Inter-generational Service with Pageant, 7:00 PM Lessons and Carols, and 10:00 PM Candlelight Service
- Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Sunday
- Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy New Year and Pajama Sunday!
- Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> - Epiphany - Intergenerational Weeknight Service. Supper at 6PM  
Worship at 7 PM.
- Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - Star Gifts/Epiphany Sunday
- Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - MLK Sunday

\*\*Subject to change



## Around Our Church and in the Community

### Pastor Heidi's Community Office Hours

Pastor Heidi continues to have coffee and conversation at the Coffee Factory on Wednesdays from 4 PM-6 PM. Join her for coffee, conversation, or a blessing on your way home.

### October Preaching Schedule

- Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pastor Heidi
- Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Heidi
- Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Deborah
- Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Pastor Deborah
- Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Diana Sweeney

### Prayer Angels

Become a **Prayer Angel** with our Pastors, Beth Hunter and Diana Sweeney!

#### Gather to pray together:

**Tuesday:** 6:00-6:30pm at church with Diana

**Wednesday:** 4:30-5pm with Pastor Heidi  
Or 11-11:30am with Beth at her house: 11 L Rebecca Lane in Derry

**Thursday:** 9-9:30am at church with Pastor Deborah

**Sunday:** 11:30-12 with Diana

You may also sign up to send and receive a gratitude text each day! TEXT Beth at 603-505-0702! Give her your name and she'll assign you a gratitude angel group!

Form a prayer team of your own and let us know what you're doing.

**God loves us so much. Let us love God so much that we join in prayer.**

### First Fridays at First Parish

First Fridays return at the beginning of October. We look forward to this kind of fun and fellowship together again soon.

### Pastors' Vacation and Study Leave

Pastor Deborah will be on Study Leave from October 2<sup>nd</sup> - October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Heidi will be vacation from October 10<sup>th</sup> - October 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Scripture Readings

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

### October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lam 1:1-16 or Lam 3:19-26 or PS 137 or  
Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Psalms 37:1-9  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### October 9<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12 or 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### October 16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104 or Gen 32:22-31  
Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### October 23<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joel 2:23-32  
Ps 65 or Sir 35:12-17 or Jer 14:7-10, 19-22  
Psalm 84:1-7  
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

### October 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Ps 119:137-144 or Isa 1:10-18  
Ps 32:1-7  
2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

## Worship Leadership

### Deacons & Lay Readers

#### Deacons of the Month

Fred Merrill & Jo Worthen

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Come on Sunday and find out!

**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Dee Deranian

**October 16<sup>st</sup>:** Sarah Keller

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Diane Dunn

**October 30<sup>th</sup>:** Becca Cobban

### Ushers & Greeters

**Weekly Usher** – Michael Bryan

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Ushers: Diaconate  
Greeters: Verna Elwell and Shirley  
Dickason

**October 9<sup>th</sup>:** Ushers: Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell,  
Sue Hunt  
Greeter: Beth Hunter

**October 16<sup>st</sup>:** Ushers: John Bartel, Kevin Gordon,  
Diane Gordon  
Greeter: Connie Cox

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Ushers: Ken Gould, Diane Breeden,  
Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason  
Greeter: Betsy McCall

**October 30<sup>th</sup>:** Ushers: Diaconate  
Greeter: Verna Elwell & Shirley  
Dickason

### Nursing Home Friends

Theo Johnson

Hillsborough Country Nursing Home

Phil Guertin

Pleasant Valley Nursing Home

# First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

**Church Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**You are most warmly invited:**

10:00 am      Sunday Worship & Church School  
11:00 am      Coffee Hour

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

[www.fpc-ucc.org](http://www.fpc-ucc.org) | 603-434-0628

**Email our Administrative Assistant, Emily Howard:**

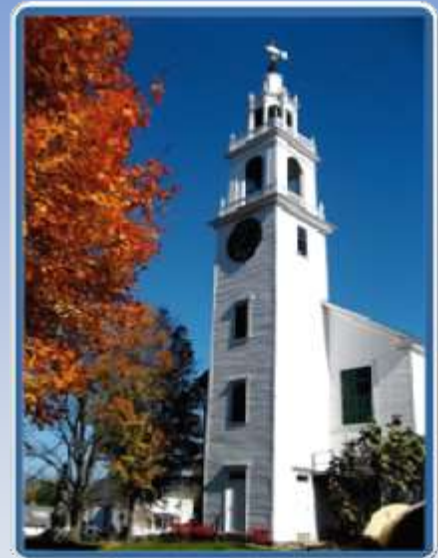
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