

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Child of God,

Lent is a time to do some deep thinking and some honest praying. Those thoughts and prayers led me to a sermon and now to this newsletter article. I am more encouraged than ever before. I see God at work in amazing and wondrous ways! And I am oh, so grateful to be serving you here at First Parish.

On Sunday February 25th I preached a sermon entitled "Counting the Cost of Covenant". The sacred scriptures that are before us this Lenten season take us back to the Covenant that God made with Abram. To seal that covenant God required Abraham at the age of 99 to be circumcised, as well as all the males of his household! Our covenantal relationship with God comes with a cost: we are responsible and we are accountable. We are responsible to uphold one another in prayer. We are accountable to ask what more we can do to further the kingdom of God. And it may come at a cost.

When God told Abraham (who was then 99) that his wife Sarah was going to bear a child at the age of 90, Abraham fell on his face laughing. Imagine that! For me, this is really an important point. Sometimes God wants something for us. Sometimes God wants something that is hard for us to believe. It may even seem inconceivable. And God's normal is like a miracle for us! Sometimes the way is clear and sometimes there seem to be delays and detours, burdens and blocks. This doesn't mean that God wants it any less for us. It just means that perhaps there is something for us to gain by going *around* that we wouldn't understand by going *through*.

God made some pretty extravagant promises to Abraham. And although Abraham did not hide how he really felt, God was faithful to his promise and Abraham grew to be faithful to the relationship, as well.

Upcoming Events

March 1st

Stewardship Meeting ~ 7:00

March 4th

CE Board Meeting ~ 11:00

March 6th

Deacons Meeting ~ 6:30

March 14th

K.I.T ~ 12:30

March 18th

Missions Meeting ~ 11:30

March 20th

Council Meeting ~ 7:00

March 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

Soup & Service ~ 6:00

March 30th

Spaghetti Supper ~ 5:00

Will our next dinner fundraiser be ribs and pulled pork? Stay tuned ☺

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



From the Pastor's Desk Continued

When Jesus came along, he taught that it was more our behavior that mattered to God than any one ritual that we hold on to. In a relationship there is a give and take. In a sacred covenant there is a responsibility and an accountability. I am in covenant with you. I am responsible to give you my very best and I am accountable to you to acknowledge when I fall short. You are in covenant with me. You are responsible to talk to me, and you are accountable to ask me questions when you don't understand and to invite me into your life when you are troubled.

Together, we are in covenant with God. The Apostle Paul said it best in Philippians, chapter 4: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God." Let me say that again: "Do not **worry** about anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests **be known** to God."

The cost of the covenant that we have with God is not our flesh but it is our attitude and our faith practice. How much do we worry? And when we worry, do we blame and scapegoat? How much do we pray? How thankful are we? When we make our requests known before God, do we thank God in equal measure?

I have realized that I have broken covenant regarding the Meetinghouse. When the Friends of the Meetinghouse group was formed, I wanted to be part of it. I have from the beginning felt God's presence and seen God's blessing. I have known in my heart that we would be successful. But my participation in the secular organization defeated the whole idea of a separate and secular not-for-profit. I am many things but even when I take my collar off, I am not particularly secular. I see God at work everywhere and in this instance, I allowed culture to dictate my involvement and I separated myself. I have come to realize my misstep, because there **is** something that I can do. Just like there is something that you can do.

You see, many people are looking at the Friends organization with high expectations. Those high expectations are not being met fast enough and I have heard blaming and scapegoating. This is not ok. This behavior is not covenantal. This is not who we are. **We are a faith community with a firm foundation in worship and prayer and education.** We are not powerless. Far from it!

At the Annual meeting, Bill Mann explained how money was about relationship. The fact is that you know people that the members of the Friends of the Meetinghouse Board do not know. It is not good enough for you or I to write down a name and hand it to Beth or Bill. What must happen is for you to talk to your contact. **You** must tell them that you are involved in an amazing historic project that they need to hear about it because you wonder if they would want to be a part of history making history. **You** explain that there is someone who has all that facts and figures and can answer all the questions that they may have. **You** set up an appointment to go with a representative of the Friends Board to talk to the person that you know.

From the Pastor's Desk Continued

It is possible that you're thinking "well, that's their job." And, no, not really. Your responsibility in this is that you have the relationship and the Friends have the information. It's possible that you're thinking "I hate asking for money." Well, no one is asking you to. You are **introducing** a person you know to a person you trust who will ask for the money for a project that you believe in.

Let me say that again: you are introducing a person you know – to a person you trust – who will ask for financial support – for a project that you believe in. It's that simple.

And let us be thankful. We have done so much already. Let us give thanks for all the people who care, all the people who've worked so hard, all the people who have spent so much time on this project. Let us be thankful for our faithful ancestors. Let us be thankful for future generations who will enjoy the fruits of our labor. Let us thank God for all of the relationships that will be blessed in mysterious and divine ways. Let us thank God because God won't desert us now!

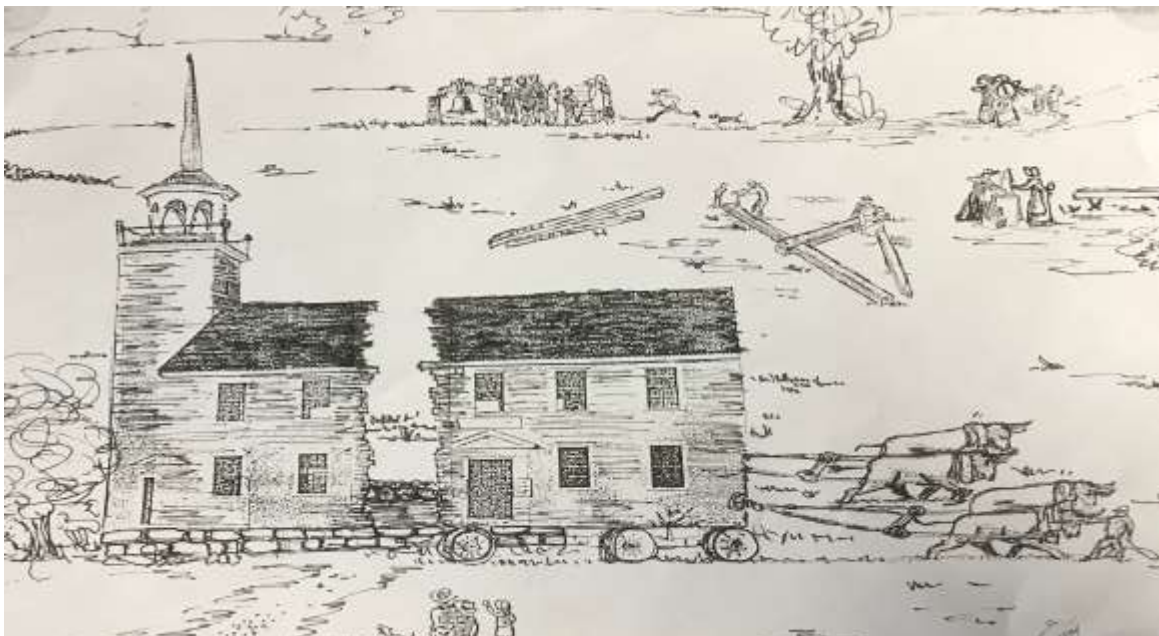
And there's one more thing. We can pray. Don't forget to pray. We can pray that we become able to think creatively about how we can participate in a financial solution. We can pray for this group of people, the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Meetinghouse, who are: Nancy Heywood, Beth Hunter, Mark Krantz, Ryan Lehoullier, Eddie Leone, Paul Lindemann, Bill Mann and Christopher O'Brien. We can pray for solutions to any blocks that are impeding the flow of money and we can pray for the money to flow abundantly.

There is a cost of Covenant and we are not bystanders by any stretch of the imagination.

"Do not **worry** about anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests **be known** to God."

God be praised!

Pastor Deborah



Board of Christian Education

February has been a busy month for Christian Education! Our students are diving into some great topics on all grade levels! The High Schoolers are delving into the edge-of-your-seat stories of the Old Testament and relating them to real life experiences today. The Middle Schoolers have been navigating Bible scripture and acting out these messages fearlessly for the whole congregation to enjoy. The younger children had some very rich lessons that interwove Black History month into their lectionary-based lessons including learning about the jazz poetry of Langston Hughes, spreading love and leading by example like Howard Thurman and becoming inventors making a difference of their own just like George Washington Carver.

In addition, two more of our board members are now First Aid/CPR/AED certified. We had a wonderful showing of support from First Parish Church with ten participants attending the NHCUCC's Prepared To Serve Educational Conference Event, of which I know many of us are bursting at the seams to share what we've learned with all of you! We have also started our Lenten journey together, with each other, children and youth. As we look forward, let's prepare....

LENTEN WORKSHOP



The Christian Education Board is hosting a Lenten Workshop for the entire Congregation on Palm Sunday, March 25th!

This workshop is designed for all ages to actively come together and contemplate the significance of Lent and the upcoming Holy Week following Palm Sunday. We will begin with soups, pastas, salads and breads in Currier Hall and then move to the workshop tables once they are set up. There will be crafts for everyone to complete and take home as well as other meaningful activities.

If you would like to donate food or if your talents are crafting and otherwise, please let us know how you would like to be involved in this occasion! Signups will be available after service and choir practices on Sundays until the week before March 25th, Palm Sunday. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration in contributing to and attending this intergenerational event!

Board of Christian Education

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Horton Center 2018 Registration is now open!



NHCUCC & FPC Welcomes Tim Hughes as Acting Director of Horton Center. Come meet Tim in person March 11th at FPC during our Horton Center Informational Session following choir practices! Enjoy the melodious sounds of his Ukele as he treats us to some Horton Center classics!

Horton Center [registration](#) is now open, [take a look at the schedule](#), as there is a session for everyone. With thanks to NHCUCC's Outdoor Mission Group and volunteer Deans, Horton Center is able to continue offering favorite sessions such as Grandparent & Grandchild, Family & Friends Weekend, Middler Camp, Best of Both Worlds and others. Don't forget to fill out the [Scholarship Application \(NHCUCC\)](#) by the May 15th deadline! We can't wait to connect through Christ with you this summer at Horton Center!



New England Youth Environmental Justice Summit ~ April 7 Hosted by Jackson Community Church and Brookside Congregational Church 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Let the Vacation Church School Planning Begin!

Great news for anyone interested in volunteering this year, our theme and supplies are already underway and we will be sharing our costs with our neighboring Atkinson UCC! If you like crafting, science experiments, songs, games, food and fun consider volunteering at our Vacation Church School this year and you are bound to have a blast! Come and see what our theme is this year!

APRIL 8TH, 11:45 IN THE A/B CONFERENCE ROOM

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Spring Schedule
Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm @ FPC



APRIL 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th ~ Rob Bell's NOOMA Film Series

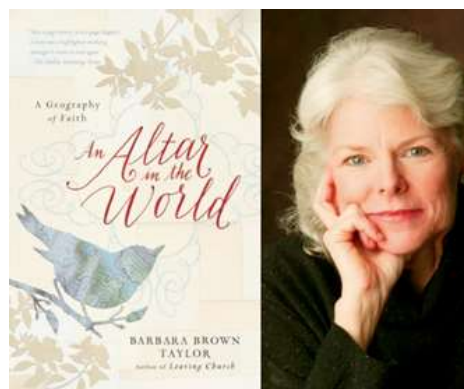
Looking for something refreshing this Spring? Why not delve into Rob Bell's Award-winning NOOMA Film Series with us?

All ten to fourteen minutes in length, the NOOMA videos feature Rob Bell, pastor of Michigan's Mars Hill Church, one of the fastest-growing churches in America.

NOOMA is a series of short films promoting spiritual reflections on individual life experiences. At the end of the day people are watching these videos because Rob Bell is an extraordinarily gifted and thought-provoking communicator.

MAY 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd ~ Barbara Brown Taylor's, "An Altar In The World"

In *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, follow-up to her acclaimed memoir *Leaving Church*, noted preacher and teacher Barbara Brown Taylor promises to make you see the world in a new way—finding grace in even the smallest detail, helping to bring conscious awareness to your everyday. Learn how the practice of blessings will help you give thoughtful prayer to those you love and even some you will never meet.



JUNE 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH ~ TED Talks are influential videos from expert speakers on education, business, science, tech and creativity.

Our lineup of TED talks will inspire thought and discussion. From serious to humorous, these talks explore a wide variety of faith-based topics. These talks are sure to encourage, inspire, and stretch your own thoughts on religion. Even if you don't agree with everything that these speakers have to offer, your own thoughts and beliefs will be challenged by these TED Talks.

Board of Stewardship

A new year, another annual meeting, another pledge drive come to an end. Thank you to all who have committed financial support to First Parish for the coming year. And a special thank you to those who stood up at annual meeting with additional pledges to help close our budget deficit.

Pastor Deborah often teaches us to stop, look, and listen for God everywhere and anywhere. Many of you know of my affection for rock 'n roll, and popular music in general and Bob Dylan in particular. One of Dylan's early and continuing influences was/is Buddy Holly. Holly and Norman Petty wrote a pretty well-known song called "Not Fade Away" that I heard one day as recorded by the Rolling Stones. If some of you don't know these names, they're pretty famous and you could google them. So the lyrics of this song are pretty simple and are typically interpreted as a teenage love song. And on this day as I listened, while doing the exercises prescribed for me in recovering from my injury last year, I thought what if God, or Jesus was speaking these words to me? The first verse is:

I'm a-gonna tell you how it's gonna be
You're gonna give your love to me
I wanna love you night and day
You know my love a-not fade away
A-well, you know my love a-not fade away

Think about that. Especially that "You know my love a-not fade away" line. Right? Then there's the second verse:

My love a-bigger than a Cadillac
I try to show it and you drive a-me back
Your love for me a-got to be real
For you to know just how I feel
A love for real not fade away

Can't you just imagine Jesus telling us "I try to show you my bigger than anything love and you don't even recognize it!" And still "A love for real not fade away" The final verse is:

I'm a-gonna tell you how it's gonna be
You're gonna give your love to me
A love to last a-more than one day
A love that's love - not fade away
A well, a-love that's love - not fade away

"A love to last a-more than one day". Yes!

Board of Stewardship
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So for a *few minutes* I thought about Jesus's love. Just a few. One of my other favorite performers is Van Morrison, a Northern Ireland native, Belfast, the port that Reverend MacGregor and his followers departed from back in 1718 headed for Boston and ultimately East Derry. One of Van's songs that I think of once in a while is "When Will I Ever Learn to Live in God" The chorus goes like this:

When will I ever learn to live in God?
When will I ever learn?
He gives me everything I need and more
When will I ever learn?

I have failed way more often than I have succeeded in this love God, Jesus loves me, be a good Christian, be a good steward practice. It's hard. And we keep trying. This is what stewardship is about. This is what the stewardship board wants you to know. And we thank you for each and every thing you do to care for the church, the community, the creation. As Pastor Deborah often reminds us "You cannot do all the good that the world needs, but the world needs all the good that you can do.

Finally we want to thank Joyce Pope, a good steward indeed, for all her hard work on the stewardship board as she completes her term and moves on to other stewardship opportunities here at First Parish and elsewhere. Thank you, Joyce and blessed be.

Submitted by John Bartel on behalf of the Stewardship Board: Margie Ives, Sarah Keller, and Joyce Pope.



Board of Deacons

Greetings all from the Board of Diaconate!

Spring is nearly upon us and with that comes the season of Lent and Easter. Wednesday Lenten Services are well underway following in the theme of the UCC's Be the Church:

- Protect the environment
- Care for the poor
- Forgive often
- Reject racism
- Fight for the powerless
- Share earthly and spiritual resources
- Embrace diversity
- Love God
- Enjoy this life

Easter Sunday is April 1st and an Easter Sunrise Service will be held. There will be more to come regarding timing and location.

Last month we received an amazing response to the call for lay readers, which is greatly appreciated. If you volunteered, please be patient as the schedule is revised to include new readers. The board will reach out to you in advance of scheduling.

Over the past few months the Board of Diaconate in conjunction with the Board of Christian Education has been working to implement a structured mechanism for identifying and scheduling Acolytes for service. The program is intended to support the youth at First Parish both in faith formation and leadership development.

As part of the standardization and support to these highly regarded youth leaders, the Board of Diaconate will be holding orientation classes for all current Acolytes as well as new members as they are identified. This orientation will be held on a Sunday after worship (TBD), please be on the lookout for communication if you are the parent/guardian of an Acolyte.

The Ministry of Acolyte is open to motivate and engaged youth in 3rd to 12th grade. If you would like more information on this program please reach out to Ryan Lehoullier, Harry Handy, Julie Turner or Christine Lehoullier.

Peace and joy to you during this beautiful season of renewal and rejuvenation!

Respectfully yours,
The Board of Diaconate

Submitted on behalf of the Diaconate by: Ryan Lehoullier

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS): One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more. Offering envelopes will be available throughout Lent (February 14 – April 1 (Easter Sunday)). A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

Sonshine Soup Kitchen Annual Fund Raiser: The second annual Sonshine Soup Kitchen Gala is being held on Thursday, April 5th at Birch Wood Vineyards, 199 Rockingham Road (Route 28 Derry NH), Red Carpet Cocktail hour at 6PM with Dinner and Festivities at 7PM. A table for 10 has been reserved but anyone can reserve a table or simply purchase individual tickets. The cost is \$62.50 per ticket. You can order tickets through their Website at <http://www.sonshinesoupkitchen.org/>

Coffee Hour: The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions will be hosting Coffee hour on April 8. We would be glad to talk to you if you would like more information about First Parish Church's Missions work or are interested in helping during any upcoming Missions work.

Missions 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 who received your support last month:

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| Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) - \$350.00 | Derry Friendship Center - \$100.00 |
| Sonshine Soup Kitchen - \$200.00 (\$100 in addition to our monthly donation) | |
| Pastoral Counseling - \$100.00 | Upper Room - \$100.00 |
| First Baptist Food Pantry - \$200.00 (\$100 in addition to our monthly donation) | |
| Community Caregivers - \$100.00 | Pastor Discretionary Fund - \$200.00 |
| Pinkerton Homeless Program - \$100.00 | Family Promise of Nashua - \$100.00 |

* The Missions Board voted to donate an additional \$400.00 to the Pastors Discretionary Fund at their last meeting and will also increase the monthly contribution from \$100.00 to \$200.00 going forward.

Amount of funds available for Missions work is what you designate on your Pledge card. You may also designate money towards special offerings throughout the year by writing Missions in the memo field of your check followed by where you want the donation to go. For example: *Missions: Hurricane Harvey Relief*. The Missions board will send the donation to its destination in the most efficient way.

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

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The Liberty House: The Liberty House in Manchester, NH has been providing a safe, supportive, substance-free housing community for more than a decade for American veterans transitioning out of homelessness.

LIBERTY HOUSE

WISH LIST

Donations can be dropped off at 75 W. Baker St, Manchester NH during daylight hours.

FOOD

- ☆ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ☆ Canned Soup
- ☆ Mac & Cheese
- Canned Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Chicken
- Fruit Cups & Canned fruit
- Granola bars
- Spam
- Canned potatoes
- Beans
- Canned ravioli
- Canned veggies
- Ramen noodles

CLOTHING

- ☆ Men's shorts waist sizes (30-34)
- ☆ Men's workboots, sizes (10-10.5 preferred)
- ☆ Men's sneakers all sizes
- Men's jeans waist sizes (30-34)
- Men's and women's hooded sweatshirts
- Men's boxers small, medium and large
- Flannel Shirts
- Thermal Underwear
- Socks
- Women's Clothing

HOUSEHOLD

- ☆ Paper towels
- ☆ Toilet paper
- 35 gallon trash bags
- Air freshener

MISC

- ☆ Bicycles
- Shaving razors (disposable)
- Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Conditioner full size
- Shampoo full size

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

- ☆ Sleeping bags
- ☆ Backpacks
- ☆ Tents
- Can Openers
- Tarps
- Blankets

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions (BOCOM): Joe Weaver, Sue Brown, Beth Hunter, Karen Wilson, Kathy Holland, Bart Wetherbee, Melanie VanSteensburg, Sharon Hartmann

Board of Facilities

Just to give everyone an idea of what the Facilities Board does. Here is the February agenda.

- Opening prayer
- Review Minutes
- Projects completed
 - Sno-melt supplied
 - MacGregor Fire alarm reconfigured
 - Kitchen Faucet repaired
- Restructuring Committee
- Flood management
 - Cook CR – light diffuser
- Fire Inspection
 - Issues corrected - need to pay for / pickup permit
 - Update evacuation plans
 - Review report
- Snow removal
 - Sunday duty list?
 - Connector roof clearing
- Facility use form / fee schedule review
- New Heating system
 - Heat to Currier foyer / Noyes hall
 - Oil tank – replace / relocate
- Rehabilitation update
 - MacGregor tower work in-process
 - Organ changes
- Church Council
 - 02/20/18
 - Next - 03/20/18
- Our “Things to Do” List
 - Discuss current “top” projects in progress
 - Re-aim / relocate? Flag light
 - Hand washing sink in Kitchen – received
 - Fire Alarm / E-lights updates
 - Noyes Girls room – toilet reseal
 - Furnace air intake fill / roof drainage – spring / summer
 - Sound System tamper-proofing
 - Security cameras?
 - Woodpecker repair
 - Meetinghouse outside sillcocks (2-3)
 - Gutter Guards
 - Replace Bathroom partitions – winter project
 - New additions to list?

Next Facilities Meeting Tuesday 03/27/18

BAC Rehabilitation Update

Have you noticed all the work that has been done on the tower base? You haven't? Oh yeah, you can't see most of it from the outside. Preservation Timber Framing (PTF) has been working hard inside the tower reconstructing the framing following the insertion of the 2 new sixty-foot-long corner posts. Doing this work properly requires a lot of hard work and time. This includes some new framing in the gable end wall and two portions of the end roof rafter.

The old bathroom that was in the tower has been completely removed and the lower portion of the stairs that led up into the tower has been removed. It is unclear when these stairs were built, but they blocked the original doorway on the west end of the tower. These lower stairs will be rebuilt on the north side of the tower to allow the future use of the original west doorway that will lead out to the west lawn area. We believe that this door was a major entrance into the lower level of the meetinghouse at one time. Another objective is to open up this lower level of the tower to MacGregor hall.

Another accomplishment with the tower interior redesign is the moving of the large organ blower from a small room at an intermediate level in the tower to the crawl space under the tower. This move provides more space around the blower for servicing and eliminates the small room that housed the blower. Eliminating this room provides a large open entry area leading to the west end tower door.

In accomplishing the tower work, there has been a meeting with PTF almost every week to review progress and address any questions. BAC has also had numerous meetings and communications with our contractors, Andover Organ, the state historian, Preservation Alliance director and amongst ourselves, to ensure that we are making the correct historical and economic decisions. A meeting with Morin Contracting Services, the company that built the new connector, reviewed the next steps toward completion of that project. With their assistance, we have prioritized the work and materials to be prepared to restart that work as funds become available.

The work on the tower base was delayed about 6 weeks back in September as we waited for the harvesting of the large white pine trees from a farm in Vermont that would become those sixty-foot-long corner posts. Therefore, the lower tower work has taken longer than originally planned, but should be completed in March. Work reconstructing the upper tower will begin this spring at PTF's workshop in Nottingham, NH. To complete that extensive rebuild will require additional funds. Our goal is to complete the upper rebuild by fall so that it can be reset on the tower base before December when our LCHIP grant deadline occurs.

If you have questions about the rehabilitation work or want to help in some way, talk to one of us.

BAC Committee: Nancy Heywood, Larry Krantz, Paul Lindemann, Bill Mann, Nancy Murdock, Bob Wilson

Easter Flowers to Celebrate Our Loved Ones, order now to decorate the church and to remember those we love. Palm Sunday, March 25th is the final day to place an order.

Thank you for your Stewardship!
Melanie Van Steensburg (Volunteer to Diaconate)

Easter Flower Order Form



**Easter flowers are available for \$6.00
per 6 inch pot of: Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths.**

Please write in the number of each type of flower that you would like,
and drop off this order form with your payment
during Fellowship Hour or at the church office
no later than March 28th 2018.

Tulips _____ Daffodils _____ Hyacinths _____

(Please indicate how many of each in the blank)

Your Name _____

How would you like it to appear in the Easter bulletin: for example:

"in celebration of _____" "in memory of _____", other _____

Total # of flowers ordered _____ at \$6.00 each.

Total amount paid \$ _____ Cash or Check

Please make all checks payable to: **Melanie Van Steensburg**

Please take your flowers home after the Easter Service.

Thank you!

Scripture Readings

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

March 4th

Ez 20:1-17
Ps 19
1 Cor 1:18-25
Jn 2:13-22

March 11th

Num 21:4-9
Ps 107:1-3, 17-22
Eph 2:1-10
Jn 3:14-21

March 18th

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16
Heb 5:5-10
Jn 12:20-33

March 25th

Mk 11:1-11 or Jn 12:12-16
● Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa 50:4-9a ● Ps 31:9-16 ● Phil 2:5-11
Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39, (40-47)

Worship Schedule

Deacons of the Month:

Diane Breeden, Ryan Lehoullier & Julie Turner

Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

March 4th:

Ushers: Diaconate
Greeter(s): Verna Elwell &
Shirley Dickason
Layreader: Harry Handy

March 11th:

Ushers: Margie Ives, Brian Williams and
Greeter: Joyce Pope
Layreader: Scouts / Steve Davis

March 18th:

Ushers: Ken Gould, Dee Deranian, Shirley
Dickason and Margie Ives
Greeter: Liz Greenberg
Layreader: Pat Plouff

March 25th:

Ushers: Stanley & Holly Gorgol, Tom &
Andrea Cooper
Greeter: Betsy McCall
Layreader: Joanne Worthen

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Office Hours

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:00-3:00
Wednesday: 9:00-3:00
Thursday: 9:00-3:00
Friday: 9:00-3:00

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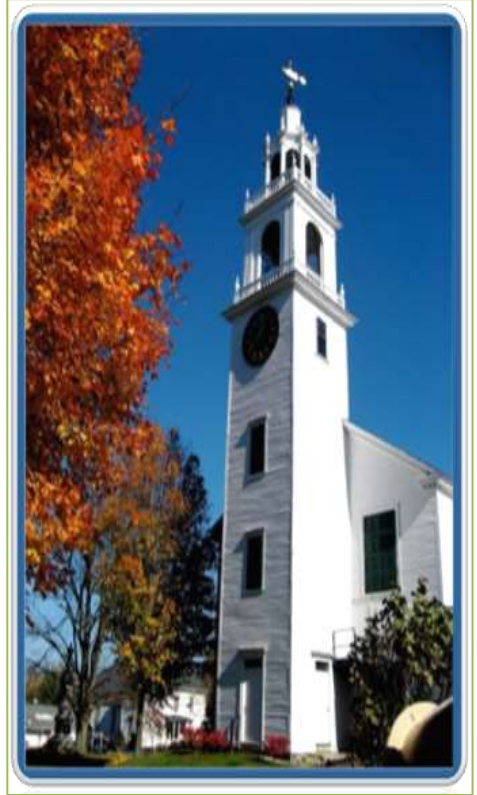
First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

You are most warmly invited:

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

First Parish Congregational Church History

The oldest church in the immediate area, First Parish Church was founded by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians in the spring of 1719. Faith was and continues to be a priority. Worship was held one day after arrival, a church body was organized in one month and a building was built in 1722. A "more imposing structure" replaced the first in 1769, and although altered and expanded through time, the main building and sanctuary remain our center of worship.



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