

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.

Upcoming Events

May 1st

Facilities Meeting ~ 7:00

May 2nd

Deacons Meeting ~ 6:30

May 6th

CE Board Meeting ~ 11:30

May 9th

K.I.T ~ 12:30

May 19th

Potato Fest ~ 10:00-2:00

May 22nd

Facilities Meeting ~ 7:00

May 23rd

Wonder Wednesday ~ 7:00

May 25th

Spaghetti Supper ~ 5:00

May 26th

Spring Clean up ~ 8:00

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Child of God,

In the Book of Genesis, chapter 1, God created the world **"and God saw that it was good."** It says that 5 times. And then it says: "God saw everything that (God) had made, and indeed, **it was very good.**"

There is much to see here at First Parish that is "very good." We are thriving. Our attendance on Sunday morning is excellent. We have guests who return with their families and want to become more involved. We have guests who have been thrown out of the churches of their upbringing - and welcomed **here**. We have young couples who join and then bring their baby to be baptized. (June Bowen will be baptized on May 6.) **"and God saw that it was good."**

The Lenten Wednesday evening services were very much appreciated. Many thanks to Cindy Pingree, who organized the soup suppers. Many thanks to Christine Lehoullier who served as "resident techie". We used power point and a projector instead of paper bulletins and we encouraged people to bring their own bowls and silverware. These were gestures of loving Mother Earth by reducing waste. **"and God saw that it was good."**

We enjoyed an amazing Palm Sunday with plenty of children waving palms. And we enjoyed our first Annual Lenten Workshop, an intergenerational crafting experience. The Maundy Thursday service was well attended and was as always a profound experience. Those who participated in the Good Friday service were blessed by the Ecumenical community. **"and God saw that it was good."**

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

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Melanie Van Steensburg and Mark Pingree organized an inspiring sunrise service with about 70 people in attendance. The Boy Scouts made a wonderful fire, as usual. Chris Cox organized a tasty breakfast. We had over 200 people at the 10:00 Easter service. We had twice as many flowers this year – thank you, Melanie Van Steensburg for organizing this! Diane Breeden outdid herself with the visuals throughout Lent and Easter. **“and God saw that it was good.”**

On April 8 we held our first Holy Humor Sunday – acknowledging the trick that God played on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead!! Thanks to the Deacons who participated and to everyone who giggled. On Wednesday, April 11, we held our first “Wonder Wednesday”, an experiment of sorts. Since we “lost” two Lenten Wednesday services to blizzards this year, the group wanted to try a Wednesday night service once a month. We were blessed when God surprised us with two musicians who are Chaplains at Compassionate Care Hospice. Ernestine on violin and Shellie on guitar led us in song. We will continue “wonder Wednesday” once a month and we will wonder together about how God will appear amongst us. On April 15, the Preservation folks held a wonderful Founders Day worship service to celebrate 299 years. Many thanks to Beth Hunter, worship leader, and to Janet Wetherbee and to Nancy Heywood. **“and God saw that it was good.”**

The Mission Board continues to collect monies and give them to charities outside our walls. The Choir continues to bless us each and every week. The CE Board continues to provide programming for our youngest folks. The Facilities Board continues to tend to our physical plant. The Deacons continue to provide all of the behind the scenes tasks that enable us to worship so flawlessly each Sunday. The Personnel Board is busy bringing us up to date with all staff members. With the resignation of the Administrative Assistant, they have advertised the position and begun interviews. The Stewardship Board continues to prayerfully examine how we might be better Stewards of all that God has gifted us with. The Structure Task Force continues to talk to various Boards and Committees. **“and God saw that it was good.”**

On Tuesday evening in April a dozen of us gathered to watch short videos filmed by Rob Bell. These videos were incredibly thought-provoking and faith-inspiring. Bell said: “There’s this false, twisted idea out there among religious people that somehow you’ve got to have it all together to have a relationship with God.” He manages to put life into a faith perspective that really invited us to think. We wrestled with questions like “What are some places in the world where you see God?”, “Have you ever felt like God failed to come through for you?”, “Is God compassionate, truthful, loving, and forgiving or is God compassion, truth, love, and forgiveness?” **“and God saw that it was good.”**

As for me, I continue the work that I was called here to do: preach, teach, visit, listen and lead – all to the best of my ability. And I pray. I pray for this church. I pray that we might grow even stronger as the light on the hill in East Derry – ever shining the light and love of God into the world. We are thriving and we have much to be thankful for.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

God’s peace be ours, Pastor Deborah

Council

Cooperation. Collaboration. Collegiality. This council works well together. It is functioning like a well-oiled machine. A couple of simple examples. Our moderator, Fred Merrill availed himself of a well-earned vacation in April. Our assistant moderator, Anne LaDuke stepped in and conducted the April meeting in the same calm, stress-free manner to which we have become accustomed to with Fred. And in her first time sitting at the table, Christine Lehoullier, representing the CE board, injected a fresh burst of energy to the meeting. Everyone from veterans like our clerk and treasurer to newer members like Harry Handy representing Deacons and Cathy Pottle, at large member conducts themselves in a very respectful way, following the unspoken rules of Christian conduct.

In a song called "The Gift". Bruce Cockburn sings:

In this cold commodity culture
Where you lay your money down
It's hard to even notice
That all this earth is hallowed ground
Harder still to feel it
Basic as a breath
Love is stronger than darkness
Love is stronger than death

The line that stands out to me is "That all this earth is hallowed ground". It's a topic that came up last week in our Adult Faith Formation meeting. In the video we watched, Rob Bell asks the question, "Where is God?", and then suggests that maybe a better question is "Where isn't God". Surely God is present in these council meetings which seem to be guided by the Holy Spirit. And although it might be obvious that God is present in the hallowed ground of our meetinghouse, it's well to consider God's presence in our meetings, and that the Cook conference room is also hallowed ground.

The singer ends the song with this verse:

Hackles rise in anger
Heat waves rise in sex
The gift moves on regardless
Tying this world to the next
May you never tire of waiting
Never feel that life is cheap
May your life be filled with light
Except for when you're trying to sleep

Keep your eyes and ears open for news about changes in the structure of council as well as the boards and committees, as well as more good news regarding progress on the meetinghouse restoration. Please offer your help wherever you can. And may your life be filled with light.

Blessed Be.

Submitted by John Bartel on behalf of the church council.

Christian Education & Adult Faith Formation

Care Packages for College Students: If you have a College student about to experience the joy of final exams, let us know so we can send them a card and gift from FPC letting them know how much they are loved and that we are praying for them! Speak to or send names to Christine Lehoullier @ cedirector@fpc-ucc.org.



May Adult Faith Formation; May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th please gather at 6:20pm, class to start at 6:30 pm: This month features Barbara Brown Taylor's, "An Altar in the World." It's never too late to join in on the discussions! Sign up on our website <http://fpc-ucc.org/christian-education/adult-faith-formation-interest-survey/> and let us know if you need a book! You can also contact Christine Lehoullier or Pastor Deborah for further questions.

May 26th 8:00am Spring Cleanup & Lunch: Join us in welcoming spring and do our part to clean up the Church. We will also be planting a vegetable garden this year! Bring your rakes, yard waste bags, and gardening gear. If anyone is interested in donating mulch, gardening soil, or any luncheon food for afterwards, please let anyone from the Christian Education Board know. We will have lunch following the cleanup around noon.

CE Board Meeting ~ May 6th

CE Safety Meeting ~ May 29th

VCS Volunteer Meeting ~ May 20th, 11:30 ~ If you haven't climbed aboard the "Shipwrecked" VCS volunteer boat, you won't want to miss this adventure!



PARENTS, YOU WON'T WANT YOUR KIDS TO MISS

THIS! Our Vacation Church School will run from Monday, July 23rd – Friday, July 27th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Snacks will be provided (allergy friendly options provided). Parents are asked to bring a change of clothes for each child as we will be having some wet n' wild games! Children preschool age and up are welcome (please make sure children are potty-trained). See Christine Lehoullier for questions. We look forward to seeing you all at First Parish Congregational Church's Shipwrecked VCS and being 'Rescued by Jesus'!

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Mission Moment

On Sunday June 3rd Karen Wilson's brother Jack Kennedy will be coming down from Maine to make a presentation for us on the work he is doing in the remote islands of Indonesia. There will be a brief overview during the worship service, a presentation to follow after worship. Jack lives in Bali part of the year and several years ago when visiting one of these islands contracted and almost died of Malaria. This opened his eyes to the horrific problem many of the small islands in Bali have and he decided to develop a nonprofit group to do something about educating and eliminating it. One thing led to another and he has since opened a clinic not only for malaria but for other health issues, begun a gardening program and is now tackling the increasing issue of garbage in the ocean traveling to them from other developed countries. Come join us for lunch and learn more how one person can organize others to educate and save lives. You are guaranteed to be fascinated and entertained! Bring a friend.

Project Linus Workshop

We are having a Project Linus talk & workshop at FPC on May 20th after service. During the workshop Jennifer will speak about Project Linus work and answer questions. She will provide quilting pieces for tying and maybe other helpful projects. Every person can help. There is no sewing expertise needed and no supplies to bring. Last time we finished 5 crib size quilts. Thanks to everyone for your input and support.

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:

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

Please note that the 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 Irma 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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**Please note that the Wish List is updated monthly with current needs. Thank you!*

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 Deacons

The Diaconate wishes to thank everyone who helped make the Lenten Season and Easter meaningful for the congregation.

We are currently putting together two handbooks: one is a guide for members of the Diaconate and the other will cover the duties of the ushers. We hope these handbooks will help anyone wishing to serve on the Diaconate Committee or who would like to become an usher during Sunday services to know what the guidelines are.

As always, if you should have questions or comments about worship, please see any member of the Diaconate: Diane Breeden, Diane Dunn, Harry Handy, Ryan Lehoullier, Sue Lindemann, Cindy Pingree, Julie Turner, and Joanne Worthen.

Wonder Wednesday

During the 2018 Lenten Season we enjoyed a new way of worship on Wednesday evening. We missed two Wednesdays because of snow. So we were inspired to gather one Wednesday a month for a few months to see what kind of momentum we gain. Will this be a short-lived project or an on-going tradition-in-the-making?

I wonder...

Those of us that gather for Adult Faith Formation have come to appreciate God's Wonder. We enjoy wondering together in our exploration of the Bible. Will you wonder with us?

Each month we will let you know which Wednesday is best for our wondering. In May we will wonder together in an interactive, music-filled worship service full of prayer and praise on WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 7:00pm!

Board of Stewardship

Each morning while enjoying my breakfast coffee I read the Daily Devotional** which is emailed to me by the UCC while I sleep. It's a pleasant way to start my day and provides 'food for thought' to savor all day long. It inspires me to be better, do better.

Today's submission by Tony Robinson never mentions the word stewardship but it is all about stewardship. The article is about sharing one's gifts and talents. Sometimes people readily recognize their gift, claim it, and share it. For others it is not so simple. You may wonder "How or what can I share?" There are many mundane things that need to happen in order for a group to function. Could you take notes at a meeting? How about answering the phone in the church office? Maybe providing food or transportation is right for you? You could clear dishes off tables after fellowship or bring trash to the barrel (or recycle bin.) There may be no glory in it but it is fulfilling. It makes you feel good. Join in!

Submitted by Joyce Pope (on behalf of the Stewardship Board)

Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

OUR INVESTMENTS AT UNITED CHURCH FUNDS

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>1/1/2017</u>	<u>12/31/2017</u>	<u>3/31/2018</u>
General Investment	\$31,262.19	\$34,835.15	\$34,252.39
Addison Trust	\$73,924.57	\$82,375.46	\$80,997.80
Bachelder Trust	\$38,466.48	\$42,855.80	\$42,137.31
Organ Fund	\$14,087.18	\$16,312.92	\$16,188.31
Preservation Trust	\$15,311.39	\$17,730.54	\$17,595.10
Carillon Fund	\$2,626.58	\$3,041.57	\$3,018.34
Memorial Fund	\$23,239.00	\$26,910.69	\$26,705.12
Principal Endowment	\$21,750.71	\$24,237.13	\$23,831.78
TOTAL	<u>\$220,668.10</u>	<u>\$248,299.26</u>	<u>\$244,726.15</u>

The Finance Committee apologizes for not including an investment report in the 2017 Annual Report. Provided above are investments updates for 2017 and first quarter 2018. These funds are invested with United Church Funds Moderate Balanced Fund.

Finance Committee: Becky Fleury (Chair), Bill Armstrong, Fay Chary, Pat Crowell, Anne Englehardt, & Ross Webber

Finance Committee

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The following information is provided to help better understand the background and use of these funds.

1. **General Investments** – This fund does not have a specific use or mandate. Currently quarterly dividend income distributions go to the General Budget.
2. **Addison Trust** – This fund was set up to use dividend income in the following manner. The first \$50 received each year goes to the UCC Christmas Fund. The remaining quarterly dividend income distributions are split equally between the General Budget and Mission. Distribution of the original principal is not allowed.
3. **Bachelder Trust** – This fund was set up to provide dividend income on a revolving annual basis to the Christian Education, Diaconate, Facilities, and Mission Boards. The CE Board is receiving 2018 dividend income distributions. Like the Addison Trust, distribution of original principal is not allowed.
4. **Organ Fund** – As the name indicates, this fund can be used for anything related to the organ.
5. **Preservation Trust** – This fund is overseen by the Historical Preservation Committee. The Finance Committee believes there is a mandate not to take distributions from the original principal, but does not currently have supporting documentation for verification.
6. **Carillon Fund** – This fund can be used for anything related to the carillon.
7. **Memorial Fund** – This fund comes from memorial gifts given to the church. The Finance Committee is not aware of any restrictions for its use.
8. **Principal Endowment** – This endowment specifies that only dividend income can be distributed from the fund. Distribution of the original principal is not allowed. Currently quarterly dividend income distributions go to the General Budget.

From the Director of Music Ministry

Spring is finally upon us (whew!), but right on its heels will come summer. The choir's last Sunday singing as a group will be June 24th this year. They will begin their summer hiatus the following week.

In order to keep music alive in worship, volunteers are needed to fill the summer Sundays which run from July 1st to September 2nd. Can you play an instrument? Have you a song tucked inside you but not the time to join the choir fulltime? This is your chance to contribute in worship! We are looking for people who would like to share their musical gift during worship this summer. Please let Sue Handy know if you are able to help out the FPC in this way.

Historical Preservation Committee

Potato Fest May 19, 2018 10 AM - 2 PM **First Parish Congregational Church, Derry**

On Saturday, May 19, 2018, the Historical Preservation Committee working with Friends of the Meetinghouse at First Parish, are co-hosting Potato Fest! This event, held in several rooms in First Parish, will celebrate the fact that the Scots-Irish settlers who founded our community and church were the first successful cultivators of the white potato in North America. The event will have activities for all ages: crafts, food, talks, contests, juggling, lightning talks and history displays. Attendees will also have opportunities to learn about the Meetinghouse rehabilitation and the upcoming Derry (Nutfield) 300th anniversary in 2019.

Early Potato Crops

The Scots-Irish settlers of Nutfield (an area that later evolved into Londonderry, Windham, Derry, and the Derryfield area of Manchester) arrived in spring 1719. During the first few years they were very busy establishing a community and a church. They built dwellings, the first meetinghouse (in 1722), a school, and planted many crops including potatoes. They had previously lived in Northern Ireland and brought seed potatoes to their new settlement. They had no trouble growing potatoes and the crops thrived. In his history of Londonderry, Rev. Edward Parker (the pastor of First Parish from 1810-1850) described the Scots-Irish settlers' connection to that important crop:

"They introduced the culture of the potato, which they brought with them from Ireland. Until their arrival, this valuable vegetable, now regarded as one of the necessities of life, if not wholly unknown, was not cultivated in New England. To them belongs the credit of its introduction to general use."

Parker's history contains an anecdote of how a family in Andover was baffled by their first encounter with potato plants. A few Scots-Irish settlers spent the winter in Andover before moving north to settle Nutfield. Upon departure, the Scots-Irish gave their hosts some potatoes for seed but evidently didn't explain that they were root vegetables.

"The potatoes were accordingly planted [by the Andover residents]; came up and flourished well; blossomed and produced balls, which the family supposed the fruit to be eaten. They cooked the balls in various ways, but could not make them palatable, and pronounced them unfit for food. The next spring, while ploughing their garden, the plough passed through where the potatoes had grown, and turned out some of great size, by which means they discovered their mistake."
[Quotes from: *The History of Londonderry* by Rev. Edward L. Parker, (Boston, 1851), pages 48-49.]

Submitted by Nancy Heywood, for the Historical Preservation Committee

Another Mission Opportunity: Family Promise

A New Way to Help Homeless Families in New Hampshire

About 6 years ago, First Parish was one of a group of 10 churches that provided housing and food to homeless families in Rockingham County through the national Family Promise program. Our church faithfully provided evening and overnight hosts and dinners for one week at a time, every 10 weeks, at the Calvary Bible Church. Last June we closed the program, because we were not finding enough people who needed the program.

It turns out that there still were homeless families in Rockingham County, but they were finding assistance in the Family Promise program in Nashua. The program has a permanent facility at Anne-Marie House, with a full kitchen and playground. The program houses 5 to 8 families at a time, in the 26 small bedrooms. Families can remain in the program for up to a year, and while looking for permanent housing, receive in-house training in financial literacy, parenting, and life skills.

Family Promise of Nashua desperately needs volunteers to provide meals – something our congregation has always excelled at. The meals can either be cooked in the kitchen at Anne-Marie House, or brought and dropped off for the 6:00pm supper. Because of the greater size of the program, it will take multiple volunteers to provide the meal on any given evening--we will need to cook for about 30 people. Anne-Marie House has a couple large freezers full of food, so we don't need to purchase the food ourselves (though that would certainly be welcome).

Pam Small, the amazing director of the Anne-Marie House Family Promise program, will come to our church in the next month or two to tell our congregation about the program and explain how we can help as volunteers. I've joined the Board of Directors recently, so I can answer some questions myself and get answers to the rest.

My hope is that we can form a group of volunteers who would commit to preparing meals for the families at Anne-Marie House at periodic intervals, perhaps one evening every other month. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the cooking crew, or to learn more about this opportunity, please email me at randybrown1119@gmail.com or see me at church (or call me at 612-0489). Once we find out if we have enough people, we can have a tour of the facility and can choose a date that works for us all, both of which I'll arrange with Pam. You can learn more about the program, and the facility, by visiting their website at www.annemariehouse.org.

Submitted by Randy Brown

AARP NH Scam Educational Seminars

There are three R's of Fraud; Recognize, Resist and Report. AARP Fraud Watch Network volunteer corps offers presentations at clubs, churches, schools and businesses. American lost \$15.4 Billion to scams in 2016. To request a presentation email nh@aarp.org. Sign up for alerts at aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork
Submitted by Margie Ives

From the New Hampshire Conference

Creating and Leading the 21st Century Church

Information Session: May 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Conference Center

A New Thing Task Force of the NH Conference is offering a two year leadership development class modeled after the UCC Pension Board's Next Generation Leadership Initiative and the Lutheran Forward Leadership Program. The first year will be curriculum-based, covering the topics of: Family Systems, Good Communications, Adaptive Change, Managing Conflict, Deep Vision, and Creativity and Innovation. The second year will be a peer-focused cohort approach as the concepts are applied in individual churches. This will include a congregational assessment tool and great teachers.

The Task Force is offering an informational session on the class on Saturday, May 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Conference Center. This session is free and will give you the information you need to commit to the longer and more in-depth class. To register, or with questions, please contact Rev. Gayle Murphy at gaylem121@gmail.com.

This class will be partially funded by the Pembroke Fund of the NH Conference and has been endorsed by the Clergy Support Ministry and local Associations of the Conference.

From the Rockingham Association

"Revolutionary" by Alex Morgan

Saturday May 19, starting at 9:00am at the United Church of Christ in North Hampton
295 Atlantic Ave, North Hampton, NH 03862

We invite you to join us on Saturday, May 19 at 9am for a discussion on the book, *Revolutionary* by Alex Meyers (a professor at Phillips Exeter Academy) Published by Simon and Schuster "In 1872, during the final clashes of the Revolutionary War, one of our young nation's most valiant and beloved soldiers was, secretly, a woman. When indentured servant Deborah Samson disguised herself as a man and joined the Continental Army, she wasn't just fighting for America's independence - she was fighting for her own. This richly imagined and meticulously researched debut novel brings to life the true story of Deborah's struggle against a rigid colonial society - and with it the courage hope, fear, and heartbreak that shaped her journey through a country's violent birth." The author will be joining us.

Submitted Rev. Carolyn H Keilig

Scripture Readings

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

May 6th

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

May 13th

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 20th Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27th Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

Worship Schedule

Deacons of the Month:

Diane Dunn and Ryan Lehoullier

Ushers & Greeters

Weekly Usher – Michael Bryan

May 6th:

Ushers: Diaconate

Greeter: Verna Elwell

Lay reader: Sarah Keller

May 13th:

Ushers: Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell,
Nancy Berry

Greeter: Betsy McCall

Lay reader: Brian Williams

May 20th:

Ushers: Brian Williams, Margie Ives
& Pat Cefaly

Greeter: Liz Greenberg

Lay reader: Kris Soltis

May 27th:

Ushers: Ken Gould, Dee Deranian,
Shirley Dickason & Joan Crimlisk

Greeter: Beth Hunter

Lay reader: OPEN

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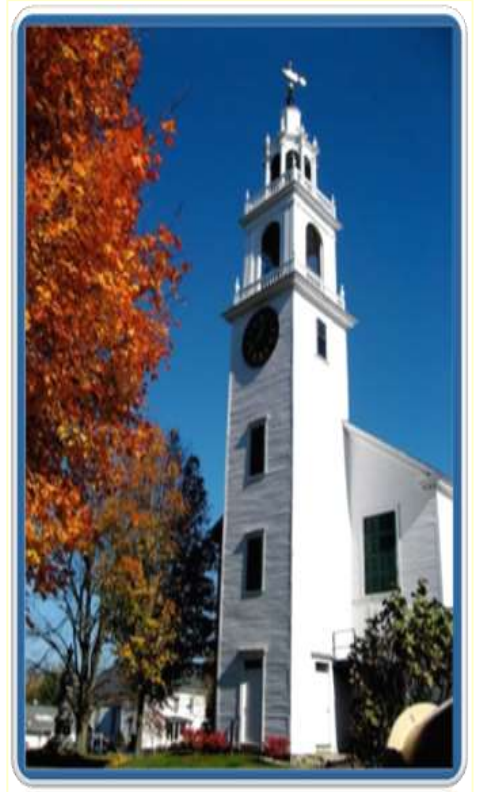
First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

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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