

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,

I am so grateful for the opportunities that arise every day I am on this earth. It's hard to put into words... kind of like the cup in the 23rd Psalm that overflows. Some time ago, I found a poem that shows the magnitude and miraculous nature of gratitude. I commend it to you now:

"Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire ...
if you did, what would there be to look forward to?"

Be thankful when you don't know something ...
for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times ... during those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations ...
they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge...
which will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes ... they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary ...
because it means you've given your all.

It's easy to be thankful for the 'good' things ... yet, a life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive ... find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings."

I am grateful for the bounty, for the limitations, for the mistakes and for the challenges. I am grateful most of all that God loves us always and in all ways. I am grateful that even when I can't forgive myself, I know that God already has. I am grateful for you, First Parish.

Blessed be,
Pastor Deborah

Upcoming Events

September 4th

Facilities Meeting ~ 7:00

Structure Meeting ~ 7:00

September 6th

Stewardship Meeting ~ 7:00

September 9th

Welcome Home!

September 10th

Finance Meeting ~ 7:00

September 12th

K.I.T ~ 12:30

Wonder Wednesday ~ 7:00

September 16th

New Member ~11:30

CE Meeting ~ 11:30

September 18th & 25th

Adult Faith ~ 6:20

September 19th

Council Meeting ~7:00

September 21st

Contra Dance~ 7:30

September 28th

Spaghetti Supper~ 5:00

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



Christian Education

Christian Education Updates

Summer Recap



Horton Center

We had the pleasure of sending one of our students to Horton Center in July. We're so happy you had a wonderful time Mikayla!



Vacation Church School

Thank you to all of our dedicated, hard-working volunteers for making this year's "Shipwrecked" themed VCS an adventurous experience for all of our students! The kids chose The Upper Room as the recipient of our daily collection which totaled \$167.64, great job! A collection was also taken for school supplies to donate toward Beech Street School in Manchester and Grinnell Elementary locally. Thank you for your generous donations!



Summer Story hour

Our students really enjoyed a full summer of our "Story hour" series out on the playground where they got to listen to stories relating to the lectionary scriptures from various volunteer storytellers in our Church. Other activities included tending to our church's garden of which a majority of the produce was donated to the Sonshine Soup Kitchen (the kids really enjoyed this!), playing team building activities and we also made some blessing bags for the Sonshine Soup kitchen.



September's Event

Sunday School classes will officially resume Sunday, September 16th, 2018. Wait until you see our new Puppet ministry!

Christian Education

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Confirmation Class, a new curriculum!

The extravagant welcome of the United Church of Christ includes welcome to those of all ages, recognizing that God is still speaking through young and old alike. Confirm not Conform UCC empowers youth for ministry and helps the congregation recognize youth as full members of the Church of Christ! For more information, please contact Pastor Deborah or Christine Lehoullier. We welcome all High School Students! Our first meeting date is Friday, September 28th.



Welcome Home Sunday

September 9th, Intergenerational Worship

On September 9th, all children are invited to stay with their families during this unique service where they will learn what it means to be welcomed as part of our Church Community. During service, we encourage students of ALL ages to draw what our church community looks like to them. We will be displaying these drawings on the cover of future Sunday bulletins!



BRING YOUR BACKPACKS AND TEACHER BAGS!

We also invite all students, teachers and educators to bring their backpacks, literal and figurative, with them on Sunday, September 9th as we fill them with well wishes for the start of this new school year.



Inter-Church Youth Group Gathering, During October~ Date TBA, during the evening

All Youth Group members are invited to attend this unique gathering of Youth with our family UCC Churches from Atkinson and Hampstead! Our Youth Ministry will be hosting the first of these Youth Group gatherings of which we hope to rotate gathering locations from church to church each month and eventually include a group service project and field trip. We will have allergy friendly food options and some exceptional group games sure to provide a great time for all!! Don't miss this opportunity to meet other youth from around the area!

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions



Health Access Sumbawa

On June 3rd Jack Kennedy (Karen Wilson's brother) gave a Mission Moment about the work he is doing in the remote islands of Indonesia. Jack lives in Bali part of the year and several years ago when visiting one of these islands contracted and almost died of Malaria. Jack presented his story of the work he is doing to support the health and well being of the islanders he has come to know. The organization is named Health Access Sumbawa.

On September 29th - 30th, the 2nd Annual Harvest for Health charity event is being held to support the work that Health Access Sumbawa Inc. is doing in Indonesia. Saturday (9/29) tickets are \$35. The Saturday night event (see picture on the right) is from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and are being held at the Willing Workers Hall in New Harbor, Maine. For tickets you can contact Jack at jackinmaine@live.com.

Horton Center

We believe that Horton Center is a vital part of nurturing our Christian faith and as such fills an important role in our Churches Missions work. The Board of Christian Outreach and Missions has allocated funds to help our youth and their families defray the cost of attending camp. This year we helped sponsor Mikayla (only camper attending from our Church) through a contribution of 1/3 of the camp fee. The cost was shared equally with the Board of Christian Education and Mikayla's family. It should also be noted that the camper typically performs community service around the Church as a form of repayment. And if you are wondering, yes, Mikayla had an awesome time. There are pictures on the Horton Center bulletin board outside of the AB classroom.

It is also with great sadness that we report that Horton Center is going through serious financial difficulties and is in danger of closing. Anyone who may have a spiritual connection to Horton Center and may feel moved to make a personal donation directly to Horton Center might consider it at this time. You can donate directly through their Website at www.hortoncenter.org.

Neighbors in Need (NIN)

The Neighbors in Need offering is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](http://www.councilforamericanindianministry.org) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Beginning Sunday, September 16th, there will be collection envelopes in the Bulletin for those wishing to donate to this important cause. Most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on **October 7, 2018** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance, however, some local churches select another date.

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

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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 that received your support over the last two months:

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| Health Access Sumbawa - \$1000.00 | Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) - \$700.00 |
| Horton Center Scholarship - \$150.00 | Sonshine Soup Kitchen - \$200.00 |
| First Baptist Food Pantry - \$200.00 | Community Caregivers - \$200.00 |
| Derry Friendship Center - \$200.00 | Pastoral Counseling - \$200.00 |
| Pinkerton Homeless Program - \$200.00 | Upper Room - \$200.00 |
| Pastor Discretionary Fund - \$400.00 | Family Promise of Nashua - \$200.00 |

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 needs 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.

**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 VanSteenburg, Sharon Hartmann

Board of Deacons

Diaconate News

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a chance to get refreshed and renewed over the summer.

The Diaconate has many wonderful responsibilities in our church. We prepare the sanctuary for worship and assist the Pastor in the conduct of worship, enlist people to greet and usher, beautify our sanctuary every week and read on Sunday mornings. We are caregivers, prepare and serve Communion, help with Baptisms and assist in Funerals/ Memorial Services.

If you feel like you would like to help the Diaconate in any of these areas please speak to any member. (We have green name tags.) The complete list of Diaconate duties are listed in the Diaconate handbook in the office. If you would like to join us, please speak to Pastor Deborah or a member of Diaconate. Many hands make light work.

May peace be with you all!

Your Diaconate, Carol Bates, Diane Breeden, Diane Dunn, Harry Handy, Ryan Lehoullier, Sue Lindemann, Cindy Pingree, Julie Turner, and Joanne Worthen

Where is the Pastor? - A Special Report from the Diaconate

A pastor's job is most often referred to as a calling. Like many professionals this job has standard expectations (minister and preach to the congregation on Sunday) as well as unplanned events (emergencies, funerals). The wording "calling" can lead us as lay people to hold our pastors to a higher expectation than our colleagues or ourselves.

How does the diaconate help our pastors preserve their strength and state of mind, as well as state of soul?

- Encourage our pastor to take her vacation and provide support to our church family when she is away
- Encourage our pastor to participate in continuing education or other learning opportunities
- Encourage our pastor to create a work schedule that allows her to have the time she needs to develop her sermon, time to support church boards and committees, regular office hours, and time at home. At the same time her schedule needs to be flexible for the unexpected calls for support.

How does this actually play out in real life?

Our Pastor Deborah's contract (the "job" part of her call) allows for 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks of study leave. So how does that affect you and me? How will we see this? The simplest way we will see this is that she will be missing from church for 6 Sundays. For those of us on Facebook we may see posts of smiling faces of her family and friends.

Board of Deacons

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When Pastor Deborah is away the diaconate steps up to fill part of this void. On-call pastors or in-training pastors (called MID's) may also be hired to preach or provide pastoral care beyond that of the diaconate. When Pastor Deborah is away, the point of contact listed is often a current or former diaconate member that can be trusted to support you and help you contact the on-call pastor. Why the two-step calling path? (1) The initial contact numbers will change infrequently so it is easier to maintain. (2) This contact information may be widely disseminated so this helps protect the on call Pastor from calls from the wider public unnecessarily.

What does our pastor's work schedule look like?

Today, pastors are encouraged to think of their time in terms of block scheduling, called "units". At First Parish, the Personnel Board helps Pastor Deborah achieve this and keeps a copy of her log. A "unit" is a unit of time - 3 to 4 hours. Generally, mornings are considered one unit, afternoons are one unit and evenings are one unit. Because Sunday morning is so full, it is considered 2 units. Full time is 10 to 12 units. Other fixed blocks of time include specific boards and committees such as Council and Diaconate. These blocks often occur in the evening. This may mean that the pastor will not be in the office due to a non-working free block of time. Some scheduled blocks of time may be considered floating blocks - in this case if the pastor must attend to an unexpected event she may treat a floating block as off time to offset the time spent for an emergency.

Pastor Deborah's Sabbath is generally Monday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call a Deacon who will contact her immediately.

What we have learned about working with Pastor Deborah is that she responds when she is called directly. She can't know what we don't tell her. She'll ask "would my presence bring you comfort?" Many people say that it's not needed. We have also learned that she responds to questions without hesitation. Talk to her. Ask her what you're curious about.

In closing, we hope that you will join the Diaconate in helping our pastor take care of herself so that she is available to us when we need her presence.

Blessings from Your Diaconate

300th Celebration & Logo Contest!

Would you be interested in gathering to brainstorm, to plan and/or to execute an amazing 300 year Anniversary celebration! On April 12, 2019 First Parish Church will be 300 years old! It is also the 300th anniversary of Nutfield - Derry, Londonderry, Windham and Derryfield. There are big plans for that celebration and we are part of theirs. What about us? What will be our program? How will we celebrate as a church? If you'd like to participate in the initial brainstorming session, let the office know (434-0628). Once we have a group we'll find a time to meet.

Do you have artistic talent and are you a history buff? We invite you to design the logo celebrating the 300th anniversary of First Parish Church. Your design will be featured on T-Shirts, letterhead and many more fun items and is specifically for First Parish Church. Please submit your entry to officemrg@fpc-ucc.org by Sunday September 16th, they will be voted on by the Council. Please share this opportunity with friends and family who may want to participate.

Board of Stewardship

During the past five years, the Stewardship Board has emphasized that stewardship is about more than finances. Which is not to say that financial stewardship isn't important and that you will not soon be hearing about our annual pledge drive - because financial support of the church is important and the annual pledge drive is a necessary tool in creating a budget and planning the operations of the church from year to year.

But financial stewardship is only one aspect of stewardship, a word which could embody the two great commandments, love God and love your neighbor. So basically everything we do, at church and elsewhere in our lives. One group of people have stepped up to perform an act of stewardship by studying the current operational structure of First Parish, i.e. boards, committees, etc., and offer some ideas on how to evolve that structure into something that might be more effective in the twenty-first century. And hopefully add some joy and take any drudgery out of doing the work of the church.

After having met with each of the major boards, the committee determined that the deacons would be the first board with whom to try an experiment. And the committee narrowed that down further to an area that the deacons have been struggling with, caregiving. Caregiving means visiting sick or injured parishioners, or sending cards, or offering meals, or providing transportation.

One of the main principles of any restructuring is thought to be changing the emphasis from monthly meetings and long term commitments to tasks or projects with clear beginning and end dates. And even if these projects were an ongoing need, the persons assigned to them would only be responsible for as long as they wanted to be, before they could step aside and let new volunteers step up.

All of these tasks will be discussed further with the diaconate during the coming weeks. It is intended that the deacons will retain responsibility for these tasks while delegating the activities to other volunteers. Will you be one of those to step up to offer your stewardship for one of these projects? Or maybe you can help Katie Cobban in her effort to update our safe church policy. There are always many opportunities here at First Parish to participate in various manifestations of your stewardship.

Welcome Home Sunday (formerly known as Rally Sunday) is coming soon and that will be a great time to explore the possibilities. Listen to the voice of the spirit and step up to stewardship! Thank you, and Blessed Be.

Submitted by John Bartel for the Stewardship Board and the Structure Committee.

From the Interim Director of Music Ministry

I am honored to be serving as your music director for the next year as we determine what sort of music leadership this congregation needs. As a long-time church staff person (I am a minister of Christian education and consultant in my other part-time job), I feel that I have much to offer First Parish Church during this time of transition. And my graduate school training in sacred music will help to bridge this gap for the next several months.

Song Leadership in Worship

Our Sacred Singers are rehearsing weekly to provide singing support for the congregation during our services of worship. We invite all who can “carry a tune in a bucket,” and a minimal understanding of how to read music, to join us on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the Music Room. High school singers are welcome as well. Please see me after worship or send me an e-mail if you are interested in singing with us: glineallen@mac.com.

Children Sing

Given the busy weekend schedules of most of our young families, we will try something new this year with our youngest singers. During the Sunday School program year, I will spend a period of time each week with the Sunday School children singing songs that relate to the lessons they’re learning. After several weeks, we will bring those songs to worship and share them with (or even teach them to) the congregation during worship. This will allow children of all ages to participate.

Special Music

One Sunday each month, our Sacred Singers will take a break from singing in worship. This will allow an opportunity for others to share their musical offerings. If you play an instrument or wish to sing a solo, duet, etc. and are interested in providing a musical offering, please speak with me after worship or send me an e-mail: glineallen@mac.com.

This interim time will be focused on trying new things to determine what feels like “us.” It is a time for looking at what musical worship practices we want to let go of and which ones we want to keep. It is a time for stepping out in faith together as we try new ways to sing together. I look forward to worshipping in this way with you!

Debbie Gline Allen

Handchime Players

The Handchime choir is looking for a few new players. We are looking for anyone from Grade 5 and up. Musical training is nice but not required. We will teach. If you can count, you can play handchimes. Rehearsals are after Church on Sundays. The first rehearsal will be September 30.

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



Welcome Home

Welcome Back! Welcome Home!

On September 9th we will celebrate coming together after a wonderful summer. It's a new beginning! It's a new school year! It's a time of reconnecting and recommitting to our church and her programs.

Traditionally, we called it "Rally Day". Usually there were tables set up with signs on them where representatives sat and waited for people to come to their table and sign up for their prospective Board or committee.

Here's the thing. The world is changing and our church is evolving. "What we've always done" isn't working. And as a church, we are reevaluating our boards and committees and the overarching structure of the church. If what we've always done isn't working any more, what will work to invite people to get involved in the awesome programs and opportunities that are available.

At last month's Council meeting, the Council decided that this service of coming back together would be just that! The emphasis will be coming together. And as we come together we will listen to all of the various opportunities to serve that are available to people based on their own gifts and talents. This year our focus will be more on ministry tasks rather than 3-year terms. Our energies will be more along the lines of "what one job can I do with passion?" rather than "how many meetings do I have to go to?"

At the end of service, each board, committee and project will give a brief overview of what they do and what kinds of gifts, tasks, or projects that they could use help with. YOU decide. You might want to help the Deacons by being a greeter or help CE by teaching a month. Perhaps you'd like to sing a solo in church or you've always wanted to be a reader in worship. Maybe you are great at organizing or you have a knack for cleaning the refrigerator. We'll spend the morning by getting to know all the nitty-gritty things that make our church function ALL THE WHILE getting to know one another better!

See you on the 9th! If you have any questions email pastordeborah@fpc-ucc.com

Another Mission Opportunity: Family Promise

Family Promise of Greater Nashua desperately needs volunteers to provide meals – something our congregation has always excelled at. Here's how this would work. We form a group of volunteers who would commit to preparing meals for the families at Anne-Marie House at periodic intervals, perhaps one evening a month. We make something easy and comforting that most people, including kids, would enjoy, like a casserole or spaghetti or pot roast. We would need to make about 5 serving trays of whatever dish we are making, plus a salad, to feed the roughly 30 people who would be eating together. So, we could do this with about 7 people. I'd provide the recipe that Sue and I will use, and others can use that or do their own version of the dish we're all preparing. We would each prepare the food in our own homes and deliver it to our church, where I can pick it up and deliver it to Ann Marie house. But it would be great if one or more others of you would go along too, to meet the families and eat with them. If you are willing to cook, but can't afford to purchase the food, I will cover the cost. Please let me know via email (randybrown@gmail.com) if you are willing to give this a try – no permanent commitment required, or call me at 612-0489 if you have questions or want to talk it through.

Sugar Plum Fair

It's coming!!!!

74th Annual Sugar Plum Fair

November 17th 9 AM to 3 PM

Dust off those cookie recipes, those pie and cake ideas you have been wanting to try.

Save those 'still goods' for the White Elephant

Block off your time to volunteer to help out the week of November 12th - the 17th.

Have some crafty ideas you want to try to support our FPC craft table.

Know someone with a 'fabulous craft' that would like to rent a space/table for the day of the fair?

It takes many to make the Sugar Plum Fair a wonderful experience and a much needed fund raiser for our church family.

Office Supplies available

Fall Cleaning! We have the following items available to a good home:

Rapid Stapler 90ec

KM Toner TN710 Black (2)

HP Office Jet 920 ink yellow, magenta & black

HP Office Jet 57 Tri Color

HP Office Jet 88XL Magenta (2)

Compatible XR8019 920 XL Black (2)

Weekly Time Cards- One sided with number days (days 1-day 7)

Updating Information

You may have noticed a new format for the weekly Friday e-blast bulletin; we have a new program with fantastic updated features. With that, there are some email addresses are duplicated (so if you receive twice, please let us know) or some people do not have an email address listed. If you are not receiving the weekly e blast and/or the newsletter and want to, please let the office know; please complete the yellow form on the desk in the office, call, or email officemgr@fpc-ucc.org. We are happy to update emails, mailing address or phone numbers.

Also, we are happy to emails to multiple family members, so if you have a loved one traveling, away at school, or even attended the church growing up but moved away, please let us know so they can stay updated with everything happening at First Parish!

We have had many requests for Becca Cobban's new address- so please make a note of this- Thank you!
21 Alden Street
Waterville, ME 04901

Adult Faith Formation & Wonder Wednesday

Adult Faith Formation ~ Starting September 18th

Join us starting Tuesday September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

We will read two chapters a week of Bishop Michael Curry's "Crazy Christians"! Come and enjoy an invigorating view of faith from the first African American Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church whose theology includes a belief that the Church's missionary goal is to live, witness to, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to make disciples who will join us in making a real difference in the world for the cause of God's Kingdom and the realization of God's dream."

Wonder Wednesday ~ September 12th

We will experience another wonderful and wonder-filled evening of prayer, praise, singing and wondering at 7pm on September 12th. Please come to our interactive, music-filled evening and bring a friend.

Scripture Readings

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

September 2nd

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9th

Isiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 1 46

James 2: 1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7: 24-37

September 16th

Isiah 50:4-9

Psalm 116: 1-9

James 3:1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

September 23rd

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

September 30th

Ester 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Worship Schedule

Deacons of the Month:

Diane Dunn and Ryan Lehoullier

Ushers & Greeters

September 2nd:

Ushers: Diaconate

Greeter: Verna Elwell

Lay reader: Julie Turner

September 9th:

Ushers: Joe Weaver, Pat Cefaly, Margie Ives,
Michael Bryan

Greeter: Joyce Pope

Lay reader: Dee Deranian

September 16th:

Ushers: Ken Gould, Dee Deranian, Joan
Crimlisk, Michael Bryan

Greeter: Diane Dunn

Lay reader: Fred Merrill

September 23rd:

Ushers: Stan and Holly Gorgol, Tom and
Andrea Cooper

Greeter: Maury Davidson

Lay reader: Ryan Lehoullier

September 30th

Ushers: Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell, Nancy
Berry, Michael Bryan

Greeter: Beth Hunter

Lay reader: Joanne Worthen

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Tuesday- Friday:
Hours vary, please call
before visiting

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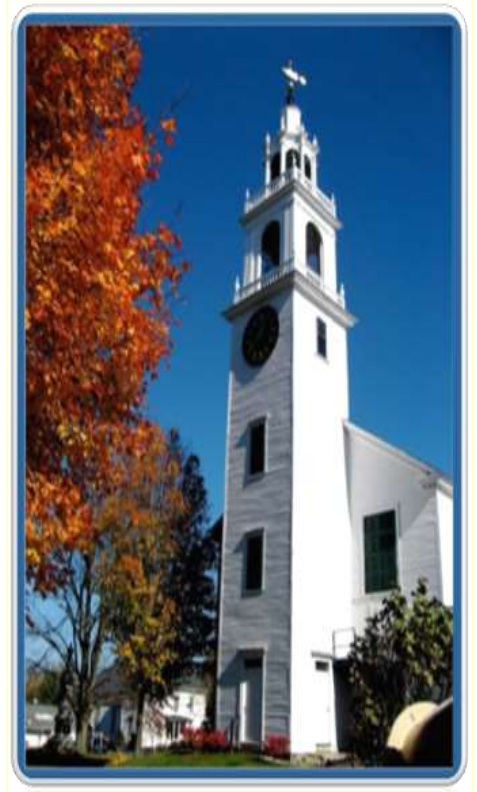
First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

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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