

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

November 1st

Special Council ~ 7:00

November 7th

Deacons Meeting ~ 6:30

November 8th

Project Linus ~ 10:00

November 11th

CE Meeting~ 11:30

November 12th

Finance~ 7:00

November 14th

K.I.T ~ 12:30

November 17th

Sugar Plum Fair ~9:00

November 18th

Mission ~ 11:30

November 21st

Council ~ 7:00

November 27th

Facilities ~ 7:00

November 30th

Spaghetti Supper ~ 5:00

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Child of God,

For some time now the LORD has placed on my heart, the story of Moses -with all of its twists and turns, with all of its nuggets of faith, as well as the Israelites' struggles with fear. **Psalm 90** is called a prayer of Moses. I commend some verses to you here:

- ¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- ² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- ³ You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
- ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

And then:

- ¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands –
O prosper the work of our hands!

A brilliant man (Albert Einstein) said: "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them." Moses delivered the Israelites from Pharaoh and was leading them to the Promised Land. They were going from traditional thinking to resourceful thinking. Their old way of thinking was not going to serve them as the geography began to shift right under their feet. Here at First Parish, our "geography" has shifted right under our own feet. For some, trust is lost. For some, anger is the only currency. For all of us, healing is needed.

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

For the third time in the history of First Parish, there has been a congregational vote to fire the pastor. This unfortunate turn of events did not affect **just** Liz and me. Discomfort and fear were felt by every person in one way or the other. That is what happens with mistrust. It is contagious and infectious. It is like a cold or a cancer.

Many people believe that the "problem" is the Pastor. The reality is that the problem is **not** about whether I am a good pastor or a bad pastor. As you heard, there are many people who think that I am a good pastor and there are those who think that I am not. This is a subjective opinion based on personal experience. The real problem in our church is that we still do not communicate directly - with honesty and kindness. I remember that in my second month here a newer member asked me: "Why are some people so mean?" That was my second month! It is a good question.

Many months ago the church hired a professional mediator when Council meetings were so out of control and disrespectful that people were yelling at each other. The mediator taught us that conflict was normal, and that in response to conflict, one could react with healthy or unhealthy behavior. Healthy behavior is talking directly to the person not about the person (Dr. Reynolds called this "straight line" communication). Healthy behavior demands that the parties stay in relationship, listening to one another and being open to forgive mistakes. Unhealthy behavior is talking about the person rather than to the person (Dr. Reynolds called these "triangles" or "parking lot conversations"). Based on my own experience, I would add unhelpful emails that blame and point fingers. Unhealthy behavior consists of leaving the relationship (called 'cut off'), holding on to being 'right' rather than listening and forgiving, blaming and scapegoating rather than taking responsibility. The petition calling to fire me proposes that the mediation didn't work. Mediation is a path to reconciliation, but for some of you, reconciliation was never something you wanted. At the end of the mediation process I was not fired, which was the only result that some of you wanted - and still want.

We came together five years ago and we covenanted together to be in a healthy relationship. That covenant has been broken and we will need to talk about it again. To move forward we need to renew our covenant and work together within the congregational process that we are blessed to have. Each year I undergo a performance appraisal. This year I opened it up to anyone who was interested in giving me feedback. The majority of the feedback was good and there were a few areas for me to work on. I set up specific goals with the Personnel Board that I will be working on.

One goal that the church needs to work on is direct communication. We need to talk to each other more often and more honestly. We need to get to know one another and build trust. We need to share our feelings directly and openly when we are hurt by another member of the church community. The system will never change if we do not change our behavior. The problems will never get better if we do not change how we do things."

As we move forward together, let's remember first and foremost that we are all here to serve God. If we can agree on that, the rest will follow. We are church - called to serve God and the world around us. As we begin to heal, let us renew our energies to feed the hungry, bring water to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and the prisoner. We are hurting but God's world is hurting, too. Can we come together to take care of God's world and in the process heal our relationships and ourselves.

Peace and all good,
Pastor Deborah

Letter from Council

Last month a petition was submitted to council requesting a congregational meeting to consider terminating the employment of Pastor Deborah. The meeting was called and on October 21 more than 140 members of First Parish gathered to discuss the issue and call a vote. The result was an overwhelming majority in favor of retaining Pastor Deborah's presence here at First Parish. What became clear, if it wasn't already, is that many people have been hurt over the past months. People who feel hurt by the pastor's words and people who love her and are hurting for her.

At a recent stewardship meeting, Margie Ives mentioned a quote from "The Little Prince" by Antoine de St. Exupery. It inspired me to research St. Exupery a little bit and I found this quote: *"Of course I'll hurt you. Of course you'll hurt me. Of course we will hurt each other. But this is the very condition of existence. To become spring, means accepting the risk of winter. To become presence, means accepting the risk of absence."*

Our hurt is real. Can we move on together? Council is taking a first step. There is a special council meeting scheduled Thursday, November 1 and Associate Conference Minister Richard Slater will come and help us start on the road to healing. The meeting is open to all, as are all council, board and committee meetings at First Parish.

Can we get past our hurt and move forward together as lovers? Bruce Cockburn says it better than I can in a song called "Lovers in a Dangerous Time":

When you're lovers in a dangerous time
Sometimes you're made to feel as if your love's a crime
Nothing worth having comes without some kind of fight
Got to kick at the darkness till it bleeds daylight,

Pastor Deborah has preached the message of love consistently in her entire tenure here at First Parish. This past Sunday in her sermon, I heard the word "hill" and was reminded of another song, this one by Leonard Cohen, "If it be Your Will":

If it be your will
If there is a choice
Let the rivers fill
Let the hills rejoice

And draw us near
And bind us tight
All your children here
In their rags of light
In our rags of light
All dressed to kill
And end this night
If it be your will.

Blessed Be
Submitted by John Bartel on behalf of the Church Council

Board of Christian Education

Christian Education/Faith Formation November Newsletter

A thankful  is a happy 



The Christian Education Board is so grateful for all of you, our Church Family!

We are so very grateful for all of your support and donations that helped make FPC's appearance at Downtown Derry Trick or Treat and our Youth Group event extraordinary! We feel the love and pass that along to our community!

Confirmation has begun and it's not too late to join! We are very excited about our new program Confirm not Conform! Please Contact Christine Lehoullier or Pastor Deborah with any questions! cedirector@fpc-ucc.org or pastordeborah@fpc-ucc.org



Christian Education Board Meeting will be Sunday, November 11, 11:30 am in the Nursery. Thank you!



PREPARED TO SERVE
Save the Date:
Saturday, February 23, 2019

<http://nhcucc.org/caring-for-congregations/prepared-to-serve>

Board of Christian Education

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Advent Workshop: Destination Christmas



December 2nd, 12 pm – 3 pm, CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!

CRAFTS, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, CHRISTMAS CAROLS, TRIVIA AND PRIZES!

Please consider volunteering or donating food for this wonder-seeking time of peaceful preparation and intergenerational fun for all ages!

Christmas Pageant

The time has come to prepare for a yearly Christmas Pageant! If your child or family has not signed up for the pageant that will take place Monday, December 24th at 4:00 pm, please see Christine Lehoullier. Signups are located outside the Sunday School room downstairs or in Sunday School on Sunday. Our first rehearsal will take place November 18th. Join to make this year a beautiful tribute to the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Do you have a passion for God's word? Then we need your help!

Children's ministry workers are among the most important volunteers on the globe, so please consider becoming part of a great team of people who help inspire greatness in our younger disciples! Please contact Christine Lehoullier or Anne – Marie Merrill, cedirector@fpc-ucc.org or ampmerrill@yahoo.com. Opportunities range from Preschool, Elementary helpers and Middle School teachers. What's your calling?

Board of Christian Education & Adult Faith Formation



BIBLE WONDER: The Book of Acts

Learning from the Apostles

November Adult Faith Formation

Dates: November 6, 13, 20, & 27th

Location: Downstairs in Luke Conference Room (Music Room) Time: 6:20 pm – 8:00 pm

At first glance, it appears Jesus asks impossible demands of us. However, a close look at the Book of Acts lets us know that we are not left alone with his commands. He gives us his own Spirit to supply the power and strength to do what he asks. This four-session study will show us how to tap into that power. Don't be intimidated if you've never read the book of Acts, please join us! We all have valuable insights to share with each other!



CITY REACH BOSTON 2019

City Reach is an overnight urban outreach program for youth (with accompanying adults), young adults, and college students from churches of any denomination. The program gives these young people the opportunity to learn first-hand about homelessness from people who have experienced it. During the 20-hour session, participants join CityReach staff in street ministry and offer hospitality, food and clothing. This is followed by times of sharing and reflection. The program is recommended for participants 14 years of age and older. Sign-ups will begin in November for an anticipated March 8-9th or 29-30th participation date, please contact Christine Lehoullier, cedirector@fpc-ucc.org for any questions and the website for additional information <http://commoncathedral.org/cityreach/>.

Youth Group Invite from Hampstead Congregational Church



All youth grades 6 – 12 are invited to:
Hampstead Congregational Church
61 Main Street
Hampstead, NH 03841

- 5:00 to 5:30pm for an informal service (Planned and led by the youth)
- 5:30pm Pizza and Games

If you are interested in participating in the service please contact Christine Lehoullier, cedirector@fpc-ucc.org or Joann Klawitter, HCC1752@gmail.com

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Thanksgiving Baskets: For many this is the hardest time of the year to get through and the time in which many of us need a helping hand. Each year the Board of Christian Outreach and Missions receives a list of names of people who need some extra help managing the holidays. Recipients are recommended to us through a number of organizations such as the Derry Community Caregivers, The Upper Room, and by word of mouth. If you know of anyone or any family that is in need of help this holiday season, please talk to Pastor Deborah or Michelle in the office so that we may add them to our list. There is a form available in the office to record their contact information. All information provided will be considered confidential.

Missions will have a table setup in Currier hall on Sunday, November 4th and Sunday, November 11th. We will be providing grocery bags for collecting the Thanksgiving food along with any special instructions. Written on each bag will be one or more item(s) which we will need in order to complete a basket.

Food will be collected up to and including Saturday, November 17th at noon. The baskets will be distributed to individuals/families on Saturday and Sunday, November 17th and 18th. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Last year we provided a Thanksgiving meal for 53 people in 27 families.

Angel Tree:

Each year at Christmas time, Missions sponsors the Angel Tree program which assists families in need in providing a little more Christmas joy for their children. Mission members will have a table set up after service on December 2nd and 9th where you can select gifts from the Angle Tree. There will be further instructions provided at the Missions table.

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

For more information about the First Baptist Church Food Pantry you can visit them on their website at: <https://www.fbcfoodpantry.org/>. Here is a list of their most needed items:

Fruits & Vegetables	Protein Items	Mixed Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetables (canned) Fruit (canned) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peanut butter Canned meats (i.e. tuna, chicken) Baked beans Fresh/frozen meat (when available) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mac and cheese Canned meals (i.e. ravioli, spaghetti)
Grains & Cereals	Drinks	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pasta Rice Breakfast cereals and bars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milk (shelf milk) Juice 	

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions *continued*

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 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 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.

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 welcome the new members to the church. If any of you would like to become a member of the Board of Diaconate, please speak to any member (Diane Breedan, Cindi Pingree, Diane Dunn, Ryan LeHoullier, Harry Handy, Julie Turner, Joann Worthen, Carol Bates or Sue Lindemann).

We would like to thank Council, the Stewardship Committee, Alan and Connie Cox, and Melanie and Alan Pawl for hosting Coffee Hour during the month of September.

When there is a fifth Sunday during a month, there will be a Fabulous Fun/Faith service during the regular worship hour.

Submitted on behalf of the Diaconate by: Harry Handy

Okay, Where do we go from Here?

I am writing to you this month as a longtime member, as a PPRC (Pastor Parish Relations Committee) member, and as part of the Diaconate.

Okay, where do we go from here? On Oct. 21st we had 93 members of our church vote at our meeting for Pastor Deborah to stay. We had 52 members vote for her to leave. I was overwhelmed with emotion last week. I saw many faces I have not seen in a few years. I forgot how many people have left our church. I do miss each and every one of you. I would love to see all of you come back. Can you imagine all the wonderful things we could do if we had everybody helping out with our church?

Our church will never be the same. We are grieving. We are broken. We have now heard from both sides, we have voted and decided we will support Pastor Deborah, so now is the time to come together. We all have a lot of work to do. Council met on the Tuesday after our vote and spent part of their meeting on how each member of council felt about the meeting and how to move forward. There will be many opportunities for everyone to help us with this process.

Pastor Deborah has been working on some goals that she has made with the Personnel Board and is working hard to try her best to accomplish those goals. She is doing her part to try and find a middle ground. How about you? Can you meet her half way?

Do you have hopes and dreams for our church? Do you have something you can contribute? There are many opportunities to get involved, just let Pastor Deborah, a member of Diaconate or any committee member know what you feel your calling is. The Sugar Plum Fair is Nov. 17th, there is still time to help.

For the many people that feel left out, angry or just sad. Can you forgive? Can you come back and work with the church? Communication is the key. Are we all ready to work with grace and understanding on all sides? We cannot move forward unless we all work together. We are a church family. My hope is that we all listen to one another with an open mind. Pray for God to guide us. Remember to ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?".

Blessings to you all, Julie Turner

Music Ministry

As you may have noticed, the Choir is working to offer you a variety of choral styles to help lift up our worship experience together. As the saying goes, "The one who sings prays twice." We hope that our singing also helps you to pray twice!

I saw a cartoon recently that showed a choir director with an interesting recruiting technique. He told the people he wished to have join the choir, "You all are aware that they don't pass offering plates in the choir loft, aren't you?" While that's not exactly true in our congregation, we continue to welcome anyone who would like to join us in making the most beautiful worship music possible.

All of our music ministries — the adult choir, the children's choir (i.e. the Sunday School children), and the handchime choir — are currently working on their Christmas music. We look forward to helping make your Advent/Christmas/Epiphany season as uplifting and as meaningful as possible.

And finally, if you and/or your child, has a musical gift that you would like to share in worship, please see me after the service or send me an e-mail at glineallen@mac.com. We hope to provide a wide variety of instruments, abilities, and styles to our musical offerings for worship.

May the blessings of this season of gratitude and thanks be yours.

Submitted by Debbie Gline Allen,
Interim Director of Music Ministry

Outdoor Ministry

The Outdoor Ministry has been busy walking the rail trails of Derry, Windham, and Londonderry during the mid-week, but lately as a group we've not been very active on the weekends due to weather, FPC events, and personal schedules. Hopefully the weekend activities will pick up soon! If you would like to lead an event, or have an idea you would like to recommend, please let me know. If you would like to be notified of future happenings, just send me an email at willibi1910@gmail.com.

Submitted by Brian Williams

Holiday Connections

With the support of Pastor Deborah and the Diaconate, Barbara and I would like to start something new to help people connect during the holidays. Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away, as you know. Some of you might like to invite a FPC member/friend or two to join you as you celebrate the holiday. On the flip side, maybe for a myriad of reasons you might like to be on the receiving end of another's hospitality. Either way, if you would like to be the host or guest this Thanksgiving, please let Barbara or I know, and we will try and make the connections. You can call us at 603-432-3530 or e-mail me at willibi1910@gmail.com.

Submitted by Brian and Barbara Williams

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee and Council are working on the 2019 budget. The attached draft budget and supporting information was shared during the budget information session held after worship Sunday, October 28. This new budget presents ever greater financial challenges. We hope you'll prayerfully consider your financial support of the church and we welcome your thoughts and questions.

[2019 Draft Budget](#)

Submitted by Becky Fleury

Finance Committee

Have you noticed few fun scarecrows near the "Scotch-Irish Settlement" historical sign on East Derry Road out in front of First Parish? It is our Rev. McGregor "spudcrow" and a few others depicting the first settlers! The Historical Preservation Committee decided to participate in the community-wide fall decorating effort. Paul Lindemann and Janet Wetherbee have done a wonderful job creating our fun, historical, fall figures, and we are grateful for the assistance of Ginny True and Kathy Holland with this project.

The Derry spudcrow effort might remind you of the festive, seasonal scarecrows that line the streets of Chester, NH, each fall. The potato-shape of Derry's spudcrows is a reference to the historical fact that our community's Scots-Irish settlers were the first successful cultivators of the white potato in North America.

The sale of the spudcrow heads supports the Downtown Derry Mural, an effort to create a mural along 1 1/2 East Broadway, the side of Cask & Vine, that will depict iconic town buildings and places.

Our current plan is to leave the spudcrows the Historical Preservation Committee assembled up through the Sugar Plum Fair.



Submitted by Nancy Heywood for the Historical Preservation Committee



Community Meals Network

COMMUNITY MEALS NETWORK

October 2018-June 2019

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. *We look forward to seeing you!*

FACILITIES

- Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Road, Derry (603-432-2130)
- Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS"), 1-1.2 Hood Road, Derry (603-432-0004)
- First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry (603-434-0628)
- St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry (603-432-3333)
- St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry (603-434-4767)

IMPORTANT THANKSGIVING NOTICE: Please call the Salvation Army (603-434-7790) in October to sign up for a free turkey. Limited supply.

10/14/18-Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 10/20/18-Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 10/21/18-Dinner at EHS, 5-6:15
 10/26/18-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30
 10/28/18-Breakfast at DECOFT, 9-10
 10/28/18-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30

11/1/18- Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 11/17/18-Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 11/22/18-**Thanksgiving at DECOFT, 1-2:30**
 11/25/18-Breakfast at DECOFT, 9-1
 11/25/18-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30
 11/30/18-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30

12/09/18-Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 12/15/18-Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 12/23/18-**Breakfast at EHS, 10-11:30**
 12/28/18-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30
 12/30/18-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30

01/13/19-Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 01/19/19-Dinner at St. Luke's 5-6:30
 01/20/19-Dinner at EHS, 5-6:15
 01/25/19-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30
 01/27/19- Breakfast DECOFT, 9-10
 01/27/19-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30

02/10/19-Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 02/16/19-Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 02/17/19-Dinner at EHS, 5-6:15
 02/22/19-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30
 02/24/19-Breakfast DECOFT, 9-100
 02/24/19-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30

03/10/19-Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 03/16/19-Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 03/17/19-**St. Patrick's Day**
 03/24/19-Breakfast DECOFT, 9-10
 03/29/19-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30
 03/31/19-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30

04/14/19-Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 04/20/19-Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 04/21/19-**Easter Sunday**
 04/26/19-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30
 04/28/19-Breakfast at DECOFT, 9-10
 04/28/19-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30

05/12/19-**Mother's Day**
 05/18/19-Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 05/19/19-Dinner at EHS, 5-6:15
 05/26/19-Breakfast at DECOFT, 9-10:00
 05/26/19-Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30
 05/31/19-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30

06/09/19-Dinner at DECOFT, 5-6:30
 06/15/19- Dinner at St. Luke's, 5-6:30
 06/16/19-**Father's Day**
 06/23/19-Breakfast at DECOFT, 9-10
 06/28/19-Dinner at First Parish, 5-6:30
 06/30/19- Lunch at St. Jude's, 1:30-2:30

And don't forget:



Sonshine Soup Kitchen

Serving free hot meals, five days per week in Derry, NH since 1989

For more information, please visit:
<http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>

Bon Appetit!

Salvation Army

Salvation Army is accepting donations for winter outdoor ware! Coats, Hats, Scarves, mittens, gloves for women, children and men, all sizes! Gently used please. They also have some available.

18 Folsom Rd, Derry NH

603-434-7790 please ask for Nicole if you have questions. Drop off Monday-Thursday 9:00-2:30

Submitted by Margie Ives

Life is Complicated - Simplify it!

<i>Missing somebody?</i>	<i>CALL</i>
<i>Want to meet up?</i>	<i>INVITE</i>
<i>Want to be understood?</i>	<i>EXPLAIN</i>
<i>Have questions?</i>	<i>ASK</i>
<i>Don't like something?</i>	<i>DISCUSS</i>
<i>Like Something?</i>	<i>STATE IT</i>
<i>Want Something?</i>	<i>ASK FOR IT</i>
<i>Love Someone?</i>	<i>TELL THEM</i>

Worship Service Highlights

November 4th ~ Communion

Please write out your announcement to be read by Pastor Deborah

November 11th ~ Guest Worship Leader MID Karen Landry

MID is "Member in Discernment" in the UCC-a person who is seeking one day to minister to God's church in some fashion. This is the designation that Diana Sweeney has.

November 18th ~ Guest Preacher NH UCC Conference Minister Reverend Gordon Rankin

Informal Q&A with Rev. Rankin after service.

Wonder Wednesday ~ November 28th

We will experience another wonderful and wonder-filled evening of prayer, praise, singing and wondering at 7pm on October 28th. Please come to our interactive, music-filled evening and bring a friend.

Apartment needed!

Single person and one small dog seeking a studio or 1 bedroom apartment in the Derry area. Please call Andrea Cooper at 489-2583.

74TH ANNUAL SUGAR PLUM FAIR

Local Artisans with Unique Crafts
&

Special Holiday Gifts



200 Dozen Homemade Cookies in our Famous Cookie Walk!

White Elephant Sale!

Hot Savory Soups & Homemade Delectable Sandwiches!

Tasty Treats & Satisfying Refreshments!

Delicious Homemade Pecan Rolls and Breads!



SATURDAY,

9:00-3:00

NOVEMBER 17, 2018

Always the Saturday before Thanksgiving!

First Parish Church

47 East Derry Road, East Derry, NH

Would you like to volunteer? Wondering about what to donate for the White Elephant?
Please visit the website for details

[2018 Sugar Plum Fair!](#)

Please see Cathy Pottle for a signup sheet or White Elephant list or pick up one from the office. Thank you!

Scripture Readings

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

November 4th

Ruth 1:1-8
Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12: 28-34

November 11th

Ruth 3:1-5
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 18th

1 Samuel 1:4-20
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14
Mark 13:1-8

November 25th

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Worship Schedule

Deacons of the Month:

Sue Lindemann, Harry Handy

Ushers & Greeters

November 4th:

Ushers: Diaconate
Greeter: Verna Elwell

November 11th:

Ushers: Stanley & Holly Gorgol,
Tom & Andrea Cooper, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Beth Hunter

November 18th:

Ushers: Dusty Patrick, Verna Elwell, Joan
Crimlisk, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Liz Greenberg

November 25th:

Ushers: Margie Ives, Brian Williams, Pat
Cefaly, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Joyce Pope

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Office Hours

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

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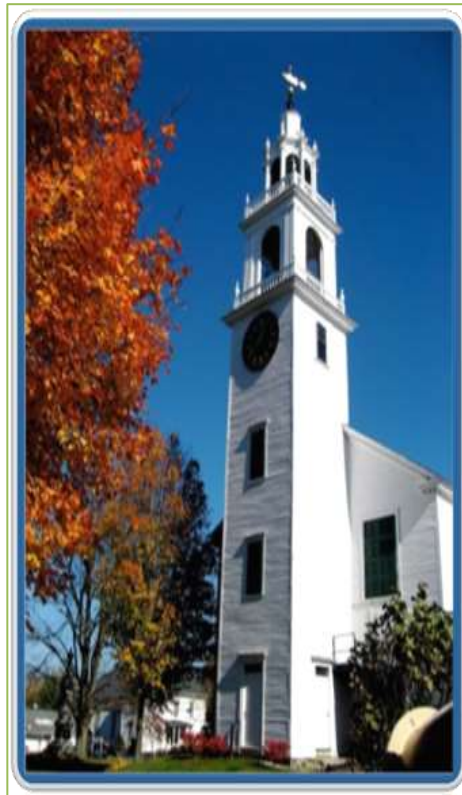
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You are most warmly invited:

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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