

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,

It is appropriate for an ordained person to avail themselves of Study Leave each year. It has been my practice to accomplish this by taking a week during the Spring and a week during the Fall. In May, my Study Leave was amazing and I'd like to tell you about it.

I went first to a place called Ghost Ranch, a 21,000-acre retreat and education center located close to the village of Abiquiú in Rio Arriba County in north central New Mexico. Ghost Ranch was the home and studio of Georgia O'Keeffe, as well as the subject of many of her paintings. Each day we saw the many faces of the Cerro Pedernal, a dark, towering mesa on the horizon. O'Keeffe is known to have said, "God told me that if I painted it often enough, I could have it." Indeed, many people call it "O'Keeffe's mountain." Learning about Georgia O'Keeffe was an added bonus to going to Ghost Ranch. The reason that I went there was actually to complete the Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator training, which I did do. AND it was so much more. It was a time of reflection and meeting new people. It was also a time of exposure to the beauty of a part of the country that I did not know. What a blessing! (I've included a photo of the Ghost Ranch 11-circuit medieval labyrinth - like the one we've talked of establishing here at First Parish.)

Next steps for the Labyrinth certification: First, I need to gather a group of folks who would like to join me in creating a labyrinth ministry here at First Parish. Second, over the next 12 months, I will need to offer at least 3 forums to learn about and/or walk the Labyrinth. And third, I write a paper to be judged by the Faculty at Veriditas, the governing not-for-profit board. All of this depends upon how the Spirit of God moves over us in the days and weeks ahead. Please see me if God is calling you to be a part of this movement.

Upcoming Events

June 2nd

Task Force Coming Together ~ 6:30

June 4th

Texas Roadhouse- Manchester 4-8pm

June 5th

CE Meeting ~ 7:00

June 8th

Best Breakfast ~ 8-11am

June 9th

Lunch/ Budget Update ~ 11:30

Talent Show Audition ~ 12:00

June 10th

Finance ~ 7:00

June 11th

By-Laws ~ 7:00

June 12th

K.I.T. ~12:30

Wonder Wednesday ~ 7:00

June 15th

Civil War Encampment~ 8:30a-6p

June 17th

Mission ~ 6:00

June 19th

Council ~ 7:00

June 21st

CONTRA Dance ~ 7:30

June 22nd

Talent Show ~ 3:00

June 25th

Facility Meeting ~ 7:00

June 26th

Deacon Meeting ~ 6:30

June 28th

Spaghetti Supper ~ 5:00

June 29th

VCC Orientation~ 9:00

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



From the Pastor's Desk Continued

When I left Ghost Ranch, I headed to Minneapolis, where I attended my beloved Festival of Homiletics. Over the next five days, I attended 10 worship services, including one communion service, as well as 7 lectures about preaching with a theme of Moral Imagination. As always, it was an artesian well of faith, Spirit, music, praise, friendship, fellowship and glory to God! I return refreshed, renewed and full of ideas about what the Spirit of God is doing in churches around the country. There is a revolution happening. God is not silent.

I am grateful for these opportunities to be renewed in my faith and in my vocation. I look forward to sharing my learnings in obvious and subtle ways with you in the weeks ahead. As always, I thank God for you and for your participation in God's dream for us here at First Parish.

Peace and all good,
Pastor Deborah



**Worship Service will remain at 10:00am
throughout the Summer!**

Board of Christian Education & Faith Formation

REMINDERS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 5th, 7:00 pm

VACATION CHURCH CAMP ORIENTATION

Saturday, June 29th, 9:00 am – 10:30 am

R.E.A.C.H. FUNDRAISER

Saturday, JUNE 22ND 3 PM – 5 PM

Art Exhibit, Talent Show, & FUNdraiser to help raise funds for our homeless outreach program **R.E.A.C.H.**. All art exhibits are due by June 9th. Mandatory rehearsals will take place Sunday, June 9th from 12 pm – 2 pm at First Parish Church. Please call the church office @ 603-434-0628 or e-mail Christine Lehoullier at cedirector@fpc-ucc.org with any questions.

VACATION CHURCH CAMP

Don't forget to signup your kiddos for Vacation Church Camp! Copy and paste this link to your browser:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49adad2da5f58-vacation>



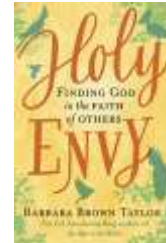
WHAT IS **R.E.A.C.H.** ?

Respect Encourage Assist Care Hope

My name is Jaime Robinson, I am a senior in High School and I am an Ambassador Girl Scout. The R.E.A.C.H. project is the result of the planning toward my Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Having been greatly inspired by past participation in Boston's City Reach outreach program with the housing insecure, I felt that Derry could benefit from a similar project. Many have asked how they might be able to help with this project and I am very grateful for these offers! Here are ways you can be a part of this project at this time (please stay tuned for further volunteer opportunities):

Clothing Donations appropriate for fall and winter months

1. Shoes	2. Boots	3. Jackets	4. Coats
5. Sweatshirts	6. New Underwear (never have enough of these!)	7. New Socks (never have enough of these!)	8. Bras
9. Backpacks	10. School Supplies	11. Toiletries	12. Feminine Hygiene Products
13. Sleeping Bags	14. Blankets	15. Mittens	16. Hats



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Classes will continue through June 25th. Please feel free to join us at any time! All are welcome! Please contact the front office with any questions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49adad2da5f58-barbara>

Fire Drill Evacuation Procedures Review

PROCEDURE FOR PARENTS IN THE EVENT OF FIRE OR EMERGENCY INCIDENT OR DRILL.

A parent's normal first reaction in an emergency is to locate their / your child. The Sunday School / Children's Ministry team will be trained in specific evacuation procedures to assure the safety of all the children. Parents, teachers and Emergency Response Persons working as a team in implementing this procedure will ensure that all the children will be safely evacuated.

If an evacuation is required because of a fire or other emergency the children will be moved outside to the parking lot in front of the dumpster. Parents are required to exit the building and avoid interfering with the children's evacuation.

In the event of an actual emergency, when the "ALL CLEAR" signal is given, parents should proceed to this designated area where they will be allowed to retrieve their child(ren). Retrieve your child(ren) and immediately exit the evacuation area. Thank you for your adherence to these safety procedures as they have been provided to us in the interest of everyone's safety. If there are any questions, as always, do not hesitate to ask, cedirector@fpc-ucc.org.

Board of Christian Education & Faith Formation

(continued) Our R.E.A.C.H. team is very grateful to First Parish Church for supporting this mission that we hope to continue for many years to come. If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out to anyone of us: Jaime Robinson, Chris Cox, Paula Robinson, Christine Lehoullier, and Jennifer Robinson. God Bless!



Introducing: "Prayground" at First Parish Church

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

There are growing number of churches adopting a trend to incorporate space near the front of the sanctuary for young children to sit and play quietly during worship services. The concept, called "praygrounds," is taking root around the globe.

One parent can attest, "Often, parents and children sit in the back of church, hoping not to disturb anyone. I have found that children are more attentive and active in the service when they are in the front of the church. There is more to see, hear and respond to that way." And in this way all of God's children worship together.

Encouraging parents to bring their young children into the worship service and placing them near the front may be unprecedented in many churches. In recent decades, the trend in most mainline denominations has been toward children's church. There, youngsters are taken to a child-oriented service or activity in a space outside of the sanctuary for all or most of the service.

The prayground is a space where children can see and be engaged, a space that's especially for them. It's a way of offering a **radical hospitality** to children. Praygrounds are part of a welcoming ministry. Jesus said "welcome the stranger" and "he said let the little ones come unto me."

"I'm not sure where it started, but for the past 30 years, there has been a struggle about having children in worship," Gordon said. "Should they be there? Are they learning anything?" Over time we found "that when children who are separated out of the worshipping community get to an age to decide for themselves if they want to be a part of worship, they will likely decide not to be part of worship because it hasn't been part of their life. We know enough about the brain development of a young child to know that they need opportunities to be part of something, so they see it as an important part of who they are."

We are all adopted through our baptism into God's family, so it is essential we worship together. We know children need to move and have some active time, so we need to find creative ways of engaging children in worship with the leadership of the Christian Education Team.

A prayground will not eliminate the need for a church nursery. Rather, praygrounds supplement existing spaces. Most churches, as I strongly believe ours must, continue to have nursery and Sunday school ministries. The Deacons, CE Board, Pastor Deborah and Christine encourage you to support this effort. We will introduce our prayground slowly and tweak as needed. We welcome your input. Once we are up and running you may see one of us and let us know your thoughts.

Yours in Faith, Christine

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Due to your generous gifts, missions has been able to give to local & worldwide mission work. We give monthly to 10 local ministries, participate in the UCC 5 for 5 special offerings and after Jack Kennedy gave a Mission Moment in June, 2018 we gave a special gift to his ministry Health Access Sumbabwa. Jack is returning on June 16th to give us an update on what progress they made in the last year and tell us what the future plans are for the HAS. He will give a 5-minute Mission Moment during the service and stay for about a half hour to answer questions during coffee hour. Missions has voted to give Jack a check for \$500 to help with his ministry. 100% of all donations to HAS go to their programs.

One of the UCC's 5 for 5 special offerings is Strengthen the Church, which supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. If you would like to support this special offering there will envelopes in the bulletins on June 2nd & June 9th.

At our May meeting we voted to support a ministry in Salem NH that helps homeless families. Isaiah 58 has been rehabbing homes in Salem and then renting these homes below market rates to those struggling financially. Isaiah 58 rents these homes for short periods of time while the residents work to save money and find a stable place to call home. They work together with Southern NH Family Promise to help homeless and struggling families.

The Board of Christian Outreach & Mission would like to thank you for all your support. Your gifts allow FPC to help those in need locally and worldwide.

First Parish Mission Support And How You Can Help What to do with your time, talent and treasure...

Sonshine Soup Kitchen

- Volunteer to serve meals to soup kitchen's clients
- Donate needed items from list on website
- Help financially

www.sonshinesoupkitchen.org

Derry Friendship Center

- Help financially

www.thederryfriendshipcenter.org

First Baptist Food Pantry

- Volunteer at office
- Help financially
- Bring nonperishable items to church

www.fpcfoodpantry.org

Community Caregivers

- Volunteer to help their clients
- Help financially

www.comcaregivers.org

The Upper Room

- Donate needed items on their website
- Volunteer at office
- Help financially

www.urteachers.org

Family Promise of Nashua

- Make a meal for the residents
- Donate needed items as requested
- Help financially

www.annemariehouse.org

Pastoral Counseling

- Help financially

www.pcs-nh.org

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

- Donate gift cards
- Help financially
- Let the pastor know of anyone in need of help

Liberty House

- Help in office
- Bring to church/food or clothing- list on website
- Help financially

www.libertyhouse.org

***PRAY- please pray for each of these outreaches
and pray for the staff, volunteers & recipients.***

Welcome Courtyard Update and We Welcome More Donations of Bricks

Springtime is a pleasant time of year in Southern New Hampshire! Trees bloom colorfully, birds sing loudly and flowers grow brightly! At First Parish, thanks to the efforts of Nancy Murdock, Dave Breedan, Paul Lindemann, Alec Cobban, Alex Cobban, Bob Wilson, Karen Wilson, Cathy Pottle and Beth Hunter, the exterior plantings along the walkways in front of Currier and the preliminary arrangement for the Welcome Courtyard looked wonderful for Founders Weekend (April 12-14).

The Welcome Courtyard is comprised of bricks, benches, and floral planters near the flagpole. This comfortable area for restful contemplation, or peaceful waiting, is located near the Meetinghouse and the Accessibility Connector. The initial arrangement looks fantastic and conveys the great potential of the space! While plans are still underway to fully install the first batches of bricks in a more permanent manner, we would welcome additional donations of money related to more bricks!

The donation of memorial bricks is an ongoing way to gather more money to support aspects of the preservation and restoration work for the Meetinghouse and contribute to the funds needed to pay for the remaining work on the Accessibility Connector and its elevator, which will make it easy for all to get to the sanctuary. The brick donations support a worthy cause and result in a specific engraved message that will be incorporated into a pleasant space that will be visible and enjoyable to many people.

If you have purchased a brick, thank you! Please remember that this is a current fundraiser and if you can share your enthusiasm and generate more brick donations from others that would help the overall Meetinghouse project right now! You could think about the folks you know and you could consider promoting brick donations from neighbors, community members, small business owners, friends, history buffs, people who care about community spaces, and/or people who want there to be places like First Parish that provide a welcoming meeting environment for many local organizations.

The bricks can be ordered online or by check. The “Donate Memorial Bricks for the Welcome Courtyard” web page (www.fotmh.org/bricks) includes two easy options—a link to an online form (where one can enter a credit card number and type in the phrase they want engraved on the brick) or a link to an order form that can be downloaded. Checks need to be made out to “Friends of the Meetinghouse” and the form and the check need to be placed in an envelope clearly addressed to “Friends of the Meetinghouse.” If you want to bring the check to First Parish, please make sure it is placed in the mail slot in the church office for Friends of the Meetinghouse, or you could mail the checks and order forms to:

Friends of the Meetinghouse, PO Box 120, East Derry, NH 03041.

Thank you to all who have purchased bricks! Thank you to all who purchased benches! Thank you Cathy Pottle for managing many logistics about the brick orders!

-Nancy Heywood (on behalf of Friends of the Meetinghouse)



Letter from the Deacons

We have some exciting events this month. There will be a baptism on June 16th. We are excited to welcome new members in June, as well.

At the last Deacons meeting, we had some really good discussions about how we do things now and ways to improve what we do. We decided to move the open sharing of joys and concerns into the worship service. Rather than doing this at the beginning of service, we will call for joys and concerns right before the pastoral prayer. Remember that anyone can submit a joy or a concern for our printed bulletin by writing to officemgr@fpc-ucc.org or leaving Michelle a note with your name and request.

It was decided to leave summer worship hour at 10:00. Historically we have moved the worship an hour earlier. Last year we kept the hour the same. We felt that this was a success. So again summer worship hour will **remain at 10:00**.

We also discussed the two outdoor services. Due to a number of circumstances, we will **not** offer the traditional outdoor services. However, **on July 14th at 8:00am** Pastor Deborah will **offer a non-traditional outdoor worship experience** (weather permitting). You must bring your own chair or blanket to sit on. We will gather on the lawn and worship together in the glory of God's great outdoors and without all of the traditional church trimmings.

Respectfully submitted,
Members of the Diaconate

A Weekend of Mindfulness and SoulCollage

NH UCC WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CAMP SENTINEL IN TUFTONBORO NH - OVERNIGHT SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2019

Liz Greenberg and her spouse, Pastor Deborah, are the keynote speakers for this year's NH UCC women's retreat. Pastor Deborah presents interactive sessions on mindfulness, simplicity, and gratitude. As a life-long learner, not only in Christian theology, but also in non-Christocentric wisdom traditions, Pastor Deborah encourages exploration of these topics which include testing their limitations. Liz, who is a licensed therapist (L.I.C.S.W.), as well as a SoulCollage® facilitator, will guide you in using your intuition and inner wisdom to create your very own SoulCollage® cards. You will discover wisdom within yourself that will amaze you. Creating and sharing your cards can be a fun, profound, and sacred experience.

Camp Sentinel is located in the foothills of the Ossipee Mountain range in Center Tuftonboro, NH. Sentinel hosts year round rustic retreats and is known for its home-cooked meals, attention to detail, and Christian hospitality. For more information, visit www.campsentinel.org.

Letter from Diana Sweeney

Dear Friends,

Much has happened since I first accepted my call to ministry in May of 2016. That year, you and I entered into a sacred covenant. You voted to accept and support me as a MID (Member in Discernment) and I promised to go forward with your blessing and with God to do everything in my power to discern that call. From where I stand, and just in case you are wondering, I feel we have both done a pretty good job of upholding that covenant! Several of you have been asking about my progress, so I thought it might be time to bring you all up to speed on where I am on this crazy, blessed journey.

In March of 2017, I met with the Committee on Church and Ministry of the Rockingham Association (COCM). The COCM is the oversight committee that monitors and guides the MID's through the discernment process. On March 9, 2017, the COCM voted unanimously to approve my MID status and support me on my journey toward ministry. At that time, the COCM advised that I begin coursework right away.

Much like several other MID's I chose to answer God's call later in life and as a second vocation. Thus, my path toward ministry looks a bit different from the traditional path of "full time student attending seminary" and, as you can imagine, is much slower. The UCC is well aware of the challenges we face as "church" today and that the way we "do church" is changing. They are also aware that seminaries are on the decline while alternate paths to ministry are beginning to rise up. There is a Manual on Ministry "MOM" and there are Marks of Ministry. As a result of the cultural changes, they have revised the guidelines and educational requirements to accommodate these alternate paths while maintaining and adhering to the sacred call and traditional values of what it means to be a minister in the UCC. Each COCM is currently in the process of unpacking the revised manual and reassessing their processes to help guide the MID's through the ministry process. In the meantime, many of the state conferences and/or regional conferences either have developed or are in the midst of developing alternative "schools" and "programs" to assist students who are not able to take the traditional "seminary" track toward licensed / authorized ministry. These schools, in turn, work directly with local COCM's in guiding students (MID's) with regard to the vocational aspects of ministry.

I met with Pastor Deborah and a few other clergy to assist me in finding an educational path that would fit my schedule *and* my budget. Because the NH UCC does not have a "school of ministry", I chose to work with the New York School of Ministry (NYSOM). NYSOM works very closely with the UCC with regard to Marks of Ministry and other vocational guidelines and they are one of the forerunners with regard to the new MOM and Marks of Ministry. They offer a variety of web--conferenced courses, where participants interact with their instructors in real time and are in conversation with peers "face to face" from their home computers. My experience with their professors and the classes has been enlightening and very exciting thus far.

Currently, NYSOM offers two programs: The Christian Leadership Program and the Ministry of Word and Sacrament Program. The Christian Leadership program is a pre-requisite to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament Program. The first requirement is to complete twelve 20-hour courses, offered in a 3-year rotation. To date I have completed five of those twelve courses plus an elective in Family Systems and Pastoral Leadership.

Here are the dates and results of the courses.

Course	Date	Grade
Family Systems and Pastoral Leadership	November 2016	A
Foundations of Pastoral Care & Counseling	Dec. 2017	A
Introduction to New Testament I	January 2018	A
Introduction to New Testament II	April 2018	A
Introduction to Old Testament I	December 2018	A
Introduction to Old Testament II	January 2019	A-

Letter from Diana Sweeney continued..

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In addition to the coursework, I will need the following*:

- Eighteen meetings with a mentor for discernment conversations. (I have had two so far– which is “normal” at this point. There will be more meetings as I get closer to completing the program)
- Completion of Boundary Awareness Training (to date I have completed both Basic and Advanced trainings)
- Attendance at six learning events.
- Completion of one year of supervised ministry. At least six months of this ministry must be of a pastoral nature in a local church setting. Supervised Ministry must take place in a setting other than the participant's home church.

**These items to be reviewed by the local COCM and may be adjusted once they unpack the new MOM and reassess their process.*

The COCM continues to work closely with NYSOM monitoring my coursework and progress in the program. Each year I am required to meet with them (COCM) so they can assess my progress and then vote either to continue or discontinue supporting my MID status. I met with the COCM Chairperson and my mentor in April of this year and have been approved for continuance as a MID in the Rockingham Association for the next year.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to all of you, my beloved church family, Pastor Deborah, our church council, and our Diaconate, for your continued support, love and encouragement as I stumble around in the wilderness; wrestle with text and polity, and continue to discern where God is leading me. If any of you have questions or wish to chat a little more, please feel free to reach out to me.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,
Your Sister in Christ,



Civil War Encampment

Saturday June 15th 8:30am-6:00pm at First Parish Church

Visit the Sons of Union Veterans and Allies in a Civil War encampment on the grounds of the Meetinghouse at First Parish in East Derry. Reenactors and artisans will set up camp around the 1889 Civil War Memorial, and the day will include visits to soldier's graves in the nearby Forest Hill Cemetery, indoor displays and talks, a lunch service, and possibly the firing of an artillery piece. Attendance is free.

Plastic, Styrofoam- phasing out

In an effort to reduce our footprint we will not be using plastic utensils or Styrofoam any longer (once our current supply is depleted). Thank you for your assistance with moving forward plastic-styrofoam-less!

When dining out, refuse the straw!!!

Labyrinth

A Path – A Sacred Path – An Individual Path – As Part of a Greater Community

The labyrinth is both post-modern and ancient. Whereas there is a modern awakening to the labyrinth experience, which belongs to the 'spiritual but not religious' generation, it can be found in ancient civilizations on several continents. A labyrinth is a dedicated path with one way into center and one way out. A labyrinth has no tricks, no traps, and no dead ends - and therefore is definitely not a maze. One can rest assured of continuous, circuitous progress to the center, and back out again. The meditative walking of the labyrinth is a metaphor for the outside world and life itself.

Two Examples:



The labyrinth to the left is the 11-circuit medieval style, as found at Chartres Cathedral.

The labyrinth to the right is older. It is the classical style that dates back as many as 4000 years.



The Rev. Dr. Lauren Artress, who is the “godmother” of the modern day labyrinth revival, says this: “Walking the labyrinth is a spiritual discipline that invites us to trust the path, to surrender to the many turns our lives take, and to walk through the confusion, the fear, the anger, and grief that we cannot avoid experiencing as we live our earthly lives.”

As I become more interested and active in this spiritual practice, I am looking for others who would wish to join me in this spiritual journey. I don't exactly know where the Spirit of God is leading me but perhaps that Spirit is tugging at your heart strings, as well. Please reach out to me and let me know of your interest or your questions. I'm praying that a community develop within our faith family, although membership at First Parish is not a pre-requisite. If you know of someone who might be interested, have them get in touch. One step at a time, one breath at a time – with God's leading we will grow in faith together.

On the path with you, Pastor Deborah

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Benjamin Allen, University of New Hampshire, Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance. He is seeking a job in computer programming and playing jazz on the weekends.

Jamie Robinson, Pinkerton Academy

Steve Cox, Pinkerton Academy

Lizzie Webber, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Science (MCPAS)

Sam Webber, Plymouth State University (Masters of Atmospheric Science)

Nicole Loring, Graduating from Northern Illinois University with a PHD in Political Science with emphasis on Southeast Asian politics. (Granddaughter of Rod and Suzanne Hunt)

Best Breakfast ~ Saturday June 8th

We are planning a Best Breakfast style celebration of the Mothers, Fathers, Grandmothers, Grandfathers & Caregivers of the church and wider community in between Mothers and Fathers Days.

\$10 adults/ \$5 ages 5-12/ \$40 Family Price

Photobooth! Crafts & games for children! Raffle prizes for all ages!

Enjoy pancakes, bacon, eggs, OJ & coffee!

Wonder Wednesday~ June 12th

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

Spaghetti Supper~June 28th

Spaghetti Suppers are held the last Friday of every month. Suppers are free and open to the community. We serve anywhere from 75-120 meals each supper. The meal offers a generous portion of spaghetti with tomato sauce, meatballs, green beans, garlic bread and dessert. In the summer months June-August, we offer fresh garden salad. More than that we offer a setting for fellowship, sharing joys, hardships, encouragement, comfort and thanksgiving in a relaxed and non-judgmental' . . .
All are Welcome!!!

Please contact Bill Mann or Kevin Gordon to volunteer for set up, serving or clean up!



Fundraising Committee

Please join us for this month's popular **Dining for Dollars & Raffle** event!

Tuesday June 4th, 4-9 p.m. Texas Roadhouse in Manchester. Please note, this is Kid's Night, with crafts, mascot Andy the Armadillo will be there, and Kid's meals are only \$1.99! In addition, we will have a raffle on site for a Fisher Cats Ticket & parking package, as well as some scratch off ticket baskets, and a certificate for a future meal at Texas Roadhouse! If you can't make it to the restaurant for dinner, you can still participate in the raffle by buying your tickets on Sunday, 6/2 after church. Winning tickets will be drawn Tuesday night. Be sure to pick up a flyer at church to give to the server. We hope you will come out with family and friends for this great opportunities to share fellowship with one another!

We received a check from Applebee's for \$200.60. This event was really well attended and everyone had a great time visiting and building fellowship and community!

We also received a check from Panera for \$73.87!

Saturday June 8th, 7-10 a.m. We will have a **Best Breakfast** style celebration of the Mothers, Fathers, and other caregivers of the church and wider community in between Mothers and Fathers Days. Thanks to Marianne's Diner, Shaw's, and Hannaford for donations for food!

As you know, our first **Vendor Bingo** event was a huge success! Everyone had a great time and the Vendors did so well, they want to return again, so we're already planning Vendor Bingo, Part II this Fall. **Save the date: Friday, September 6th**

As always, you can continue to support the church budget by purchasing or reloading **Hannaford gift cards** after church each Sunday. You get the full amount loaded on your card, and Hannaford donates 5% of our total weekly purchase to the church (for example, \$1000 loaded by a group of people one week=\$50 to the church budget). Gift cards can be loaded in any amount from \$5-\$500 and make great gifts too! Payment can be made by cash or check.

Yours truly, Liz Greenberg

Let's Get Back to Sanctuary!

June 9th ~ After Worship Service

With the steeple project almost completed it is time to move onto the next steps including how to finance this endeavor. Please join us after church for updates & bring ideas for raising the monies to complete the rehabilitation. There will be tours of the sanctuary to assist you in visualizing what needs to be done. If you cannot attend but have fundraising ideas please see a Council member.

Lunch will be served!

HARVEST SUPPER 2019!
Saturday, October 12th
SAVE THE DATE!!

DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

LAST YEAR'S DETAILS...

Family style service with two options to join us: 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Harvest Supper meal also includes squash, vegetables, stuffing, homemade gravy and homemade desserts.



75th Annual Sugar Plum Fair 2019!
Saturday, November 23rd
SAVE THE DATE!!

200+ Dozen Cookies in the Famous First Parish Church Cookie Walk
 White Elephant Sale in the Meetinghouse!
 Yummy Hot Soups, Delicious Sandwiches
 Satisfying Treats and Refreshments

Scripture Readings

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

June 2nd

Acts 16:16-34
John 17:20-26

June 9th

Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

June 16th

Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 23rd

Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 30th

Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Worship Schedule

Ushers & Greeters

June 2nd :

Ushers: Diaconate
Greeter: Tom “Woody” Woods
Lay Reader: Diane Breeden
Deacon: Joanne Worthen

June 9th :

Ushers: Ken Gould, Dee Deranian,
Nancy Berry, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Maury Davidson
Lay Reader: Rachel Cobban
Deacon: Ryan Lehoullier

June 16th :

Ushers: Stan & Holly Gorgol, Tom Cooper,
Michael Bryan
Greeter: Diane Dunn
Lay Reader: Brian Williams
Deacon: Sue Lindemann

June 23rd :


Ushers: Dusty Patrick, Joan Crimlisk,
Verna Elwell, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Carol Guerrin
Lay Reader: Diane Dunn
Deacon: Brian Williams

June 30th:

Ushers: Brian Williams, Margie Ives,
Pat Cefaly, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Liz Greenberg
Lay Reader: Ryan Lehoullier
Deacon: Diane Dunn

Please bring this flyer with you to support First Parish Church on June 4th 4:00-8:00pm!
There will be raffles available as well!
Including 4 tickets and parking pass to the FisherCats Vs. Portland Sea Dogs
on July 15th at 7:05pm

FUNDRAISING NIGHT!



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June 4th
From 4-9pm
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Tuesday: 9:00-3:00
Wednesday: 9:00-3:00
Thursday: 9:00-3:00
Friday: 9:00-3:00

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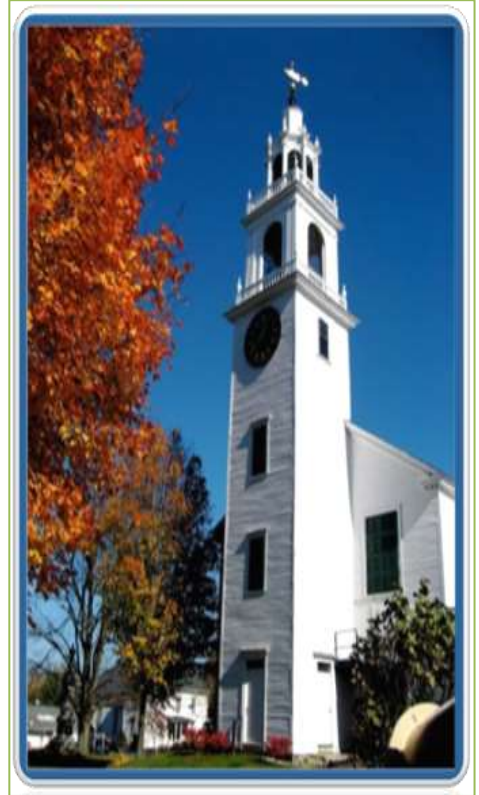
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You are most warmly invited:

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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