

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

September 3rd

By-Laws ~ 7:00

September 4th

CE & Deacon ~ 7:00

September 5, 12, 19, 26

Choir ~ 7:00

September 6th

VENDOR BINGO ~ 5:30

September 9th

Finance ~ 7:00

September 11th

K.I.T ~ 12:30

Wonder Wednesday ~ 7:00

September 14th

Soul Gathering ~ 9:00

Kindness Rocks ~ 10:00

September 15th

Welcome Back/Rally Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks

Christian Ed ~ 11:45

September 16th

Mission ~ 6:00

September 18th

Council ~ 7:00

September 20th

CONTRA DANCE ~ 7:30

September 22nd

By-Laws ~ 11:30

September 24th

Adult Faith/Bible ~ 6:30

Facilities ~ 7:00

September 25th

Deacon ~ 6:30

September 27th

Spaghetti Supper ~ 5:00

Soul Collage Retreat

From the Pastor's Desk-

Dear Child of God,

Do you remember the hymn: "I love to tell the story / Of unseen things above, / Of Jesus and His glory, / Of Jesus and His love. / I love to tell the story, / Because I know 'tis true; / It satisfies my longings / As nothing else can do." (Our new choir director, Joan, calls them "chestnuts": those old hymns that many of us learned as children growing up in the church.)

"Telling the story" is a theme that God has placed on my heart A LOT over the last few years. Fewer and fewer people - that attend church regularly - know many of the "old" stories - the ones that Jesus learned when he was a little boy growing up and going to Temple. I had numerous conversations with church leaders about leaving the "Revised Common Lectionary" in favor of going with the Narrative Lectionary. I checked in with the Board of Deacons and the Board of Christian Education, as well as Christian Educators. Everyone was excited about the idea. I put a survey in the bulletin and received a handful of responses. I also invited anyone who had interest to come to a gathering on July 30th. 8 people showed up and we had a great conversation!

Starting September 8th we are going to "tell the story" every week. We are going to tell many stories starting "at the beginning" and going chronologically through the ancient stories right up to the birth of Jesus. The order is this: Creation; Abraham; Jacob and Joseph; Exodus; Wilderness; Judges; David; Solomon; Elijah and Elisha; Hosea; Isaiah and Hezekiah; Jeremiah and Josiah; Into Exile; Return from Exile; Preparing

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 Messiah's birth. **Then** we will read Mark's Gospel straight through until Easter. After Easter we tell the post-resurrection story of the early church by reading Acts and the letters of Paul. Over the summer we will read Esther or Ruth or one of the other amazing stories.

We are very excited about this new perspective. Our morning worship won't change that much. The choir starts practicing this week and will join us for worship beginning September 15. We will continue our goal of introducing different kinds of music and different musicians on Sunday morning. Sacred Dancers are coming back this fall! Please see Diane Breeden if you are interested. We have exciting plans for including children in worship.

Speaking of "exciting plans", there is a lot going on this fall! Plan to join us on Saturday, September 14th for a "soul gathering" of First Parish from 9-noon. (A more detailed description can be found within this issue of the Newsletter.) "Welcome Back/Rally Sunday" will be Sunday morning the 15th. You will find out more about ways that First Parish serves the community by working together here. You may want to join us for Bible Wonder Adult Faith Formation starting Tuesday, September 24, when we begin our reading of the book of "Romans" together. We meet Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in Luke (the former choir room). Women are invited to come to the NH UCC Women's Gathering at Camp Sentinel September 27 and 28. Liz and I are the keynote speakers, presenting SoulCollage* and Labyrinth.

Take a moment to look around you and feel the gratitude that comes from knowing that God loves you more than anything! God's peace until we see each other next! Pastor Deborah

Rally Sunday (Sept 15th)- Please see Cathy Zylinski or Beth Hunter if you are able to assist with food for the special day!

A Special Message

Thank you all for your kind words, both spoken and written, during the coffee hour celebration you held for me in late July. And special thanks to Julie Turner and friends who provided a delicious "feast" for us. It was truly an honor to serve my home congregation as your interim choir director. It was my hope to recreate a sense of community in our choir, as well as to engage both the choir and the congregation in singing a variety of musical styles. You all surpassed my hopes and I am grateful for your work with me over the past year. And now we welcome Joan Virga with her wonderful musical talents and gifts to continue this ministry. May God bless Joan, our choir, and our congregation as we continue to grow together as we sing our praises to God.

- Debbie Gline Allen

Board of Christian Education



**Seasons change but,
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and
forever ~ Hebrews 13:8**

What's Happening In September.....

Sunday, September 8th: 1st day of Sunday School Year; Start of Narrative Lectionary

Saturday, September 14th: Kindness Rocks Free Workshop Open to all ~ A/B Conference Room

Sunday, September 15th: Rally Day; Christian Education Board Meeting - 11:45 pm A/B

Saturday, September 21st: Derryfest ~ Tell your friends and family to come visit our booth at Derryfest and support First Parish Church!

Tuesday, September 24th: Adult Faith Formation; Romans

In this ten-week study of the Book of Romans, we will be highlighting significant concepts regarding the good news about faith, grace, daily life, God's plan, relationships, and eternity. Whatever bad news we may receive, in *Romans* we will find good news to encourage and transform us.

Join us in taking a posture of listening and learning as we approach this powerful book packed with good news. Let's ask God to do a mighty work in and through us as we study so that we might be inspired with a spiritual renewal that spreads to those around us!

Sunday, September 29th: Sunday School Welcome Breakfast;

All families of Sunday School students are encouraged to come and join us for our open house to see the classroom, meet and greet other families, view our new welcome center where families will be able to get up-to-date information and fun resources for their families, as well as enjoy breakfast and ask questions.

There will be some new activities in October to look forward to, so be sure to keep an eye on the bulletin board and the e-blasts!

Parents: Don't forget to register your kids for the new school year. Forms are available in the front office or see Christine Lehoullier. Thank you for blessing us with your angels!

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

Summer is coming to an end and here at FPC things are starting to get busy. The choir is getting ready to sing again, Christian Education is getting ready to welcome the children back and start up a new Tuesday night study group. The mission board is looking forward to Thanksgiving Baskets and Angel Tree. We hope to be better at keeping you informed about all that we do by monthly Mission Moments & newsletter articles. **Your generosity** is why we are able to continue to give to local ministries and help around the world with special onetime gifts.

In August Jack Kennedy, the founder of Health Access Sumbabwa, gave us a progress report on what his organization is doing. The mission board voted to give \$500 to H.A.S.

In July Dr. Gondongwe from the United Theological College in Zimbabwe visited NH & FPC. He mentioned the need for solar panels for the library at the college. Pastor Deborah asked for donations and **this amazing congregation gave \$3370**. More than enough to purchase the panels. **THANK YOU!!!**

Monthly we give \$100 to the following local ministries: Sonshine Soup Kitchen, First Baptist Food Pantry, The Upper Room, Community Caregivers, Family Promise Nashua, The Derry Friendship Center, Pinkerton Homeless Program, Pastoral counseling.

We also give \$250 monthly to the NHUCC conference.

Did you know FPC has a Pastor's Discretionary Fund that Pastor Deborah can use to help local families in need? They can get gas cards, Hannaford Cards or monetary assistance with bills.

Missions gives \$200 a month to this fund.

One of the ministries we support monthly is **The Derry Friendship Center**. Not only do we support them financially, they also have several weekly meetings at our facility.

The Friendship Center is a community organization that provides a safe & supportive environment for those in recovery from addictions. For over 30 years they have been a huge presence in Derry for people seeking a safe place to talk with their peers and maintain their sobriety. They are located at 6 Rail Road Ave, Derry and are open to the public as a drop-in center.

Thank you all for your continued support, Your Board of Outreach and Mission:

Beth Hunter, Kathy Holland, Bart Wetherbee, Melanie Pawl, Sue Brown and Karen Wilson

BRICKS- Please submit your request by September 25th!

The brick project around the flagpole will be professionally installed this Fall. This is your last chance to have your brick included in this installation!

No more procrastinating! Do Your Order NOW!

Contact Cathy Pottle or pick up an order form at the church.

Each brick is \$100 (2x4) or \$250 (4x4). You decide on the inscription.

Profits go toward the Meetinghouse Rehabilitation.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

First Parish Church Proposed Article I & II Bylaws Changes Membership Informational Meeting

According to the Bylaws (Article IV Administration; Section 2n) Bylaws and mission statement should be reviewed every three years. Since the last review was April 2015 the Council formed a bylaws committee for that purpose. The Bylaws committee has been meeting since March. Any revisions will need a formal vote. In an effort to provide ample time for discussion and congregational input, the committee is now ready to roll out the proposed bylaw changes **in increments by Articles** to the membership.

So the first informational meeting to answer questions and explain the process we followed will take place after worship and fellowship on September 22nd in Currier Hall at 11:30am to review Articles I & II. Please read the Articles in this newsletter and if you are unable to attend the Informational meeting please feel free to reach out to one of the members of the Bylaws Committee with your input.

The tentative timeline for the other Articles are as follows:

Sept 4th: the committee will email Article III & IV to Council members to read and review.

Sept 18th: Council discussion, make additional corrections and answer any questions

Oct: Article III & IV will appear in the newsletter for the membership to review.

Oct 13th: Informational meeting after church in Currier Hall.

Oct 2nd: the committee will email Article V & VI to council members to read and review.

Oct 16th: Council discussion, make additional corrections and answer any questions

Nov: Article V & VI will appear in the newsletter for the membership to review.

Nov 10th: Informational meeting after church in Currier Hall.

Council then would decide when to call a church meeting to vote on the proposed bylaws.

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Proposed Article I & II Bylaws Changes

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ARTICLE I. NAME

This Church shall be called the First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Incorporated, in Derry, New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II. CHARACTER

Section 1. Freedom - The government of this Church is vested in its members, who exercise the right of full and final control of its affairs.

Section 2. Fellowship - This Church also acknowledges and accepts the equally important obligation of mutual consent, courtesy and cooperation involved in a free fellowship of the Congregational Churches, UCC and pledges itself to safeguard and to share their common aims and work. It declares its fellowship further with all Churches which seek to promote the Kingdom of God on earth.

Section 3. Faith and Covenants - Declaring our steadfast allegiance to the faith that our ancestors confessed, which from age to age has found expression in historic creeds of the Church Universal and of our communion, and affirming our loyalty to the basic principles of our representative democracy, we hereby set forth the things most surely believed among us concerning faith, polity and fellowship.

Faith - We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, goodness and love; and in Jesus Christ, his son, our lord and savior who for us and our salvation, lived and died and rose again and lives for evermore; and in the Holy Spirit who takes the things of Christ and reveals them to us, renewing, comforting, and inspiring the souls of all people. We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures and in our purpose to

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ARTICLE I. NAME

NO CHANGE

ARTICLE II. CHARACTER

Purpose

The purpose of this church shall be to worship God, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate the sacraments; to realize Christian community and unity within this church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward humanity; and to strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

Polity (Governance of the Church)

This church shall be an independent body amenable to no other ecclesiastical authority, having within itself all necessary powers of government and discipline. The government of this church is vested in its members who shall exercise control of all its affairs, subject to the laws of the State of New Hampshire relating to religious, non-profit organizations. This church accepts the obligations of mutual counsel, comity, and cooperation involved in the free association of the United Church of Christ, and covenants to share the common aims and work of the United Church of Christ.

Covenant and Faith

Covenant is an agreement which brings about a relationship of commitment between God and his people. We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God. We pledge to walk together in the way of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us.

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to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known to us or to be made known. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all people, exalting the worship of the one true God, and laboring for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human unity. Depending, as did our ancestors, upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

Polity - We believe in the freedom and the responsibility of the individual soul, and the right of private judgment. We hold to the autonomy of the local church and its independence of all ecclesiastical control. We cherish the fellowship of the Churches united in district, state and national bodies, for cooperation in matters of common concern.

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We hold it to be the mission of this church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world while worshiping God and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming reign of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

Statement of Faith

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology:

“We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people
from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous
will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,
our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.

Soul Gathering~ September 14th

First Parish Church Soul Gathering

September 14th

9:00-12pm

A time to grow in community as we journey together as “church”

Take some time... Gather together... A time of sharing... A time of sacred membership... Everyone from First Parish is invited to come together in order to experience some sacred time together as community. We will listen to our presenters together, experience the labyrinth for a focused walk and share our experiences.

Presenters: The Rev. Gayle Murphy and Eleanor MacLellan, Esq.
Also present: The enormous 11-circuit Chartres-style purple labyrinth
Theme: First Parish: a beloved community
 What does it mean to walk a sacred path together?
 What does it mean to befriend someone?
 What does it **look** like and **feel** like to be in community?

The labyrinth is not an event. It is not “one and done”. The labyrinth is a multifaceted tool and it is a divine inspiration. In much the same way the prayer and exercise are not “one shot deals”, the labyrinth is practice and a method of reflection or contemplation or centering.

The labyrinth that will be with us for this time together has come to our church before. The difference this time is that this labyrinth’s creator, Eleanor MacLellan, will be with us as well. Eleanor wrote a book entitled, “Sole to Soul: Walking a Path toward Loving Accompaniment” giving an accounting of a particular time in her family’s life and what the labyrinth represented to her along the way. In her book Eleanor talks about traversing life’s labyrinthine paths.

The Rev. Gayle Murphy was co-pastor at South Congregational Church in Concord, Eleanor’s church, when life dealt particularly harshly with her and her journey into the labyrinth began. Gayle is also one of the 5 women who walked this path with her.

These women have learned much about what it is to accompany one another lovingly on life’s journey. They are excited to lead us in this way as we begin to consider how we walk with one another here at First Parish. The labyrinth is a profound metaphor for life. Just like life, there is an uncanny karma about the labyrinth: what you sow, so shall you reap.

Pastor Gayle and Eleanor will present some things for us to think about and then we will have the opportunity to walk the labyrinth or to do some journaling or to simply chat informally with members we do not know well.

Eleanor will have books available for purchase on that day. Please join us.

2020 *Financial Stewardship Campaign*

Every year we need to take a look at finances: monies come in and monies go out. The Council and Boards and Committees run a tight ship but there are always bills to pay. In order to pay those bills, we depend upon you – our members – as well as the fund-raisers. Our members and friends help us tremendously by **pledging**. This is a simple process. It is a faith practice: You make an educated guess about how much you can give the church each week or month. You decide whether to write a check or have your bank send us a check each month. You control how you give and what you give. We simply ask that you pray and give accordingly.

There is so many wonderful things happening in our church and we are so grateful! God has blessed us in astounding ways! Our theme for 2020 is exciting! It is:

**Gratefulness: Celebrating gratitude and the opportunity to serve others
transforms life from living to truly being alive.**

Last year we discovered that we saved a lot of paper by handing out pledge cards in church or having them available at church for you to pick up – **rather than** sending a letter to all the members in the church.

We will have pledge cards available very soon for you to pick up and get back to us. We will hear from members of the congregation about their personal stewardship goals on September 22, October 13, and November 3. On November 17 Pastor Deborah will preach a stewardship sermon and offer a blessing on the financial gifts promised.

Please ask for God's guidance and give what you can with grateful hearts.

In gratitude for you,

Margie Ives, Joyce Pope, Cathy Zylinski and Pastor Deborah

Fundraising Committee

Fundraising committee will meet on Sunday, September 8th after worship in A/B. Everyone is welcome! We will be planning for our fall fundraising events including the Harvest Supper in October, and the Sugar Plum Fair in November. We will need all hands on deck to make all these events a continued success!

Come support our first Fall Fundraising event Vendor Bingo on Friday September 6th at 5:30 pm. Many of the same vendors will be returning and it's only \$10 to play and win great prizes! Food will be available for purchase during the evening.

Hannaford grocery gift cards can be purchased or reloaded each Sunday following church. 5% of your grocery purchases goes to the church budget. We must have a minimum order of \$1000 each week to earn this benefit. I'm trying to expand the participation base for this program because some of my regular Hannaford shoppers have left the area or will be leaving for extended periods of the year. If you're curious and want to know more about the program and how it could work for you, see Liz Greenberg or email her at lizgreenberg26@gmail.com

Submitted by Liz Greenberg

Dance in HIS glory on this Fall

After listening to some of the beautiful music our new Choir Director/ Accompanist and Debbie Allen has shared with us over the past couple of weeks we have begun to talk about calling together a group of men, women, and children to dance in God's glory this Fall. Please consider this special gift of praise. Send your questions and inspirations to Diane at sacrdncr12@gmail.com Or talk with Beth Hunter or myself after worship on any Sunday. In the past we have found it helpful to hold rehearsals on Thursday night (the same night as choir) for about 45 minutes. Let me know if there is a better time for us together, I am open to all ideas. Blessings to all who long to dance in HIS light and love,
Diane Breeden 603-490-6637

Wonder Wednesday~ September 11th

**We will experience another wonderful and wonder-filled evening of prayer, praise, singing and wondering at 7pm on September 11th .
Please come to our interactive, music-filled evening.
Invite a friend.**

Spaghettí Supper~ September 27th

Spaghetti Suppers are held the last Friday of every month. Suppers are free and open to the community. All are Welcome!!!

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

Díning for Dollars- East Derry Store- Sundays in September!

Every Sunday during September- East Derry Tavern will donate 10% of the check back to First Parish Church during brunch 10am-3pm! Flyers are available online and in the lobby! The brunch menu is fantastic and their full menu is available as well!

There is still time to register! Join Pastor Deborah, Liz and other ladies from our congregation for "A Weekend of Labyrinth and SoulCollage®"

REGISTRATION FORM for Women's Fellowship 2019 Fall Retreat. Early registration is \$80 when postmarked by September 10. Late registration is \$90 after September 10. Fee includes overnight accommodations (but no bed linens), Friday dinner, and Saturday breakfast and lunch – Make checks payable to: NHCUCC Women's Fellowship. All registrations and checks are due by September 22. Mail all registrations and checks to Trudie Bergeron, 46 Nantucket Place, Greenland NH 03840. Questions? Contact Trudie at TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com or 603-828-4200. **IMPORTANT:** Please call, text, or e-mail Trudie by ASAP to let us know if you are planning to attend Camp Sentinel...

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND CAMP SENTINEL NEED TO PLAN – PLEASE HELP US.

Pastor Deborah, will present interactive sessions on mindfulness, simplicity, and gratitude. Liz is a SoulCollage® facilitator, will guide you in using your intuition and inner wisdom to create a SoulCollage® Deck, "The Story of You." You will love your Deck. It is a tangible way to know yourself in your diversity and depth and you will discover wisdom within yourself that will amaze you. Creating and sharing your Deck can be a fun, profound, and sacred experience.

Camp Sentinel is located in the foothills of the Ossipee Mountain range in Center Tuftonboro, New Hampshire. 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE- SEE PASTOR DEBORAH

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

2:00–5:00 Registration, waterfront activities, labyrinth, hiking, indoor activities
 Dinner
 COMING TO THE NOW WITH SACRED PATHWAYS
 Campfire Vespers—the Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 Enjoy a brisk morning walk led by Diane Wells
 8:00 Breakfast
 Worship with communion—the Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
 BEING IN THE NOW WITH SOULCOLLAGE®
 12:00 Lunch
 1:00 GROWING THE NOW WITH A GALLERY WALK
 Closing (Around 3:30)

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

*Please untie the knots
That are in my mind,
My heart and my life.*

*Remove the have nots,
The can nots and the do nots
That I have in my mind.*

*Erase the will nots,
May nots, might nots that may find
A home in my heart.*

*Release me from the could nots,
Would nots and
Should nots that obstruct my life.*

*And most of all,
Dear God,
I ask that you remove from my mind,
My heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
That I have allowed to hold me back,
Especially the thought
That I am not good enough.*

Amen

What: The 218th Annual Meeting of the NH Conference of the United Church of Christ

When: Saturday, October 19, 2019

Where: Grappone Conference Center 70 Constitution Avenue, Concord, NH

Theme: The theme of our meeting this year is, "Step Up, Speak Out – from Complicity to Courage". The theme will be unpacked as we explore an adaptation of Deuteronomy 31:6-7, "Be strong, bold, and courageous as you lead...for God goes with you."

Register Now at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/gya8ry>



VENDOR BINGO!

Friday September 6, 2019 5:30-8:30

First Parish Church

Admission is free! \$10 per person for 10 games!

10 vendors and 10 games, each vendor will donate a prize for one of the games.

You will have the opportunity to shop before, during an intermission and after the games.

Food will be available for purchase.

This event supports:

First Parish Church,
Community Outreach
Missions, and
Friends of the Meetinghouse

FIRST PARISH CHURCH

47 East Derry Rd., East Derry

603-434-0628

The. Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

Vendor Bingo will be back on Friday, September 6th at 5:30 pm- 8:30pm.

\$10 per person to play 10 games and win great prizes!

Vendors will be set up for shopping and prizes for each round. Food will be available for purchase during the evening.

Our Vendors:

Leisure Leggings

Mary Kay

Barry Hartmann's Cutting Boards

Tupperware

Connie Cox's Jewelry

Stockings, aprons, tote bags, adult bibs

Pampered Chef

Thirty One Gifts

Inspire with Style

Each vendor has donated one item and each game's prize will be one of the items.



The church will receive \$10 from each ticket purchased through the church. Please email or call the office to purchase tickets! officemgr@fpc-ucc.org

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

September 1st

Psalm 78:1-8
Luke 24

*Readings are from the Narrative Lectionary for
Sundays and Festivals – Year 2*

September 8th - Garden of Eden

Genesis 2:4b-25
Mark 1:16-20

September 15th – Isaac Born to Sarah

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Mark 10:27

September 22nd - Jacob Wrestles God

Genesis 32: [9-13] 22-30
Mark 14: 32-36

September 29th –Moses and God's Name

Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15 – 2:10]; 3:1-15
Mark 12:28-31

Worship Schedule

Ushers & Greeters

September 1st:

Ushers: Diaconate
Greeter: Tom Woods
Deacons: Diane Dunn, Ryan Lehoullier
Lay Reader: Jack Martin

September 8th: Communion Sunday

Ushers: Dusty Patrick, Verna Elwell, Joan Crimlisk, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Joyce Pope
Lay Reader:
Deacon: Ryan Lehoullier

September 15th:

Ushers: Brian Williams, Margie Ives, Pat Cefaly, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Diane Dunn
Lay Reader:
Deacon: Sue Lindemann

September 22nd:

Ushers: Ken Gould, Dee Deranian, Nancy Berry, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Carol Guerrin
Lay Reader:
Deacon: Brian Williams

September 29th:

Ushers: Stanley Gorgol, Holly Gorgol, Tom Cooper, Michael Bryan
Greeter: Tom Cooper
Lay Reader:
Deacon: Rachel Cobban

September 15th ~ Welcome Back/ Rally Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks

September 29th ~ Fifth Fun in Faith Sunday - NO Paper Sunday! Service will project the images rather than printing bulletins.

First Parish Congregational Church

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Office Hours

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

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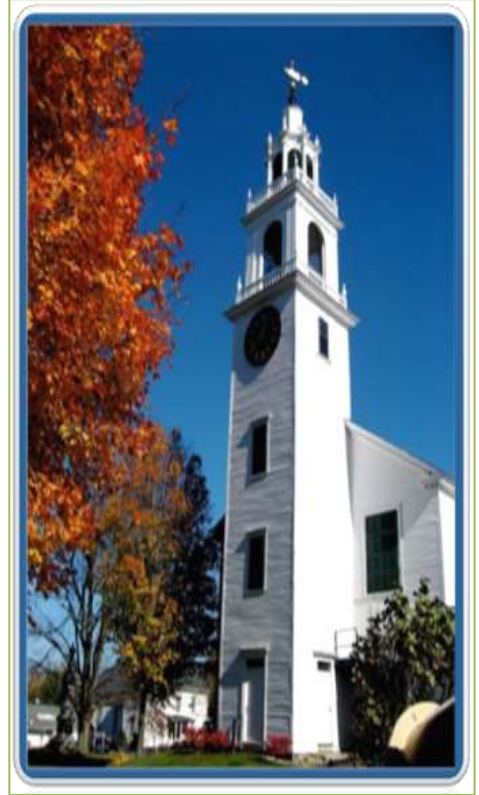
First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

You are most warmly invited:

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

First Parish Congregational Church History

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



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