

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.

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

Dear Child of God,

Last week I was able to attend some virtual sermons at my favorite annual conference, "Festival of Homiletics". The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III, is the Senior Pastor at Trinity UCC in Chicago. In his book entitled, "Blue Note Preaching in a Post-Soul World" he says this in the first chapter:

"Can preaching recover a Blues sensibility and dare speak with authority in the midst of tragedy? America is living stormy Monday, but the pulpit is preaching happy Sunday. The world is experiencing the Blues, and pulpiteers are dispensing excessive doses of non-prescribed prosaic sermons with severe ecclesiastical and theological side effects."

In other words, when life is so very hard, why do we insist on smiling and repeating "I'm fine" when we're truly feeling pretty blue right now.

We find ourselves in an extraordinary moment in history: we are surviving a pandemic. At least some of us are. Many are losing their lives or their livelihoods. Anger and acts of rage seem at an all-time high. Separation and distancing are the new normal. Indeed, some are surviving but certainly not thriving.

The Rev. Dr. Moss reminded us last week that God is always with us – even in blue times and it is our call to sing the blues. Expressing our blues to God is a natural and quite normal thing to do. Moss said: "Do not neglect the power of your mourning. We live in a culture that cannot sit and lament and refuses to face the blues. When we experience loss, one of our greatest tools is the power of mourning. **Mourning can lead you to a new morning.**"

From the Pastor's Desk Continued

Interestingly enough our Sunday morning lectionary passages for the month of June and first week of July come from the Book of Job, a book of the Bible about a man who had every right to sing the blues. And interestingly enough, scholars agree that culture has talked about Job so much that there are numerous misconceptions about what the book actually says. (The Tuesday evening Bible Wonder is reading and discussing Job, if you'd like to join us.)

The first misconception is that Job is not like Moses or Joseph or Ruth, or even Peter or Paul or Lydia. Job is not a real person. His story is an allegory – an old Testament parable. Now we know from the parables that Jesus told, there is much truth and light brought forth in parables. And as one person put it: just because it didn't happen, doesn't mean it isn't true.

For those of you who won't be at our Bible Study and those of you who may never hear an upcoming sermon, allow me to give you this overarching truth that emanates from the Book of Job: relationship. The Book of Job is about human beings in relationship with the Divine Being, the One we call God. It is when we develop our relationship with God through our prayer practice, our worship habits and our day-to-day consideration of Love incarnate that we develop as spiritual beings having a human experience. One more overarching truth found within the pages of the Book of Job is this: to lament, i.e. to sing our blues, is to express the truth of our human condition.

Otis Moss asks, "Can preaching recover a Blues sensibility and dare speak with authority in the midst of tragedy?" As we continue in this pandemic, let's pay homage to the blues that we feel and that is born out of this new separateness of our lives. We have a Biblical tradition of singing, saying, declaring and delivering lament: the Book of Lamentations; the book of Job; and two-thirds of the Psalms.

Expressing our sadness goes hand in glove with our humanity. It is when we deny our sadness, our disappointment and our loss that our lives can get out of balance. When we are out of balance, we become angry and even violent in word or deed. Let's learn a new language during this pandemic: one that is equal to the depth of our woes and the height of our faith in a God that goes with us every step of this journey.

Thanks be to God!
Pastor Deborah

Christian Education/Adult Faith Formation

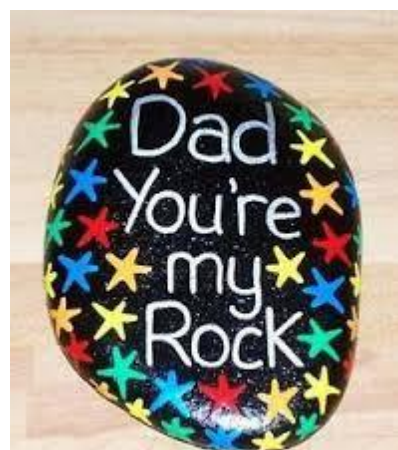


First Parish Church's Virtual Church Camp This Summer!

The theme is compassion for others, ourselves, and the world. This at-home/virtual VCC is geared toward K-5th graders, plus activities specifically designed for preschool-age children. It will be spread out over multiple weeks for an extended program starting the third week in June. Information will be made available on how to participate as soon as the complete program is available the week of June 8th.

Father's Day Rocks!

If your child would like to participate in a Father's day collaborative art project involving painting a letter on a rock to spell out a special father's day message honoring that special father figure in their lives, please let us know by e-mailing, texting or calling, cedirector@fpc-ucc.org or 603-264-9261, and we will safely deliver supplies to your house and pick them up when ready. Father's day is Sunday, June 21st, this year!



Summertime Story Hour

Join our Christian Education Team throughout the summer as we continue to read stories related to the weekly narrative lectionary readings. We look forward to helping families and youth continue to learn and grow in their faith!

Christian Education/Adult Faith Formation (continued)

Summer Sharing

Do you have a fun skill you can share with our kiddos this summer?

Maybe you can fold origami really well?

Do you know another language?

Do you have a talent for identifying nature?

Painting, woodworking, gardening, yoga, gymnastics, hula hooping, singing?

We would love to show you teaching us your skills, even if it's you showing us your skills while someone else narrates! Let's show everyone how talented I know you are!

If you're interested, but don't know where to start, email

Christine Lehoullier at cedirector@fpc-ucc.org.

Adult Faith Formation ~ Bible Wonder 'The Book of Job'

Tuesdays, Zoom Invitation, 6:30, please contact Michelle Guerrin,
officemgr@fpc-ucc.org or 603-434-0628

Join the wondering as Pastor Deborah leads us through the Book of Job. The Bible story of Job is a **powerful tale of testing the devotion and fortitude of the human** will. In this epic wager between God and the forces of Evil, discover how Job reacts to the shocking curses inflicted upon him and what we can learn from his incredible example of remaining faithful through suffering. These readings will also follow the upcoming Narrative Lectionary readings on Sundays!




Thank You!

To the members of

First Parish Congregational Church

**for being a 5 for 5 Congregation of
the United Church of Christ in 2019 .**

5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the
Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund, and Strengthen
the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.


John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ


Conference Minister



Planned Giving in Action: Ken Gould, Financial Steward in life and in Death

A dear friend and member of First Parish Church, Ken Gould died on November 23, 2019. He left us a generous gift — an investment mix that, as of May 26, was valued at \$190,332 — for which we are very thankful. At the May Council Meeting we discussed the ways we might use Ken's gift and developed a plan but decided to wait until next month before adopting it.

Ken left no instructions on how to use the money. Becky talked with his family who believe Ken had faith in the church to talk through the possibilities and make decisions for the best use of the money. In addition, Ken would not have wanted us to name a project or anything else in his name. Ken was humble and seldom took credit for the work he did, so his family didn't feel he would have been comfortable with any thought of special recognition after he's gone.

As we considered how to use Ken's gift, we took his family's request in mind and what we knew was important to Ken. Ken's faith was always present from the one-on-one conversations to his various roles on FPC committees to those in the wider UCC. Ken's roles from Council member at large, finance committee, social justice, Pastor Search, and many more help us remember Ken Gould as a faithful Christian. We remember Council meetings where Ken would always look forward to our fiscal responsibilities. Our knowledge of Ken helped us develop this plan.

We would like you, the congregation, to consider this plan. Please communicate with a council member to comment on this approach and ask questions before we vote on it in June.

Our plan would use the gift in the following 4 ways.

1. **10% to Mission** - We know how important mission was to Ken and wanted to make a tithe.
2. **Up to \$15,000 for the Pastor's Sabbatical** - This would help cover the cost of pastoral coverage for Pastor Deborah's sabbatical in 2021.
3. **Stewardship Fund for Building Maintenance** - We would like to put aside \$100,000 for maintenance of our historic building. Part of the major building rehab we've undertaken is making the commitment to properly maintain the building after the rehab. Ken's gift will allow us to begin to fulfill that commitment.
4. **Building Rehab** - The remainder would go toward building rehab work scheduled for 2021.

Because this gift is in investments, our intention is to try to let the investments recover from March losses. Most of it will not be touched until next year or later.

Thank you,

Sue Lindemann First Parish Church, UCC Council member

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

This month we are featuring: Sonshine Soup Kitchen

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen opened on Sept. 11, 1989. For many years it was housed in the basement of the First Baptist Church. Several years ago, they purchased the property at 6 Crystal Ave where they currently reside.

It is a ministry:

- Supported by the Derry area communities including churches, individuals, businesses, civic organizations, and schools.
- A place for needy individuals and families to eat a nourishing meal in an uplifting environment five nights per week. No one is turned away. We also deliver to homebound individuals.
- We offer a weekly Bible study, clothing for emergency needs, personal care items, nutritional breakfast foods to take home, and information and referral.



Due to the Corona Virus they currently serve drive by to go meals on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 – 5pm. They have been serving about 30 meals per night. Their clothing ministry is closed.

Current Needs

Dish washing liquid
Paper napkins

Sponges
Window cleaner

Cash donations to help pay the bills, purchase food, pay the mortgage and payroll

The office is open Monday – Friday, 1-6:00pm. For questions or a detailed list of current food needs call 437-2833

The Sonshine Soup Kitchen is one of the local ministries that FPC supports monthly.

Your Mission Committee,
Beth Hunter, Melanie Pawl, Karen Wilson, Bart Wetherbee, Kathy Holland

Facilities Committee

Happy Spring! The Facilities board has been busy working on the following projects:

- Completed rebuild of the furnace air intake. Finish work and landscaping to follow.
- Replaced multiple interior lights to LEDs.
- In conjunction with others, entered into an agreement with Rig A'Tony's for use of our kitchen Monday thru Friday while their kitchen in Derry is being rebuilt after a fire.
- Installed security cameras at the Parish Hall Entrance, Vestibule and Foyer to provide a higher level of safety for our staff.

Important Message to our Members

We ask that you refrain from entering the church during this unusual time, where the sanitation and cleaning of our church is being planned with Servpro very carefully. We are planning cleaning to limit risk and exposure for our staff and the staff of Rig A'Tony's.

Should you need to pick up something, please follow these steps:

1. **Schedule your visit with the office.**
2. **Limit your visit with one person if possible.**
3. **Enter only thru the Parish hall main entrance (not the kitchen door please).**
4. **Wear a mask.**
5. **Do not bring any pets into the facility without proper approval.**

Thank you for your cooperation

The Facilities Board- Lianne Deranian, Dee Deranian, Bob Wilson, Bill Armstrong, Alan Pawl, Pat Cefaly, Jo Worthen

Are you tech-savvy?

WE NEED a handful of tech-savvy folks who can work collaboratively with Pastor Deborah, Michelle and Christine and who can help us to build up our virtual presence. We have been getting by but have been slaves to technology. It's time to be proactive and become masters of technology.

Even when we resume in-person worship, we will need technology to continue to minister to those still at home or far away who have become part of our community. We will need technology to enhance the presence of music in our worship services since there will be no singing for some time to come.

If you can help, please let one of us know. We hope to meet Sunday June 7 after worship.

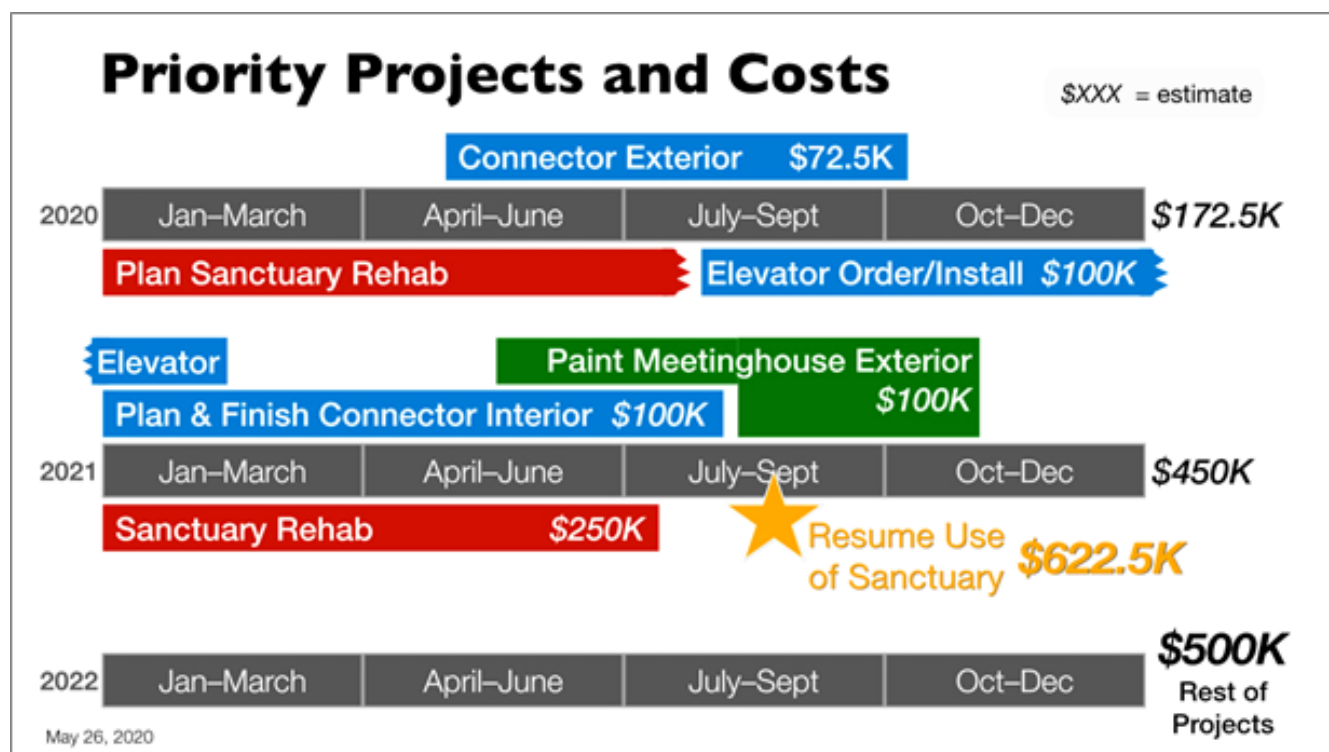
Meetinghouse Preservation Update: Projects this Year and Next

The Building Advisory Committee (BAC) manages the historic preservation and accessibility projects that make up the church's Meetinghouse Rehab effort. We're busy now guiding this year's projects, supporting the fundraising work of the Congregational Campaign and the Friends of the Meetinghouse, and planning next year's projects.

After completing projects for the new Foundation, Accessibility Connector shell, Timber Frame repairs throughout, and Tower and Steeple rehab, we are now focused on the goal of resuming regular use of the Sanctuary. This requires completing the Accessibility Connector with its elevator and grand staircase leading to a new Sanctuary entrance, and rehabbing the interior of the Sanctuary plus the lower- and upper-level vestibules and staircases.

With successful fundraising and careful project coordination, we believe regular use of the Sanctuary can resume in the early Fall of 2021.

Painting the Meetinghouse's exterior is also required; we can get by this coming winter, but not the one after, and we are getting quotes for this work now. See the timeline diagram for the target projects and their expected costs for the next two years.



This summer Morin Contracting Services—our partner since 2015—will weatherproof the Connector by installing the windows, doors, and siding. To reduce this cost by perhaps \$20K, the Friends of the Meetinghouse team is seeking materials donations, and congregational volunteers will be able to apply primer to the clapboards prior to installation.

Last fall we worked with Stanley Elevator on a revised discounted contract and a six-to-eight month order and installation plan. We recently asked for a coronavirus delay for the June 1st signing deadline and they graciously extended this to August 14th.

We made a \$47K down payment for the elevator in 2016, so there's no cost now to resume the manufacturing order. But soon after executing the contract, we'll need to cover the rest of the Stanley payments plus some enabling interior construction costs (see the timeline diagram). Fundraising for this is well underway.

For 2021's Sanctuary Rehab, we're working now with historic preservation experts and getting quotes from contractors to firm up cost estimates and schedules. This is a complex project with several significant challenges, which we'll describe in an article next month. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact any BAC member.

BAC: Larry Krantz, Paul Lindemann, Bill Mann

Facilities Reps: Nancy Murdoch, Bob Wilson.

Back to the Sanctuary

The Back to the Sanctuary campaign is very near the goal originally set at \$165,000 for 2020 work. We are so grateful for all the pledges and donations to date. The collaboration from other Boards, committees and individuals cannot be overstated. Please see the accompanying articles about our gift from Ken Gould and from the BAC. Presently we have \$111,444.85 in hand which, in part, represents 24 pledges. In September and November we have pledges totaling \$31,200. We also anticipate some portion of the LCHIP monies that will be coming in. Our hope is that it will be in the area of \$15,000. Adding those sources of income we arrive at \$157,644.85, only \$7,356 below our original goal. We do have other sources of income we can tap into but are hoping to save that for our larger goal in 2021. If you have not yet donated, or feel inclined to close this gap, any amount will be appreciated.

As noted in the BAC article one can see the new goal is in the area of \$172,000 and that is due to the fact that there is an exterior door or alcove that needs to be covered before winter. This ultimately moves our aforementioned gap at \$15,000 so our work is not yet done. Having said that, it is our hope that our vendors can schedule their work soon and not have to increase any of costs. The virus has affected their workforces just as it has affected so many others. Pray that this can be accomplished and be assured we are promoting this as a sign of progress and faith. Thank you to everyone who donated and who have prayed over this. The response has been so very positive and we are grateful for every dollar donated. Stay tuned for monthly updates with the vendors and please look forward to seeing the actual, physical work unfolding in the next few months.

Submitted by the Back to the Sanctuary Collaboration Group: Cyndi Gray, Sue Lindemann, Margie Ives, Anne-Marie Merrill

Musical Notes from our Choir Director

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets, and the blast of the ram’s horn – shout for joy before the Lord, our King.” Psalm 98: 4-6

From various information sources, the choir news is grim as the information being passed to us recommends that choirs not sing together for at least 1-2 years. Masks will not keep the water droplets that come from our singing from entering the air we all breathe.

“ACDA/NATS/ChorusAmerica/BarberShop national Pandemic webinar: 1) There is no safe way for choirs to rehearse together until there is a vaccine or 95% effective treatment in place, most likely 1-2 years. Perhaps occasionally outside in small groups, but only when the wind is not at your back. Masks and spacing DO NOT protect your singers from contagion, and singers are super-spreaders 2) Though there may be some mitigation using a combination of UV lights and fan/atmosphere scrubbing inside, it is not 100% effective and the UV in particular may be both expensive and dangerous 3) No concerts or public performances this fall, and frankly, maybe not for 1-2 years, though we actually don't know. 4) Once rapid testing becomes available, possibility to rehearse with immediate testing before every rehearsal with iron-clad agreements...” from one of the sources.

So with that in mind, Pastor Deborah and I have figured out how to record music and receive recorded music and share it with you each week. We can do that in the virtual realm and in real time. We will also be able to share special music through technology the day that we can reconvene and worship together.

I do need volunteers though. I can send accompaniments to anyone that wants to solo on an instrument or sing. Or, like the Allen family, if you can do it all, that’s wonderful! All you have to do is be willing to share the gifts and talents that God has given you and we’ll help create it through technology so that everyone can hear you! Please email me and let me know what you would like to share. joanvirga@gmail.com. I also will be reaching out to those that have shared their gifts before.

God Bless,
Joan Virga
Choir Director, First Parish

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**Daily Messages of Hope, Worship Bulletins, Christian Education Videos
We are also in the process of updating all the areas of the site- so please visit often!**

An Op-ed about the Style of Apostle Paul and our Current Pandemic

Note from Pastor Deborah: We have been reading from Paul's letters to the Corinthians in our Bible Study and on Sunday morning. A Pastor in NC wrote a profound op ed piece combining the style of the Apostle Paul and the realities of our current pandemic. This was too good not to share.

1 Covidians 12:1-11

Now concerning the wearing of masks, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that in the time before Covid, we were enticed and led astray thinking that we were not responsible for one another's health. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the spirit of love ever says 'masks be cursed!'; and no one can say 'masks are a really good idea for everybody!' except through a spirit of love.

Now there are varieties of masks, but the same spirit of wearing them; and there are varieties of mask wearers, but the same virus; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same precautions that must be shown to everyone.

To each is given a manifestation of a mask for the common good. To one a mask is given through our mask makers, and to another a purchased one online, or in a store according to the same spirit of protection. Some fashion one after watching a video on YouTube, to another... they already had some. The knowledge of needing to wear one according to the same spirit, to another faith that the same spirit will improve health and save lives.

Another receives the gifts of healing by this generous spirit, to another this seems no less than the working of a miracle, another prophecies that we'll get through all of this sooner by observing these loving precautions, to another the discernment of figuring out how all can get one, to another the knowledge that a mask hides all kinds of mouths and tongues, to another the understanding that those mouths and tongues are still there, behind those masks.

All these are activated by one and the same spirit, and we hope to allot to each one individually just as they choose.

In other words, wear a mask!...

Because loving our neighbor as ourselves is the crux of it. When we wear a mask we are saying that we love and care for ourselves, and that we love and care for our neighbors. If our neighbor is sick (and perhaps doesn't even know it yet) our masks help protect US. If WE are sick (and perhaps don't even know it yet) our masks help protect OUR NEIGHBOR...

... it is a tangible and visible manifestation and practice of our LOVE.

Rev Greg Brown
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
Charlotte, NC

Thoughts from Florida ~ John Bartel

Bob Dylan has a song called "Life Is Hard" As in many of his songs, I can never decide whether he is singing about a lost loved one, either through death or breakup, or is he singing about being separated from God. It's a legitimate question. I've read a lot about Dylan and I know he has a great interest in things spiritual. In either case life can get difficult.

And do you know who life is hard for? Ministers. Pastors. Especially at this time when we are all experiencing anxiety of different degrees. They have their own anxieties, much like the rest of us. Then they have that part of their job where they try to comfort their flock in their time of trouble. And now they are dealing with technology that they never thought they would be concerned with. It's a learning experience, in this trial by fire. May we be patient with our pastors.

On the other hand there is science. And as we experience this pandemic I need to trust the words of the doctors and scientists and not interpret them to my own whim. This virus is dangerous, especially to those of us of a certain advanced age. And I need to be wise enough to know when some politician is blowing smoke and talking nonsense. Not being able to tell the difference could kill me.

I'm not afraid to die, and I do believe in eternal life as promised by Jesus. And I kind of like this world and the people I know and love, and don't want to leave just yet. So I stay home except to go out to the grocery or pharmacy and wear a mask when I do that. And try to keep the prescribed social distance from others.

In his paraphrase translation of Matthew 13:10-17, Eugene Peterson writes:

Why Tell Stories?

10 The disciples came up and asked, "Why do you tell stories?"

11-15 Jesus replied, "You've been given insight into God's kingdom. You know how it works. Not everybody has this gift, this insight; it hasn't been given to them. Whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the insights and understandings flow freely. But if there is no readiness, any trace of receptivity soon disappears. That's why I tell stories: to create readiness, to nudge the people toward receptive insight. In their present state they can stare till doomsday and not see it, listen till they're blue in the face and not get it. I don't want Isaiah's forecast repeated all over again:

Your ears are open but you don't hear a thing.
Your eyes are awake but you don't see a thing.
The people are blockheads!
They stick their fingers in their ears
so they won't have to listen;
They screw their eyes shut
so they won't have to look,
so they won't have to deal with me face-to-face
and let me heal them.

16-17 "But you have God-blessed eyes—eyes that see! And God-blessed ears—ears that hear! A lot of people, prophets and humble believers among them, would have given anything to see what you are seeing, to hear what you are hearing, but never had the chance.

This reminds me of the story about the man who prayed to God to let him win the lottery. After several drawings and still not having won the man complained to God. God's answer was "Help me out will you? Buy a ticket!"

We belong to the United Church of Christ. We believe that God is still speaking. I think that means all the time in all kinds of ways. At this time I believe that God is suggesting we wear masks and keep a social distance. And using the technology God has bestowed on us through many computer scientists, we can attend worship services from the comfort of our homes.

As our governments begin to open up various aspects of the economy, let's pray they do it wisely, listening for the words of God. And each of us can listen carefully, and when those government words don't make sense, let us follow our hearts, in other words listen carefully for what God is saying to us.

Submitted by John Bartel



A Word about Planned Giving

Ken Gould often encouraged us to be mindful that financial support of our church and denomination takes a variety of forms. One method of supporting the church financially is making a regular pledge. Another method is called Planned Giving.

Ken took an area of his personal investments and decided that upon his death these would be divided equally between each of his two daughters and First Parish. Think about how you might follow Ken's example. Talk to your family, financial or estate planner and designate a portion of your estate to come back to First Parish as a memorial gift.

If you have any questions about how to do this don't hesitate to ask one of our financial leaders.

God loves a cheerful giver!
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Submitted by Pastor Deborah

The Community Thanks You!

Dear Pastor Deborah,
Please extend our gratitude to your parish members. Parkland has received many cards, poems, pictures & letters for our staff & patients. The impact has been heartwarming. These gifts bring many smiles on faces & they so much appreciated the love & support from the community.

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Parkland
(many Beths)

Pastor Deborah:
I want to share my deep gratitude for your recent special donation. In addition to your ongoing monthly support this gift comes to us during such a challenging time, and I am extremely thankful!
As a faith community, you are clearly sharing to assist us in allowing to help our most vulnerable citizens, families. I so appreciate the partnership we have continued to foster & develop relationships that serve our larger community when most in need. During this time this support and extension is noticed and will assist us in being ready to help. ~Thank you, so very much warmly. Brenda Guggen
The Upper Room

It's In the Valley I Grow

Sometimes life seems hard to bear,
Full of sorrow, trouble, and woe
It's then I have to remember
That it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top
And never experienced pain,
I would never appreciate God's love
And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn
And my growth is very slow,
Sometimes I need the mountain tops,
But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand
Why things happen as they do,
But I am very sure of one thing.
My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing
When I picture Christ on the cross
He went through the valley of death;
His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for complaining
When I'm feeling so very low.
Just give me a gentle reminder:
That it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord
And use my life each day
To share your love with others
And help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord
For this one thing I know
The mountain tops are glorious
But it's in the valleys I grow!

Narrative Lectionary June- September

These will be virtual Services using both Zoom and Facebook

Job (5 weeks): K. Schifferdecker's 6-week series (2012)

6/7/2020: Job 1:1-22 Communion Sunday

6/14/2020: Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21

6/21/2020: Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27

6/28/2020: Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11 [25-27]

7/5/2020: Job 41:1-8; 42:1-17 Communion Sunday

2 Corinthians (5 weeks): Lois Malcolm's 6-week series (2016)

7/12/2020: 2 Cor 1:1-11 – Consolation

7/19/2020: 2 Cor 2:1-10 – Forgiveness

7/26/2020: 2 Cor 4:1-18 – Treasure in Clay Jars

8/2/2020: 2 Cor 5:1-21 – Walk by Faith not Sight Communion Sunday

8/9/2020: 2 Cor 8:1-15 – Generosity

Lord's Prayer (4 weeks): M. Stamper's 4-week series (2016)

8/16/2020: Luke 11:2-4

8/23/2020: Luke 11:2-4

8/30/2020: Luke 11:2-4

9/6/2020: Luke 11:2-4 Communion Sunday

June at a Glance

**What's Up Wednesday –
Weekly at 4pm Students & Families Zoom Invitation**

Bible Wonder - Tuesdays 6:30 Zoom Invitation

Wonder Wednesday: Worship, Prayer and Praise June

June 3, 10, 17 at 7pm

Zoom & Facebook Live

(This service will not be recorded.)

I'll clean this up and make pretty- please review info!

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Office Hours

(Please call ahead to make
an appointment)

Monday: 9:00-3:00

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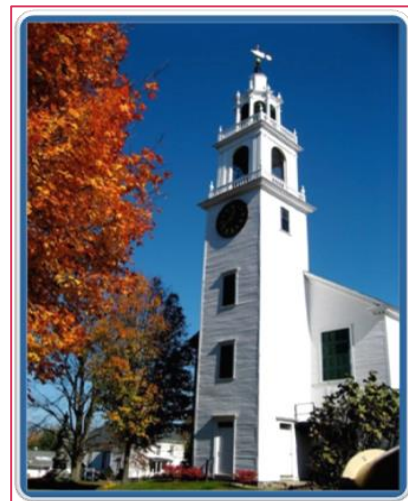
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First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

You are most warmly invited to join us on
Facebook or Zoom at 10:00am for Sunday
Worship & Church School

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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