

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,

(I know this is longer than usual. I pray that you will read to the end and give me your feedback.)

I was on Study Leave last week and I had what I might call a mystical experience and what I would definitely call a God-wink. It was God's still small voice and an explosion in my brain - all at once. By way of introduction, let me tell you the story of a truly great Christian song. "I Can Only Imagine" is the most incredible song about what it might be like to meet Jesus. "I can only imagine" song writer, Bart Millard, repeats this phrase over and over. As it turns out, his grandma said these words to Bart after his father's funeral. The words took hold of his soul. In the weeks and months following the funeral - without any specific intention behind it, and without consciously doing it, he wrote those words down all over the place - in notebooks, on napkins, on pieces of paper. And then one day, he was praying and soul searching when he saw those words written down over and over and over. Those words, 'I can only imagine', catapulted Bart Millard and his band "MercyMe" into history with this incredible song.

God does that sometimes. God sends a message or a series of messages. Are we paying attention? We only partially realize it's there or we don't see it at all. Until that moment when - whoosh! We see it so clearly. How did we not see it before? Now, this is when I wish I had the luxury of a movie studio (like in the movie "I Can Only Imagine") so that I could show you snapshot after snapshot of what I was supposed to be paying attention to all along. I don't have that studio so I hope you'll imagine with me.

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, right? God is both because God is neither. What geometrical shape has neither beginning nor ending? It's the circle... The circle... "In the beginning, God created" ... the Earth, which is a circle. I perform weddings where couples exchange rings, which are ... circles. I have for a very long time been intrigued by mandalas, which are ... circles. In recent years, I have become very passionate about the labyrinth,

From the Pastor's Desk Continued

which are nearly always ... circles. I learned about a Japanese art-form which is called an "enzo", which is basically a ... circle. Last year, I prepared an entire session for "Prepared to Serve" on the wonder and sacredness of the labyrinth, the spiral and - wait for it - the... circle. While on my leave last week, God led me to a book entitled: The Circle Maker: Praying Circles Around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears. Over and over, God has placed the **circle** in my path. Last week, God added prayer to that circle.

As Christians, we are in relationship with the Divine, with God. Our beliefs are founded on a Trinitarian God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit or as our ancestors taught: Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Three-in-One. The hymn goes "God in three persons, blessed Trinity." A relational God who seeks relationship with us, the blessed children. How do we communicate in this relationship? Through prayer. Jesus said, 'Ask and you shall receive.' Paul said to 'pray unceasingly'. It is with prayer that we grow in relationship with God. In God's divine timing, it so happens that we will walk through a four-week sermon series on the Lord's Prayer in late August.

Both Old and New Testaments encourage us to go to God in prayer in confidence and trust. Jeremiah 29:12: "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." Mark 11:24: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." The Apostle Paul adds that we pray in an attitude of gratitude. Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

First Parish is a mission-driven church. We do a lot for our community and our denomination. AND for as long as I can remember we have also been committed to the restoration of the Meetinghouse. For more than 7 years, we have raised funds and raised awareness about the Meetinghouse. I believe deep in my heart that the stewardship of this historic gem has been blessed by God. One of the awareness that came to me during my study leave was this: I realized that my mindset has not been one of **gratitude that God has already answered our prayers for completion of the project**. I've been thinking in human terms: small, achievable steps.

All of this leads me to the vision I had while on Study Leave. What if we "encircle" the Meetinghouse with our prayers in an enormous PRAYER Campaign, as opposed to a capital campaign? What if we walk circles around the Meetinghouse, praying with gratitude for the completion of the project? What if we, like the Israelites walking around Jericho, walked around the Meetinghouse for seven days? Or seven hours? Or an hour every day for seven weeks? We encircle the Meetinghouse, praying with thanksgiving that God can accomplish this enormous feat (in our eyes) in the blink of God's eye!

All this time, we have approached the finances needed from our human perspective of "realistic goals". We have dissected the enormous project - from our viewpoint into smaller, reachable goals. We have done so prayerfully. And we have been blessed. The original capital campaign of 2014 was \$800k and we raised a very healthy sum, nearly that goal. For this 2020 campaign, we needed \$172K (approximately) and we reached \$200k (approximately). The committee is looking at how to now raise the 2021 monies needed. We have approached the

whole situation prayerfully but I can't help wondering that perhaps we have been afraid to think bigger and PRAY bigger. Have we been underestimating God?

We have not considered that God's resources are completely limitless. I have asked you to pray and I have prayed but we have not executed a concerted and organized prayer effort for the completion of the project. Why? We need another million \$ (approximately), and we owe the bank on the line of credit and there is the future stewardship of the historic building. It's there but it feels much too big and too much to hope for so we chop it up into palatable pieces. And it IS too much for us - but it is not too much for God. What if we organized a prayer campaign that included ALL of the expenses to do ALL of the rehab work - without holding back? And we CIRCLED IT IN PRAYER? Able-bodied folks can do the actual walking around the Meetinghouse. Folks who cannot do the actual walking, would be given a "map" of sorts, which they draw circles around with their finger or with colored crayons. We will circle the Meetinghouse with all of our prayers of thanksgiving that God is able to achieve this enormous goal much sooner than we ever could in our best human capacity.

The apostle Paul writes: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' I am inviting you to help me create a prayer circle around the Meetinghouse and "get 'er done!" Giving God the glory. Remember what the great orator, former enslaved person Frederick Douglas once said, "I prayed for 20 years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs."

Please, please, please - reach out to me as soon as you can. Will you pray with me on this? Will you walk circles or draw circles around the Meetinghouse praying for the completion of the project, giving thanks to God for accomplishing it already? I look forward to hearing from you.

In God's circle,
Pastor Deborah

Board of Deacons

We continue to offer worship services virtually through Zoom and Facebook. You are invited to join us "live" - that is to say: at 10:00 Sunday morning. You can see the service after the fact either on our church website or on Facebook. We are grateful for the time and energy that Paul Lindemann is putting into this new way of worshipping together. We are looking for people to help with the camera and audio live Sunday mornings at the church. If you are interested please contact a deacon or let Pastor Deborah know. We are also looking for people to help monitor Zoom and Facebook on Sunday mornings from your home. If you are interested in being trained on how to do these tasks please contact a deacon or Pastor Deborah. And lastly, we are looking for lay readers. If you are comfortable with Zoom (and know how to mute and unmute yourself), would you be a reader? Let us know!

We held an outdoor service in July. 18 people came wearing masks and carrying chairs. There was no music but the worship was wonderful! We will gather again to worship in person August 9 (rain date 8/16). AND we will hold an in-person Vespers service at the church on Wednesday August 12th at 6:30pm. Bring your chair. Wear a mask. Join us.

Prayerfully submitted by Rachel Cobban on behalf of the Deacons (Sue Lindemann, Diane Breeden, Jack Martin, Sue Brown, Brian Williams)

Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

First Parish Church lost a very loving caring member a several months ago. Ken Gould was a forward-looking member and he left a significant gift to FPC. The Council spent some time in discussion about this gift and felt very strongly that Ken would want FPC to give 10% of this gift to mission to be spent helping others. The amount missions will receive will be determined by what is in the fund when it is transferred to FPC. That amount will probably be \$18,000-\$19,000.

The Mission Board met last week and made decisions about some of these funds. Considering suggestions from Pastor Deborah and our conversation as a board here is what we decided:

- **\$500 to Our Churches Wider Mission.** This is a UCC Fund that is used locally to help ministers, students of theology & chaplains. This fund also helps missions around the world and works on social just issues.
- **\$500 to One Great Hour of Sharing.** This is one of the 5 for 5 special offerings. Since we have not been able to worship in person this offering was not collected in 2020. It supports disaster relief, helps refugees around the world & works with third world communities through loans & education.
- **\$500 to Strengthen the Church.** This is another 5 for 5 special offering. This offering supports the expansion of ministry & growth of local churches.
- **\$2500. Health Access Sumbabwa.** Jack Kennedy (one of the founders) has spoken at FPC 2 times. They are working on a project to irrigate their gardens. Under-nutrition is enormous on the island. Children are vulnerable to disease & stunted growth runs as high as 45%. The adults suffer from vitamin deficiencies. One of these solar powered irrigation systems cost about \$2500. We wanted to fund one of them.
- **Family Promise & Liberty House** are both moving to new locations and need renovation funds. We voted to give them each \$2000 for their building funds. **Family Promise** helps homeless families get back on their feet by giving them a temporary home, educating them on parenting & finances.

Liberty House is a substance free home for veterans where they are encouraged to have more confidence in themselves & learn new skills. Liberty House also has a food and clothing pantry.

- **\$500 to Salvation Army** to aid all their local children's programs.
- **\$1000 Children's Community Fund.** This fund is part of Exeter Area Charitable Foundation. This is a project that Karen Wilson is involved in along with a lot of other teachers. Their main fundraising event is a Christmas Tree auction. They will not be having it in 2020 due to the corona virus. The fund gives vouchers to local families to purchase warm clothing for their children.

If you have any questions or comments about these gifts please talk to anyone on the board. We were so very happy to help these organizations and so very grateful to Ken Gould for this gift to the mission board. We also know you may know of an organization that could use financial help. Please feel free to make suggestions to us.

Beth Hunter, Karen Wilson, Kathy Holland, Bart Wetherbee & Melanie Pawl

Meetinghouse Preservation Update: 2020 Projects & Rehab Overview

In July, we signed contracts to initiate the two projects executing this year: completing the exterior of the Accessibility Connector building and installing the elevator inside it. Watch for work to begin late summer or fall.

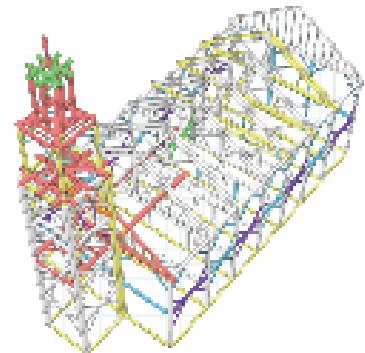
These critical projects are the next steps in the comprehensive, multi-year work we're doing as stewards of the historic Meetinghouse. Here's a brief overview of that effort.

Getting Started The church began this aggressive initiative to renew the Meetinghouse in 2010. A new team (the eventual Building Advisory Committee) hired historic architect Norman Larson. His comprehensive analysis and planning produced the 2011 formal Historic Assessment that continues to guide our work.



The historic building has since been undergoing "rehabilitation" as defined by the [Secretary of the Interior's preservation standards](#), honoring past methods and materials but yielding a living, safe, useful building. A solution for easy access by everyone—the adjacent Accessibility Connector—hence became an essential element.

First Things First We began project work in 2011 with repainting the exterior and fixing several hazards. In 2012 our partner Preservation Timber Framing (PTF) did a structural analysis that identified bad timbers and joints, and in 2013 they temporarily reinforced the Tower with 2x10s to stop its movement away from the building.



Rebuilding from Bottom to Top The foundation of granite blocks on rubble was in bad shape, and the crawlspace dirt underneath almost touched the floor timbers. Emptying the building and other preparations for a new foundation proceeded through 2014–2016, with Easter 2016 being the last worship service held in the Sanctuary. In May 2016 we [lifted the Meetinghouse and Tower](#) and poured a



state-of-the-art foundation, then covered the new cement with slices from the historic granite blocks. PTF spent months after [repairing the timber frame](#) floor and walls throughout.

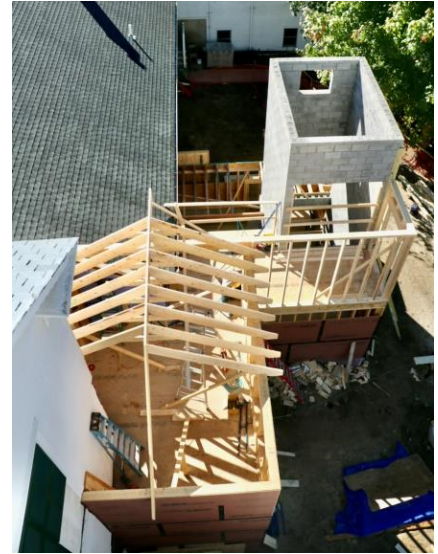
The exterior now needs lead paint removal and repainting, work targeted for 2021. The Roof also needs refurbishment, but after we straightened the building frame and repaired multiple leaks, the roof rehab can wait.

Conquering A Towering Challenge The 100' tall Tower was quite deteriorated. PTF [lowered the Steeple to the ground](#) in September 2015, and ended up rebuilding 95% of its structure and trim before finishing in 2019.

The [Tower base](#) was rehabbed in 2017–2018, including removing steel beams and anchors unwisely installed in the 1990s and replacing two 60' tall corner posts. Tower work finished in September 2019, with the [placement of the Steeple back on the base](#) and exterior lead paint removal and repainting.

Opening It Up to Everyone A new elevator building will provide multi-floor accessibility for the disabled (and coffins). Our continuing general contracting partner, Morin Contracting Services (MCS), handles this work with quality, flexibility, and cost effectiveness.

We completed the Accessibility Connector 's foundation, shell, and masonry elevator shaft in 2016. This year will see it get doors, windows, and siding, and the elevator installed (by Stanley Elevator). Finishing the interior is currently planned for 2021. It will then service the two floors of the Noyes Building, and later the Sanctuary once that space is ready.



Making Interiors Usable The structural rehab of the Meetinghouse will sustain it for another century, but the building is not yet ready for use. Besides completing the Accessibility Connector, the upper-level Sanctuary and the lower-level meeting and function rooms all need rehab.

The complex Sanctuary rehab requires abating peeling lead ceiling paint and cracking asbestos floor tiles, repairing the historic plaster walls, returning the pipe organ, applying new finishes throughout, and



upgrading electrical, lighting, and multimedia systems. We're hoping to execute this series of projects in 2021.

The lower level will have a large meeting hall, conference room, music room, and history museum, all of which need to be designed and built. We don't require this to use the Sanctuary, so it is likely to happen in 2022 or 2023.



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.

Labyrinth "walks" ~ Continue in August

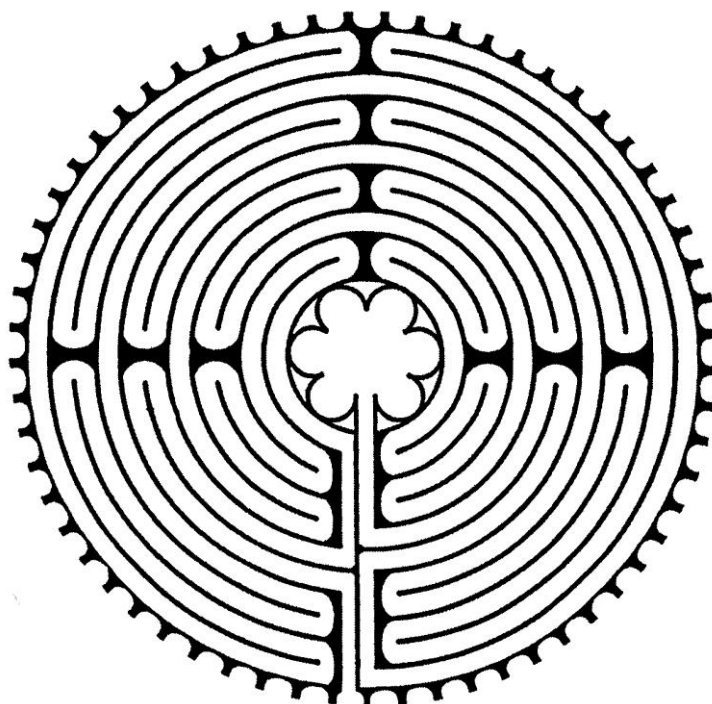
**Come with us on our path! Walk with us from left-brain to right-brain!
Tuesday August 4, 11, 18 via ZOOM**

You are welcome to join us each week, or just one.

We are inviting you to participate in a 30-minute right brain activity.

You will NEED a finger labyrinth made out of some solid material OR a paper labyrinth. During this season of so many unknowns, let us go within – together! – and seek God's presence in this ancient way.

To receive your Zoom Invitation, please contact Michelle Guerrin,
officemgr@fpc-ucc.org or 603-434-0628



Link to Labyrinth (.jpg) for best quality printing, save the picture to your computer then print.

<http://fpc-ucc.org/Wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Labyrinth-Chartre.jpg>

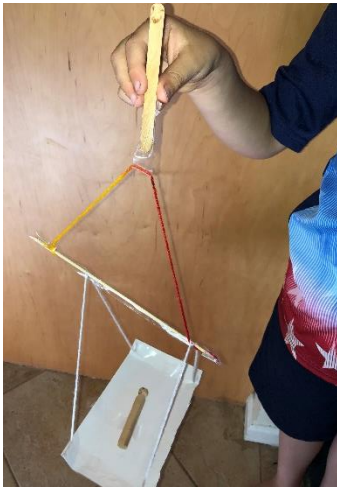
CHIMES CHOIR

Pastor Deborah and Joan would like to start the chimes choir in lieu of a choral choir since singing will not be safe for quite a while. Rehearsals will start on Thursday, August 13, at 6:30 pm. We hope to play for the September 13 service. We will rehearse and then pre-record in order to maintain safe distance. If you would like to participate in our new chimes choir, please let Joan know by emailing her at joan.virga@gmail.com.

Christian Education/Adult Faith Formation

Compassion Camp Updates While some campers may almost be on week 5 of Compassion Camp, the Online Camp experience was designed with busy families in mind so that every person could participate in the camp at their own pace. If there are families who would still like to participate, we have about 4 pre-made bags left at the church, just let Christine Lehoullier know @ cedirector@fpc-ucc.org!

Session one of Compassion Camp shows us that Compassion helps us see and welcome. To see and welcome is how we accept one another. When we gather together at the table, we accept each other in the same way God accepts us. Here's a picture of a wonderful craft activity centerpiece made by one of our campers, Mia (right):



Session 2 of Compassion Camp teaches us how to be brave. Being compassionate is not always easy. Sometimes we have to take risks in order to ease someone's hurt or suffering. We can be brave to jump in, share, protect, and speak up for others. We learned of a bible story involving some heavy lifting, a massive hole, and some neighbors who took a risk to help a friend who lost the ability to use their legs. Here was the extra craft for this session that this engineer took to the next level, nice construction Thaddeus (left)!



Children were challenged to put together a Compassion Camp mosaic poster consisting of many different scenes of compassion. Throughout all sessions of Compassion Camp campers are encouraged to find particular scenes relating to each session and color those in. Great job putting this together Grace (right)!

Children's Bulletin Don't forget to check out our Children's Bulletin!

Children's Bulletin
First Parish Congregational Church
July 26, 2020

HOPE

Please gather the following (optional) items to help you worship today:

- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- You'll find a **special activity** to complete during the sermon and scripture message for various ages on the final pages of this Children's Bulletin. This week there are special codes for additional computer games if you'd like to log into Children's Bulletins.com as well.

Words of Welcome
Go around the room and greet each person (and pet!) and wave to everyone else worshipping out there with you today!

Sing along HYMN: Have Thine Own Way, Lord
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Call to Worship & Invocation
Read out loud the words in bold if you can.

CALL TO WORSHIP:
One: Draw near to meditate and pray, to deepen our relationship with God.
Many: Let us bring our songs of joy and thankfulness.
One: We will blow trumpets, sound tambourines and play lyre and harp.
Many: Our hearts and voices join in a chorus of praise.
One: Let us give up our burdens to the One who cares about us.
Many: Let us not conform to any earthly power to order to serve our God.

INVOCATION (unison):
Light of lights, shine into our darkness and grant knowledge of your glory in the face of Christ Jesus. As Paul says, we are afflicted but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; struck down but not destroyed—for we are confident of your presence wherever we go. Feed our hungers, heal our brokenness, melt away our conflicts, that we may be one in the body of Christ to continue the work of Jesus in our world today. Amen

SONG OF PRAISE When Morning Glids the Skies
Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Time Especially for Children
Let's sing, "Jesus loves me"
Come in close and bring your listening ears
Let's learn the Lord's Prayer in Sign
Language! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K5G0YKjg>
I challenge you to practice at home, I will, too!

THE LORD'S PRAYER:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

It has very similar elements of the regular bulletin with various visual cues to guide them through service as to when it is time to pray or sing and fun graphics that kids can color.

During the scripture reading, there are activities that help kids focus on key themes and special activity pages for kids to complete during service or afterwards if desired related to the scripture for two age levels, 3-6 & 7+.

August 9th Outdoor Worship Service 8:30am and Virtual Worship Service 10:00am Zoom & Facebook

On August 9th there will be an outdoor service at the church at 8:30am. Please note that **there will be** a virtual 10:00 service, as well. The early service will last about 30 minutes. The rain date is August 16th.

In this era of pandemic and in order to comply with safety recommendations, this service will look a little different from what we are used to.

- Any person displaying Covid-19 symptoms would be encouraged to stay home.
- There won't be any singing or use of instruments that use human breath.
- There will not be a unison prayer.
- If you need to use the restroom, only 2 people will be permitted to go into the building at any one time (or 1 family unit).
- There will be alcohol-based hand sanitizer available to use.
- We will not be shaking hands or hugging. Masks must be worn at all times.
- You will bring your own chair to sit on or a blanket to sit on. Please allow 6 feet between families.
- Children will remain with their families throughout the service and we ask that everyone remain seated.

August 12th Vespers Service 6:30pm

Please join us for a quiet evening prayer service on the lawn
Wednesday, August 12th.

“Vespers” is the term used by many churches.

It comes from the Latin word for ‘evening’.

Bring your own chair. Please wear a mask. We will maintain social distance.

And we will pray together and give God thanks.

Joan Virga and Debbie Gline Allen will provide music.

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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.

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Message from John Bartel

Bob Dylan has a new album on which one of the songs is "I Contain Multitudes". The title is a quote from Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself".

Another saying that is not so new but making the rounds these days is "We are all in this together". It's being used by many of our government leaders and others when referring to Covid19, Black Lives Matter, the economy, or any of the other problems we face as a society. I'm not sure I always believe the people who are using the expression. I hope they really believe it.

I believe it. And I think Whitman's line falls into the same kind of thinking. And since I believe in God, it's how I understand the idea literally.

For me God is not a man. God is not a woman. God is not a human form. Jesus is that, the human personification of God. I believe that God is in each of us. And we are each in God. There is no good way to describe God, is there? Poets and biblical scholars have been trying for centuries and no one description satisfies everyone.

As Christians we talk about the "Body of Christ". It's a concept that has been interpreted in different ways over time. Does it mean the literal body of Jesus? Or does it refer to the body of people in our local congregation? Our wider denomination? All progressive christians? Fundamentalists? Catholics? Orthodox christians? The "Body of Christ" contains multitudes.

God is in each of us. We are each in God. All. Of. Us. Not just those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior. We are all a part of the "Body of Christ". Every member of the human race. And maybe the animal kingdom too. What about our natural resources? Is God there too? Genesis tells us we've been given dominion over these things. And I refer you to 1 Corinthians 12 for Paul's discussion of the "Body of Christ".

I contain multitudes. God contains multitudes. We are all in this together. Black Lives Matter. I am not a racist. You are not a racist. We all are part of the American racist system. We are in the midst of a pandemic. It's not China's fault. It's not Italy's fault. It's up to each of us to be either part of the solution or part of the problem. The economy? The United States of America has been blessed with great abundance. We ought not hoard more than we need, lest our neighbor won't have enough.

Yes, we are all in this together. When one of us hurts, we all hurt. Whether we are conscious of that hurt or not. And that includes the environment. Damage to our forests, damage to our air or water. Any of that diminishes us as a whole. It's called empathy. Or as the poet John Donne has written:

For Whom the Bell Tolls
by John Donne
No man is an island,
Entire of itself.
Each is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thine own
Or of thine friend's were.
Each man's death diminishes me,
For I am involved in mankind.
Therefore, send not to know
For whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee.

We are all sinners. We are all saints. We all make mistakes. Some would say we commit sins. All we can do is resolve to do our best to make the future better than the past. It might be hard. Or not. Love God. Love your neighbor. Love yourself. We are all in this together.

Worship Service- Sunday 10:00AM
Narrative Lectionary August
These will be virtual Services using both Zoom and Facebook

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

August 2nd: 2 Corinthians 5:1-21 - Walk by Faith not Sight (Communion)
 Greeters: Rachel Cobban, Sue Brown

August 9th : 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 - Generosity
 Greeters: Anne-Marie Merrill, Brian Williams

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

August 16th: Luke 11:2-4 (We will be joined by our good friends from Pilgrim UCC in Brentwood.) Greeters: Jack Martin, Debbie Gline Allen

August 23rd: Luke 11:2-4 (Member in Discernment Shellie Aseltine to lead)
 Greeters: Sue Lindemann, Sue Brown

August 30th: Luke 11:2-4 (Member in Discernment Debbie Gline Allen to lead.)
 Greeters: Jack Martin, Debbie Gline Allen

August at a Glance

Outdoor Service August 9th 8:30am

(rain date – August 16th)

August Adult Faith Formation ~ Labyrinth Zoom "walks"

Tuesday August 4, 11, 18 at 6:30pm

Vespers Wednesday: Worship, Prayer and Praise

August 12th 6:30pm Meet at the Flag pole - In person only – bring a chair.

Christian Education

What's Up Wednesday

Weekly at 3:00pm

Compassion Camp

Released July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4th

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(Please call ahead to make
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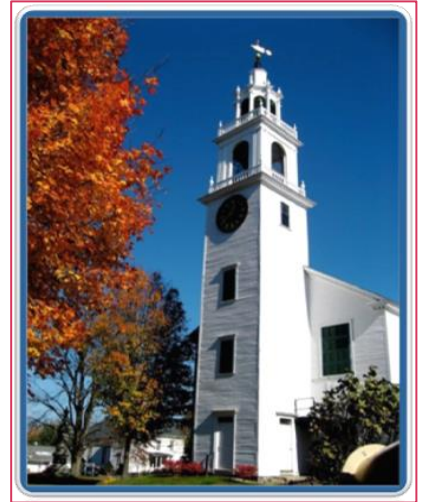
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First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

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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