

# *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 12<sup>th</sup> Century Church in Hampshire, England



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Child of God,

How are you doing? I pray that you are doing reasonably well – under the circumstances. I hope that you are able to maintain connection with loved ones – even if it's different than it used to be. Our circumstances continue to be "unprecedented" and we enter a season of Fall that is different from any we have ever known before. So, how are you doing?

At a recent Deacons meeting we discussed ways of reaching out to each of you. We want to know if you're OK. Do you need anything? Do you know that we care? We would LOVE to announce to you that the danger were over and that we could return to worship Sunday morning in person... Alas, we cannot. The danger is not over and we do not know when that day will come. So, how are you? Are you able to attend our worship service via zoom or Facebook Live in "real time"? Or perhaps you spend time on zoom with family or you go for a walk on Sunday morning, but you watch the service later in the week.

We talked about different ways of reaching out to you. We will try something this fall. We hope to reach everyone but membership lists change so often, we may not have the correct information to reach you. Perhaps you would consider reaching out to us? You could call the church office and ask to leave me a message. Or you could write me an email at [pastordeborah@fpc-ucc.org](mailto:pastordeborah@fpc-ucc.org) I'll let the Deacons and the Ministry of Care that I heard from you, that you're doing alright. You can let me know if you'd like a driveway visit. I've done 35 so far and hope to do at least that many this Fall.

## *From the Pastor's Desk Continued*

Thank you in advance for doing this. We really do miss seeing you as much as you miss coming to church. And believe it or not, we are still doing a lot! We're offering some outdoor services – Sunday mornings early and Wednesday evening once a month. (Check the calendar.) I'm doing labyrinth walks using Zoom Tuesday evenings. And starting September 15, we'll be reading a book together – also using Zoom. If you do not have access to Zoom but would like to read what we're reading, just let us know. Look for the article in this issue of the newsletter.

I want to share with you an absolutely lovely poem, although I do not know the author. It looks like someone's version of a statement of faith. It feels so important during these days we are now living.

### Believing In Anyway

I believe in the Unfailing Love of God.

I believe in the Boundless Grace of Jesus.

I believe in the Overflowing Joy of the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Beautiful Connection of those who seek to serve God and neighbor,

I believe in the Undying Life that is beyond life.

And I believe that even if I am wrong in believing these things,  
that my life will bless to the world because:

Unfailing Love, Boundless Grace, Overflowing Joy, Beautiful Connection,  
and Undying Life are worthy of Believing In Anyway.

So, in spite of the pandemic, social division, political unrest, factions and friction, GOD IS WITH US. We can *choose* to focus on the division, the unrest and the turmoil. OR we *can choose* to focus on God's goodness, God's Presence, and the ways in which God taps us on the shoulder or whispers in our ears or uses a perfect stranger to deliver a message of hope.

As we continue our arduous journey of the stewardship of the 1769 Meetinghouse we remember with thanksgiving a God who walks with us every step of the way. We remember that God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end and we represent that with the circle. We remember that Jesus walked and prayed ... and he walked and taught ... and he walked. We are excited to announce that we will be prayerfully walking around the Meetinghouse, acknowledging God's providence and the work we've been able to do along with the work that is yet to be done. Look for the article in this issue and join us as we give thanks. God has entrusted us with an enormous task. We can do all things through Christ our Lord. God has faith in us. Let us give thanks.

I look forward to hearing from you.

In His grip, Pastor Deborah

# Meetinghouse Preservation Update: Connector Progress

Our new elevator has been ordered, and is being manufactured. Stanley Elevator expects it to arrive this November or December; installation should then take them a month or two. Meanwhile our general contractor Dan Morin has worked with Stanley to specify all the building details necessary for the installation—such as precisely framing out the elevator doorway openings—and we're about to sign a contract with his firm for that work. Dan will also be weather proofing the exterior of the Connector this fall. The Friends of the Meetinghouse are currently seeking donations of the windows, doors, siding, and trim needed for this work.

The Friends have also completed a new brochure on the Connector, which you can download by [clicking here](#). A portion of its text follows.

— Paul Lindemann for the BAC (Larry Krantz, Bill Mann, Bob Wilson, Nancy Murdoch).

## Accessibility Connector

### *A New Main Entrance, with Elevator Access Throughout*

Providing safe access to the Meetinghouse's second-floor Sanctuary has been a significant challenge in the rehab effort.

For centuries a pair of two-flight staircases at the east end were the only access to the upstairs Sanctuary. Decades ago, a small lift was installed that could carry one wheelchair, but this was unwelcoming and inadequate.

The new Accessibility Connector brilliantly solves the Sanctuary accessibility problem and vastly improves accessibility for the adjacent modern buildings. Its wide staircase, numerous windows, and welcoming ground-level entry beautifully enhance the whole facility.

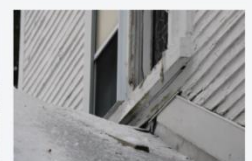
First Parish Church completed the foundation, building shell, and masonry elevator shaft in 2016, but installing the elevator and finishing the building remain to be done.

### Solving Accessibility Challenges

The Accessibility Connector sits between and behind the historic Meetinghouse and the modern Noyes Building. Each of those structures has two floors—offset by roughly half a floor—so the elevator must service four levels.



### Why a New Connector?



*Replaces old connector & its poor water/snow management*

Preservation guidelines require that the Connector not compete visually with the Meetinghouse, so our architect selected compact elevator technology with minimum height requirements and no extra machine room. Doors on each end and the size of the cab and adjacent entry/exit areas facilitate coffin transport as well as safe and effective use by the disabled.

The Connector will also provide a new, welcoming, ground-level exterior entrance and a respectful new passageway to the Sanctuary.

## A Smart and Elegant Design

The Connector's traditional materials and finishes will complement but not compete with the historic Meetinghouse. Windows at every level will add a spacious feel and inspiring views. A wide staircase alongside the elevator shaft will be functional and inviting.

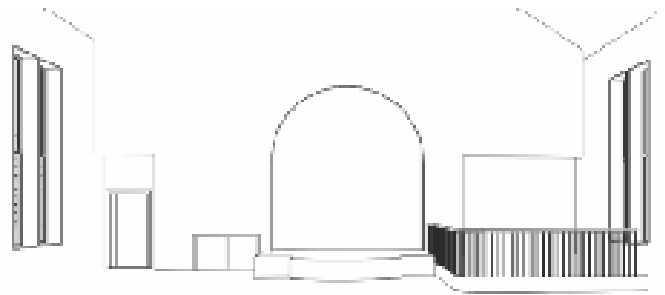
New openings will connect all four levels.

The **first level** will open to the Noyes Building's first story—with meeting rooms and a hallway to the Nutfield Cooperative Preschool—and to a covered walkout door and staircase up to the adjacent playground.

The **second level** will have the new main exterior entrance, a doorway to the Meetinghouse's MacGregor Hall, and a door to the west lawn.

The **third level** will open to a new Noyes second story hallway extension, shortening the path to bathrooms, conference rooms, offices, and the Currier Hall function space.

The **fourth level** will have a new Sanctuary Anteroom with an entrance to the front of the Sanctuary on the Meetinghouse's second floor. Where it juts into the Connector, the Meetinghouse's exterior clapboards and trim will be preserved as a visual statement of the past meeting the present. Viewports will reveal the historic timber frame construction within.



## A Welcoming New Main Entrance

The wide, gently sloped, cement sidewalk proves ADA-compliant rolling access to the main entrance from the dedicated handicapped parking lot. Inside, the attractive new Welcome Lobby will greet visitors with donor recognition and historic displays and a practical coat closet. The elevator is just steps away. The new doorway and window to the west lawn will visually—and literally—connect to this previously isolated outdoor space.



## High-Functioning Elevator

The elevator is from the *Evolution* line by ThyssenKrupp, a German manufacturer in the top three of US providers. It meets our unique challenges: historic preservation requires the Connector to be visually unobtrusive next to the Meetinghouse, while building codes and the need to safely convey large coffins and disabled people dictate the dual-door design, large cab, and details of the entry and exit areas.

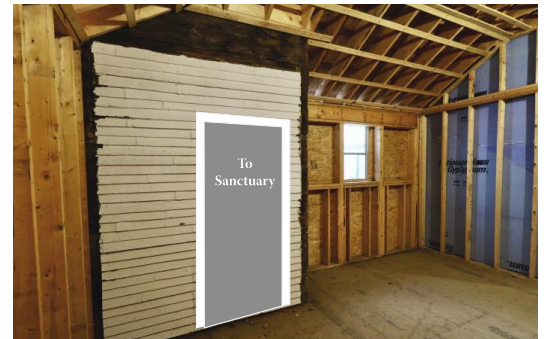




Local vendor Stanley Elevator has been generous in their pricing and superlative in their support and execution of the elevator ordering and installation process.

### Solemn Sanctuary Anteroom

At the top, the elevator and stairs will open out to a beautiful, spacious Anteroom leading to the new Sanctuary entrance. A high ceiling, thoughtful lighting, and windows facing west to Derry and east to the Taylor Library will provide a



truly inspiring setting. Integrated storage will facilitate worship services and event staging, while the space itself provides a practical pre-Sanctuary gathering spot (e.g., for the groom's party at a wedding).

### Great Connector Partners

In addition to Stanley Elevator, the multi-year Connector has been made possible by the expertise—and patience—of two great partners: architect Norman Larson of CPW Architects and general contractor Dan Morin and his Morin Contracting Services crew. Their efforts will be appreciated by thousands of users of the building for many decades yet to come.

Submitted by Paul Lindemann

## *Back to the Sanctuary*

Although you may not see it yet there is much progress in the making. The elevator and exterior work are moving along as far as the contracts and final planning stages. Paul Lindemann and BAC are working overtime to get these pieces done before the end of the year. The pledge monies and outright donations are coming in and we are confident we have the amount for this year.

Which brings us to next year: BAC will be getting estimates for the remaining work to get back into the Sanctuary. We realize that the quotes we have are many years old and nothing ever goes down so we know it will be more! Add to that, the pressing need to paint the church is going to add to our final figure. It is unfortunate that this 7 year issue is hitting us along with our great desire to return but Council feels it should be enfolded into this campaign.

The Collaboration Committee will meet September 10 and we hope to have a fairly good grasp on the final figures. At that point we can start looking at the Campaign for 2021. We worry that the timing works out near the Church pledge drive and we will be sensitive to that as well. We did it this year—let's pray we can do it next year. In other words, meet our pledge goals and move ever so closely to worshipping in our beloved sanctuary.

Thank you for all your prayer and support.

Submitted by Cyndi Gray, on behalf of the Back to the Sanctuary Task Force

## *Board of Christian Outreach and Missions*

The mission board did not meet in August so this will be a short article. We want to thank all of you who continue to support missions at FPC. We have been able to continue our monthly giving to the local nonprofits we support because of your generosity.

We had one FPC member ask the board to consider giving to Community Caregivers from the Gould gift. Caregivers is also making a move to a new location soon. They will be located next to Sabatino's restaurant in downtown Derry. We appreciate suggestions from the congregation. More on this after our September meeting.

We hope and pray you have all had a safe & healthy summer.

Blessings,

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

## *Interfaith Circle of Concern T-Shirts*

We are very excited to share the message "May the Light of Love Extinguish the Flames of Hatred". Images of the T-Shirt's front and back are available [on our website](#). Available in sizes S/CH, M, L, XL, XXL for \$20 each. Please email Michelle [officemgr@fpc-ucc.org](mailto:officemgr@fpc-ucc.org) if you would like to purchase. If writing a check, please note "Interfaith T-Shirt" in the memo. We accept credit cards with a 4% processing fee added. Proceeds will go toward Mission Board.



## *Board of Facilities*

First Parish Congregational Church has come to realize that an animal policy should be in place. Facilities Board was requested to develop this policy and it was reviewed and approved by Church Council on August 19, 2020. Please see below:

### **Animal Policy First Parish Congregational Church**

The First Parish Congregational Church animal policy aims to take into consideration both the needs of the animal owner(s) and people who may be allergic to or fearful of animals, in order to create a welcoming environment for all people and animals on our Church property.

Animal owners are welcome to bring their pet to FPC grounds and in the Church's facilities, under the following conditions:

1. The animal must be on a six foot (or shorter) leash, crated, or gated, and it must be under the control of the owner at all times.
2. Employees and volunteers may have a pet with them in their office while doing Church work. A sign must be posted on the door notifying others that an animal is present and must provide an alternative space if someone prefers a pet-free area.
3. During worship, the worship area is to be a pet-free environment.
4. No animal is allowed in the Church kitchen.
5. The animal must be well-behaved, under the control of the owner, and if it is disturbing to others, they may ask the owner to remove the animal from the Church facilities.
6. Owners must be responsible to clean up after their animal. This includes pet waste, hair, or other accidental messes made by the pet. Goal is to keep area as allergy-free as possible for others.
7. All animals must be tagged, registered, and vaccinated in accordance with state and county regulations. This includes being up-to-date on anti-flea medications, heartworm, and other required vaccines.
8. If you have a concern about an animal present at FPC, please contact the Church Office at 603-434-0628.

Policy prepared by FPC Facilities Board on 14 August 2020.

Policy approved by FPC Church Council on 19 August 2020.

As needs arise, this animal policy may be expanded or revised by approval of the Church Council.

# *Praying Circles of Gratitude Around the Meetinghouse*

## *September 26-November 7*

Over 300 years ago a Spirit-filled man of God proclaimed his intent to cross an ocean, assuring his flock by quoting Moses (Exodus 33:15): saying: "If (God's) presence will not go, do not carry us up from here." And God did carry them from Northern Ireland to North America. God led those wonderful families to southern New Hampshire – where God has been present for lo these last three centuries. Thanks be to God!

In gratitude for ALL that God has done and for ALL that God will do as we faithfully rehab our sacred building and steward our sacred ground, we will pray and we will walk. We invite you to pray with us; we invite you to walk with us; we invite you to participate as best you can as we thank God for God's faithfulness. There will be non-walking prayer activities, as well.

We will walk a circle around the Meetinghouse: 7 circles equals 1 mile. Meditate and pray as you walk. We will have seven meditation/topic stations. We will host a safe "kickoff" service outside on September 26 at 9:00 and begin walking in socially distant groupings. We will conclude our season of gratitude circling on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm with a Vespers service. The seven stations will be:

### **Meditation Station #1: Foundation & Timber Frame** (done):

Ezra 3:11 and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

### **Meditation Station #2: Accessibility Connector** (shell done; elevator & building to finish):

Mark 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

### **Meditation Station #3: Tower and Steeple** (done):

Proverbs 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.

### **Meditation Station #4: Sanctuary Rehabilitation** (ceiling, floor, walls & more yet to do):

Exodus 15:17 You brought them in and planted them on the mountain of your own possession, the place, O Lord, that you made your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hands have established.

### **Meditation Station #5: Meetinghouse Exterior** (repair/ painting) & **Roof System Rehab** (yet to do):

Acts 9:31 Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the (awe and knowledge) of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

### **Meditation Station #6: Meetinghouse First Floor Rooms** (meeting and music rooms) (yet to do):

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### **Meditation Station #7: Exterior Landscaping and Labyrinth** (preliminary done & more yet to do):

Mark 16:12 After this (Jesus) appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country.



## *Labyrinth "walks" ~ Continue in September*

**Come with us on our path! Walk with us from chaos to peace!**

**Tuesdays ~ September 15<sup>th</sup> - November 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

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

We are inviting you to participate in a 30-minute pause in your busy day.

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](mailto:officemgr@fpc-ucc.org) or 603-434-0628



**THE CLASSICAL 7 CIRCUIT  
LABYRINTH**



**THE MEDIEVAL 11 CIRCUIT  
LABYRINTH (CHARTRES)**

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

<http://fpc-ucc.org/Wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Seven-circuit-Classical-labyrinth.pdf>

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

### **CHIMES CHOIR**

The Chimes Choir will play during September 13<sup>th</sup> service. They have been rehearsing and will 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](mailto:joan.virga@gmail.com). Rehearsals will continue weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

# Christian Education/Adult Faith Formation

## Introducing HC@home Style Families & Friends Camp! Save the Date: September 5 & 6



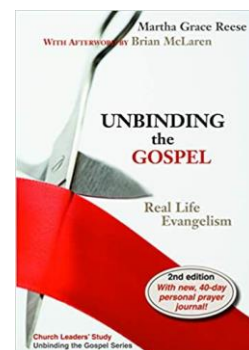
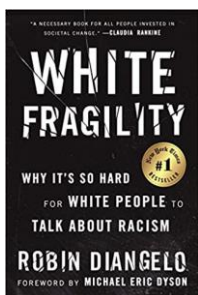
Bring your family and join us for a weekend of HC@home fun, worship, and community building ... @home!! On Saturday Sept. 5 and Sunday Sept. 6, Horton Center Summer Staff and Deans will bring you three live worship services and community gatherings, a replay of our wonderful August 9th HC@home Summer Sunday worship, and more guided activities and fun at-home camp games & songs than you'll know what to do with!

The best part? It's FREE, and it's for all ages!

As always you can contact Tim Hughes with any questions at: [thughes@nhcucc.org](mailto:thughes@nhcucc.org) or 603-545-9660.

## September 15th Adult Faith Formation Book Study

Our next Adult Faith Formation Book Study will be starting Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 and will either offer Robin DiAngelo's 2018 book *White Fragility* OR *Unbinding the Gospel*, By: Martha Grace Reese & Brian McLaren, 2008. If you'd like to join the Study group and have not received an e-mail regarding voting on a choice please feel free to e-mail Christine Lehoullier or contact the front office no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> at [cedirector@fpc-ucc.org](mailto:cedirector@fpc-ucc.org).



## VIRTUAL Fall Festival Jubilee! September 19, 20

Let's say farewell summer (as hard as that is!) and let's ring in the new school season together with a celebration by the campfire. Bring your tents (or couch forts) and the Christian Education Board will provide the entertainment! Join us for games, stories, music and more. This event will be pre-recorded for your convenience.



## Mindfulness Rocks!

We miss our youth and know things have been tough for everyone. Miss Christine would like to combine a special rock painting effort with a focus on some meditation and mindfulness painting techniques. Keep an eye out in September for her pre-recorded instructional video on how you can make your own peaceful rocks for yourself and for those who will be prayerfully walking with Pastor Deborah around the Meetinghouse Building in the upcoming months. This will allow walkers to have a peace stone to hold as they offer grateful thoughts and positive prayers for our sacred meeting space. Supplies will be made available later in September around the time of the video release on Facebook and the Website.

## *September 13<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Worship Service 8:30am and Virtual Worship Service 10:00am Zoom & Facebook*

On September 13<sup>th</sup> there will be an outdoor in person service at the church at 8:30am. Please note that **there will be** a virtual 10:00 service, as well. We will celebrate Communion at the 10:00am Virtual Service only. The early service will last about 30 minutes. The rain date is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## *September 9<sup>th</sup> Vespers Service 6:30pm*

Please join us for a quiet evening prayer service on the lawn  
Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

“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.

(Please see above for additional COVID safety recommendations)

**[www.fpc-ucc.org](http://www.fpc-ucc.org)**

**Daily Messages of Hope, Worship Bulletins, Christian Education Videos**

**We are also in the process of updating all the areas of the site.**

**Please visit often!**

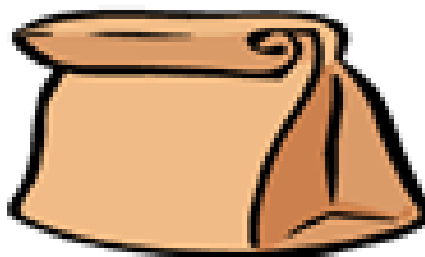
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**Follow us and connect with our Faith Family!**

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## *Free Community Meals To Go*

Due to COVID19 and social distancing restrictions,  
The Derry Community Meals will provide  
**FREE BAG MEALS TO GO!**



### **FACILITIES**

- **Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT"), 1 Hood Road, Derry (603-432 2120)**
- **Etz Hayim Synagogue ("EHS"), 1-1.2 Hood Road, Derry (603-432-0004)**
- **First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry (603-434-0628)**
- **St. Jude Parish Community, 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry (603-432-3333).**
- **St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry (603-434-4767)**

09/13/20- **Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT) /Elijah's Table (EHS)-**  
5 PM to 5:30 PM

09/20/20- **St Luke's Church-** 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

09/25/20- **First Parish Church-** 5:00 PM-6:00 PM drive up to side door

09/27/20- **St. Jude's Parish-** Lunch- 1:30 PM-2:30 PM

**Sonshine Soup Kitchen** – WE WILL BE SERVING DRIVE BY TO GO MEALS ON  
TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, AND THURSDAYS 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM.

IF YOU NEED FOOD, CALL 437-2833 EXTENSION 1 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. WE  
WILL GET BACK TO YOU TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU TO PICK UP  
OUTSIDE OF OUR BUILDING.



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

**Lord's Prayer (final of 4 week series): see M. Stamper's 4 week series (2016)**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>:** Luke 11:2-4    The Lord's Prayer  
 Member in Discernment Debbie Gline Allen to lead  
 Greeters: Anne-Marie Merrill, Sue Brown

**Narrative Lectionary 2020-2021 (Readings for Year 3 ~ Luke)**

**September 13<sup>th</sup> Communion:** Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8    Creation and Fall  
 Greeters: Rachel Cobban, Brian Williams

**September 20<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 15:1-6    God's Promise To Abraham  
 Greeters: Anne-Marie Merrill, Sue Lindemann

**September 27<sup>th</sup>:** Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21  
 God Works through Joseph  
 Greeters: Jack Martin, Sue Brown

***September at a Glance***

**Outdoor Service September 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30am**  
 (rain date – September 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Labyrinth Zoom "walks"**

Starting Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
 We will continue weekly on Tuesdays through November

**September Adult Faith Formation**

Starting Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm  
 We will continue weekly on Tuesdays.

**Vespers Wednesday: Worship, Prayer and Praise**

September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm Meet at the Flag pole, in person only. Bring a chair.

**Christian Education**

September 19, 20 Virtual Fall Festival Jubilee

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**Office Hours**

(Please call ahead to make  
an appointment)

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

**Check us out on the web**

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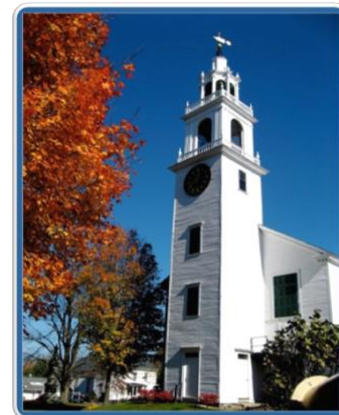
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## First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

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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