

## First Parish Congregational Church

### United Church of Christ • East Derry, New Hampshire November 2021 Newsletter



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.

*“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,

As I write this, Halloween is this weekend, which means that “All Saints Day” is also upon us. This is that time of year in the church when we recognize that “great cloud of witnesses” – all of those saints who have blessed us and moved on from this life into eternal light. Remember that as Protestants, we define “saint” the way that the Apostle Paul does in the letters of the New Testament: i.e. believer. We do not have a process of canonizing saints like the Catholic church. For us, it goes like this: You, who believes in the Gospel, the Good News: you are a saint! You, who wrestle with the tough questions of life, but trust in God: you are a saint! You, who yearns for those God-winks and God-incidents on a daily basis: you are a saint! On November 1 (or the closest Sunday), we together with the whole body of Christ celebrate the faith journey of all those who walked before us!

I have a question for you: if you had the opportunity to have a conversation with your favorite saint, what would you want to say? Would you ask “why?” Would you ask for advice? Would you want to know how they got through the “pandemics” of their lifetime? Or maybe, you would just want to ask that they help Jesus to give you the strength, courage and endurance you need right now to get through these uncertain times?

One of the blessings of my profession is walking with people through grief. At the ritual funeral or memorial service there is always a line or two in our liturgy about the “saints in light” and it is said in a way that gives hope and reassurance, in spite of the loss that is so prevalent. I think we need a little of that today. You see, at a funeral or memorial service, the loss is obvious. The losses that we have endured due to this pandemic are widespread, but they are subtle. And we somehow don’t associate the feelings that we are experiencing as “loss”. The truth is that we are all grieving and we don’t even realize it.

Think of it this way: at a funeral, grief takes us through a myriad of emotions, one right after another. Sad and crying one minute. A happy memory is shared, and you laugh out loud. Then you remember and you feel guilty. And on and on. Grief can make you a little bit crazy! For many of us, that is when the irritation or displaced anger crops up. As my beautiful former colleague, Joan used to say: “Are you picking up what I’m putting down?” Can you relate? At all?

If you can’t relate, God bless you! And if you can relate, God bless you! That means that I’m not alone! And YOU are not alone! Remember the psalmist’s proclamation: If I go up to the highest mountain, O God, YOU are there. And if I go down to deepest, darkest pit, YOU are there with me. (I’m paraphrasing.)

Friends, we are all grieving, and we ARE all doing the best that we can to navigate this “new normal” which isn’t normal AT ALL! Try to put on your compassionate “funeral going” self and be patient and kind with one another – AND with yourself. With God’s help – and the support of our great cloud of witnesses – we will endure this bumpy road that we are on. Kindness and compassion will prevail and together we will be church. It will look different – in much the same way as the family reunions look different when someone has died – but we are family. We are a precious faith family. So, ask your questions and feel your feelings and let us continue to work together through these last few months of 2021.

See you in worship! Be safe and stay well.  
In God’s grip,  
Pastor Deborah

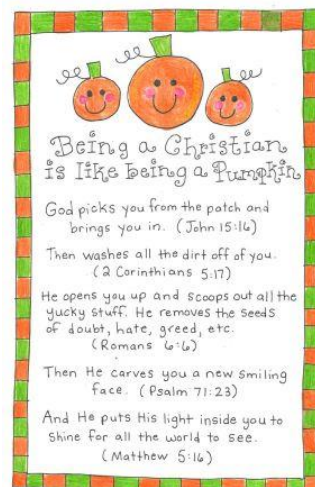


PS: Watch for our glass garden creations around the church and for sale at the Sugar Plum Fair.

## Christian Education and Faith Formation

### Our Pumpkin Painting Event Had A Fabulously Gourdgeous Outcome!

Children of all ages received a pumpkin poem card and a small gift. Parents also enjoyed relaxing and expressing their artistic side!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### An Advent Bible Story Trail, Warm Cider & A Snack



No doubt you've visited or taken part in a "Live Nativity," "Stations of the Cross," or some similar type of "walk-through" learning experience. The "Advent Bible Story Trail" is a similar type of "journey" through a story -- and one that seems like a particularly good fit for the social-distancing needs as we face concerns of Covid-19 surges and breakthrough variants.

The following idea for an "Advent Trail" was inspired by the author's local nature center. So, they enlarged and laminated the pages of a children's nature books and placed the laminated page along the side of a short trail near the center.

Children and their families are invited to walk along the trail with an activity guide, during Advent, around the First Parish Church grounds, and at the end of the Story Trail warm up with a cup of warm cider and a snack before joining the Advent Workshop festivities.

We will need a group of Holly Jolly volunteers to make this event magical! Won't you consider helping out?

Check out our volunteer signup form [HERE](https://form.jotform.com/213004520997049):





## Intergenerational Service & Children's Christian Education Program

We love seeing families in church!

Listen Closely!



Listen carefully throughout the church service for these words. Put a tally mark beside each word every time you hear it.

Which words were said the most? Which were said the least? Did you hear some words only in songs or only in the sermon? Take notes throughout the service on the side and the back of this page.

Listen for:	Tally Marks
Samuel	
Speak	
Eli	
Hannah	
temple	
Lord	
sleep	
listen	
prophet	
truth	
House	

Anytime we have an intergenerational service where children attend with their families, I like to hand out **Praise Packs** – a small bag with activities that help kids engage and participate in the service. These are great ways to help teach kids that “big church” is for them too! A HUGE shout-out to Pastor Deborah, Jonathan (Musical Director) and everyone, not just because October was Pastor Appreciation Month, for helping to make services family friendly, interactive and just plain spiritually uplifting!

THESE SERMON NOTES WERE CAREFULLY TAKEN ON

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrate a scene from today's sermon

My FAVORITE Song Today

Where I Watched:

Questions I have

Words I Don't Know

The Preacher Today said

Today's Passage

Who I Watched It With

What I Learned Today

Write what you're thankful for on the paper

Things I Will Pray For This Week

Praise Packs are more than just coloring sheets to keep kids distracted long enough for the service to be over. They are tools to help invite kids to participate in the whole service, not just a children's moment designed for them. Included are age-appropriate children's bulletins reinforcing the lesson of the day and listening pages (for non-readers)/sermon notes (for readers) to help them listen closely for important words and images used in the message of the sermon.

### CCEP (Children's Christian Education Program)

We couldn't be happier with the turnout for the new timeslot (11:00 am – 12:00 pm) for the Children's Christian Education Program, with children who were in service being able to be dropped off early at 10:45 am for an allergy-friendly snack before class starts. We extend our deepest gratitude to families and hard-working volunteers for remaining flexible and positive throughout the changes.

### Notice to all Students and Families:

There will be **no in-person classes November 28 or December 5<sup>th</sup>** due to the holiday weekend and Advent Workshop. **HOWEVER**, Miss Christine will be posting lesson activities on **Padlet** for students to follow along with the Narrative Lectionary. Please call, text or email Christine Lehoullier if you still do not have access to Padlet or would like to invite others to this awesome resource! Miss Christine #603-264-9261



### CCEP Service Project Winter Clothing Drive:



The First Parish Church CCEP volunteers and students will be helping to run a Winter Clothing Drive throughout the holiday season starting NOW! We welcome your gently used and new Coats, Boots, Gloves, Scarves, Hats and Socks for Kids to Adults. Drop-Off buckets will be located at the church in the lobby and between the doors for your convenience.

All donations will be distributed to local schools for their “clothing closets” for students of all ages in need.

Here are some pictures of some of the new makeovers in the John Conference Classroom:



Our New Dustless Chalkboard Wall!





## Board of Christian Outreach and Missions

“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

**MISSIONS OCTOBER DONATIONS:** Thank you for continuing to support our monthly donations.

Community Caregivers \$100	Derry Friendship Center \$100
Family Promise \$100	First Baptist Food Pantry \$100
Our Church's Wider Mission \$350	Pastoral Counseling Services \$100
Pinkerton Homeless Program \$100	Pastor's Discretionary Fund \$200
Sonshine Soup Kitchen \$100	Upper Room \$100

### NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING and the DIAPER DRIVE FOR AMOSKEAG HEALTH

During October the Missions Board asked you to support the special NIN Offering of the United Church of Christ. We also held a Diaper Drive to help supply diapers and wipes to Amoskeag Health and Makeover Ministry's outreach program on the first and third Saturdays of each month. We greatly appreciate all of you who donated to these worthy causes.

### THANKSGIVING GIFT CARDS

Each year the Missions Board receives a list of families who need some extra help managing the holidays. Recipients are recommended to us through Community Caregivers, the Upper Room and you. If you know of someone who needs a helping hand, please talk with Pastor Deborah so we can add them to our list. This fall, we are suspending our food collection and giving grocery gift cards on November 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate to the cost of these cards, please designate Thanksgiving on your check/envelope by November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### ANGEL TREE

This year we are hoping to have the name tags available after church services beginning November 28<sup>th</sup> and available in the foyer by the office. These presents will need to be wrapped with the gift tag taped to it and returned to the FPC office by December 15<sup>th</sup>. When you take a gift card, it is important that you fill out the form on the clipboard with your name, phone number and the gift tag family number. The office will have forms for you to fill out if you know someone in need.

**DANGAMVURA UCCZ-** Our partner church in Zimbabwe has reached out after months of silence and we hope to rebuild our relationship.

Respectfully submitted by BOCOM members: Nancy Murdock-Chair, Karen Wilson,  
Melanie Pawl, Bart Wetherbee, Heather Paradzick, Carol Guerrin, Sue Brown-Treasurer

## Hybrid Worship Services

*Paul Lindemann • November 2021*

Our shift to live-streaming “virtual” worship services for the pandemic revealed some new benefits for this approach: we can include participants who aren't local — e.g., traveling parishioners, Pastor Kennedy from Zimbabwe, and friends from Northern Ireland — and it proved a more convenient way for some folks to participate.

To retain these benefits with the resumption of in-person services, Council committed to conducting “hybrid” services, where we live-stream and record the worship service from Currier Hall.

To achieve this with high quality, reasonable efficiency, and equipment security, I've assembled a mostly-new video system in Currier Hall. (Thanks to the Facilities Board for helping with installation, and Mike Schroeder, Brian Williams, Dani Allen, and Alec Cobban for helping tweak everything.)

The system uses two remote-controlled wall-mounted cameras, a mobile production table, and fairly advanced programmable switches and other nerdy gear. We also have a separate “Chat Station” so remote participants on Zoom can talk with in-person people before and after each service.

None of this was in the church budget, so it is supported entirely by donations. If you would like to help with this worship outreach, please make a directed donation to “Digital Ministry.”

The new system is quite different to operate than the previous Studio set up, so my apologies for imperfections as we get more used to running it. It's actually kind of fun now, and we'll soon be looking to have a few more people join the team as “directors” to help with the weekly streaming. (Let me know if you are interested!).

We're also not finished with the system: we'll next be adding a large display or two so we can easily view videos from Missions and others in Currier Hall, as well as then being able to see and hear our remote Zoom participants. This will also make Currier Hall more attractive for renting to outside groups for hybrid functions, recorded meetings, etc.

I hope that all this is beneficial to our remote worshipers and unobtrusive to our in-person participants. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Paul Lindemann, [paul@nutfieldhistory.org](mailto:paul@nutfieldhistory.org)



## Derry Community Meals- November/ Spaghetti Supper

The Derry Community Meals will provide free bag meals to go. Please share with your family, friends and neighbors.

11/14/21- **Church of the Transfiguration (DECOFT)/Elijah's Table (EHS)**- Dinner 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

11/20/21- **St. Luke's Church**- Lunch 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM drive around to back door

11/26/21- **First Parish Church**- 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM drive up to side door

11/28/21- **St. Jude's Parish**- Lunch- 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

**Sonshine Soup Kitchen** – Serving drive by, to-go meals from 4:30-5:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. They will be closed on Thanksgiving November 25th.

December's Spaghetti Supper will be Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> due to Christmas Eve & New Years Eve.

**Volunteer Opportunities at the Sonshine Soup Kitchen**- Monday-Thursday 3-6pm, food preparers to cook & cleanup. Meals are served 4:30-5:00 via Drive By. Please contact Margie Ives or Michelle in the office for details.

## Board of Deacons

We resumed in-person worship October 10. Thank you for following the safety protocols, which includes most importantly wearing a mask. The services are shorter, and we are sitting in family groupings. Indeed, several changes have been implemented. Some are temporary, while others will remain a fixture, like broadcasting the services on Zoom and Facebook. Have you noticed the new cameras? It is exciting for us to potentially reach more people around the world and offer more options for members and friends to take part in and view church service.

We are very grateful to Debbie Gline Allen, Shellie Brook, and Diana Sweeney, our Members In Discernment (MIDs) for filling in for Pastor Deborah on the Sundays when she has been away. As MIDs, they are answering the high call of God in pursuit of ordained ministry each in their own personal way. We are so thankful for them!

Finally, let us know if you'd like to be on the Board of Deacons, or would like to be a Zoom /Facebook Host, a Lay Reader, or assist with the audio/visual production of the church service. We are always looking for help.

Your Deacons:

Sue Brown, Rachel Cobban, Reni Harnden, Sue Lindemann, Jack Martin, and Brian Williams



## Advent Adult Faith Formation & Advent Workshop



### Advent Adult Faith Formation

Tuesdays November 30th, December 7th & December 14<sup>th</sup>

In-Person and on Zoom, 6:45pm – 8:00 pm

Practicing Patience with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

**\*\*All materials will be provided free of charge\*\***

In a culture that glorifies immediate gratification, learning to wait is counter-cultural. This makes Practicing Patience a

perfect theme for 2021 Advent reflections. The emphasis on immediate gratification increases tenfold as we rush full-speed ahead into the Christmas season. We are encouraged to give in to the barrage of invitations to eat more, do more, drink more, and buy more this time of year. The season of Advent—along with these reflections—provides us with the support we need to slow down in order to make counter-cultural choices, choices that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas.

### Join Our Facebook Advent Retreat Group & Sign Up for Our Daily Devotional Emails

Are there others with whom you might want to share this Advent journey through this devotional booklet? Following are two additional ways you, and others, can deepen your experience of Advent.

Visit us at [LivingCompass.org/Advent](https://LivingCompass.org/Advent) to learn more or to sign up.



### Advent Workshop

Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>

Advent is the time to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus Christ. What better way to prepare than to come together and celebrate as families and friends and create together?

This year the Board of Christian Education felt we could offer an Advent Workshop in a safe way. We will have multiple fun crafts per household/individual!



Instead of rotating around the room to the crafts, we will have all the supplies you will need right at your table. To make this event as safe as we can and to ensure that there are enough supplies for everyone, we request that you register for this event.

Here is the link to register: [ADVENT WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Here is the link to volunteer: [ADVENT WORKSHOP VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

## Facilities Update

Happy Fall from the Facilities Board! We have several updates for you...

### Keeping FPC COVID-19 Free

Air Filtration - A UV filter that kills up to 97% viruses with UVC light was installed on the air circulation unit for Currier and is currently operating. Portable UV air filtration systems are currently in use in Corinthians, John, and Cook Conference rooms as well.

Cleaning and disinfecting procedures and stations have been set up in Currier, Corinthians, John and the Cook rooms so groups will be responsible for cleaning at the end of each meeting.

Guidelines for Group Meetings have been implemented to safely allow for groups to use the church. The guidelines detail group responsibilities and church responsibilities and reflects NH COVID-19 safety guidelines. If you would like the latest copy, please email [djderanian@myfairpoint.net](mailto:djderanian@myfairpoint.net).

MASKS - Masks are recommended for anyone age 2+ who has not been vaccinated, per the CDC recommendations. This is the recommendation going forth from Facilities.

### Physical Improvements and Repairs

- The Noyes Hallways and Currier Lobby have a fresh coat of paint to match the connector.
- Facilities will be working on painting the trim over the next couple of months
- New flooring in this area will be started on Thursday and completed by October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The lobby will have a new look with limited furnishings. Facilities is working with the boards and committees to determine if a 65" monitor in the lobby would better serve for information rather than bulletin boards, which have been untouched for years. There are many benefits to having a large monitor for announcements etc., including up to date information readily viewable upon entering the church. We are also looking at a 24-slot pamphlet holder to eliminate the many that were hanging on the walls.
- We ask that no furnishings be added in the Currier Lobby and Noyes Hallway area, including on the walls while discussions happen around what would look best and provide functionality for our main church entry area. On a permanent basis, and for safety reasons, the table in the immediate entry by the front doors and the deacon's bench under the coat racks will not be returning.
- John Room had two walls painted and the plumbing for the handwashing sink is nearly complete. New radiators are replacing the old and will be worked on in the coming month.
- Future activities include: Fall Cleanup by the Boy Scouts scheduled for November, Review of current contract and 2nd quote for snow removal, continued replacement of fluorescent lighting to LED lighting, and our next primary project will be installing all new partitions in Currier downstairs bathrooms, as well as making both bathrooms ADA compliant and installing infant changing stations.

**Special Request: Please check with Facilities before you donate any furniture, electronics, or large items to the church. We realize what good intentions our church family has in donating items, but we have limited space and want to make sure whatever we accept has a place and a purpose. Thank you 😊!**

Facilities Board – Dee, Bob, Jo, Alan, Bill, and Lianne

## Meetinghouse Preservation Update

The painting of the Meetinghouse exterior is well underway. At this writing, all sides have been primed and some also color-painted. The contractor is working hard to finish this before winter weather sets in.

Inside the Connector, we are in the final stages of adjusting the elevator and completing miscellaneous small tasks. The timeline of the state inspecting and certifying the elevator and the town then issuing a certificate of occupancy will determine when we can open the Connector for use.

The BAC is managing these final steps, plus looking ahead to the safe use of the Connector. The winter snow load is a known issue, as it dangerously slides off the Meetinghouse's slate roof all at once. We are getting quotes on installing a snow retention fence at that end of the Meetinghouse roof so the snow stays put and melts slowly. We're also working on installing a handrail on the sidewalk outside of the main Connector door.

Even with these additional projects, it looks like we will gratefully finish everything planned for this year with a positive balance in the Rehab Fund. We will recommend any immediate uses for these funds, as well as doing the detailed planning and budgeting for the upcoming Sanctuary Rehab series of projects.

*Please direct any concerns or questions to your Building Advisory Committee:*

Paul Lindemann (paul@nutfieldhistory.org), Larry Krantz, Bill Mann, and Bob Wilson





## 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Sugar Plum Fair!

Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm

Local Artisans with Unique Crafts & Special Holiday Gifts

Homemade Cookies in bags in our Famous Cookie Walk!

Food Trucks – TBD if you know of anyone – please reach out to Cathy Zylinski

Our Fair will look a bit different this year as we gather with precautions in place, so hopefully for this year only. We will NOT be baking and selling pecan rolls and sweet rolls. The luncheon room will NOT be in place. There **will** be a cookie walk – we are asking that anyone providing cookies have them packaged in plastic bags (3 –4 cookies per bag). Lastly, due to construction still in process in the Meetinghouse – we will not be having the White Elephant Room – look for yard sales in the spring if you have items you would like to donate.

Please let us know how – when you can assist in this amazing venture by filling out a copy of the volunteer spreadsheet. <https://fpc-ucc.org/Wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Sugar-Plum-77th-Annual-Sign-up-sheet-Volunteers.pdf>

## Family Promise

Our small group of volunteers will be preparing a meal for the 73 homeless residents in the Family Promise program on Thursday, Nov 4. This will be the 9th monthly meal we have provided to the families, who are extremely grateful for the food we provide (as are the program's staff).

If you would like to participate by providing a dish to serve in the future (you don't need to be part of the delivery team) please contact me by phone at 609-612-0489 or email ([randybrown1119@gmail.com](mailto:randybrown1119@gmail.com)).

Randy Brown



## FUND RAISING

### **Butter Braid® Pastry and Joyful Traditions Cake Rolls**

Fundraising Dates: November 13 - December 4  
with delivery on December 17th @ 3:30 PM  
ORDER DETAILS WILL BE SHARED ASAP

Butter Braid® Pastries are light and flaky, containing mouthwatering fillings like cinnamon, blueberry cream cheese and various fruit flavors. Unlike a dense bread, Butter Braid® Pastries are hand-braided with a sweet dough base containing over 25 layers of light, airy dough and 100% real butter. This gives the one-and-only Butter Braid® pastry its unique and incredible flavor! Thaw, Rise & Bake. Icing packet included. Great for breakfast, dessert or any special occasion. Very profitable AND exclusive to fundraising!

The Joyful Traditions Cake Rolls are made from scratch and are great for the Holidays and special occasions. The Cake Rolls are frozen so you can use them when it's convenient for you. Just thaw the Cake Rolls and they are ready to serve!

### **Ongoing Fundraising**

We'd like you to remember the various ways that you can help the church with little to no effort or out-of-pocket expense.

- 1) When you make purchases through Amazon – use the **Amazon Smile** – and designate First Parish as a charity organization to receive donations based upon the purchases that you make. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/> and search “First Parish Congregational Church”. The church only receives funds when going through the <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/> website. Please visit <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/about/> to learn more details.
- 2) As you get ready to head back to school, the **Saint Pauly shed** in our church parking lot is waiting for your donations. This is an excellent way for First Parish to receive funds – without much effort. So, as you replace clothes or shoes that have mysteriously “shrunk” over the summer, remember that they can be retired to the shed and will be used for others less fortunate.
- 3) Do you or someone you know shop at **Hannaford**? Purchase a gift card from the office. This can be so easy. Call and talk to Michelle in the office. Send in a check and your gift card will be sent to you. (Pastor Deborah is offering to deliver your card to you if you live within 50 miles of the church! From then on recharges are easy-peasy.)

Thank you, Cathy Zylinski, Stephanie Cm-berg, Carol Guerrin, Beth Hunter, Kayla Pingree-McCarthy, Cathy Pottle

## Christmas Eve

The Deacons are happy to announce Christmas Eve plans. The Board of Christian Ed will not be presenting a live children's pageant but may produce a taped version that we can enjoy online. At church, we will offer an early service at 5:00pm to accommodate family schedules. We will also have a 7:00pm service. Both of these services will be in the Currier worship space, and we must still adhere to safety protocol due to the pandemic, (i.e. masks required for all).

The good news is that we will be able to gather in person. We will be limited to 100 people in the room at one time. We need your help! Please let us know which service you hope to attend and how many people will be in your group.

We have created a survey- simply click this link and submit your response!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGBFF1cBLmwcieciIlgBlp\\_qe9idedDyiRzvfTTZcbMA3BozQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGBFF1cBLmwcieciIlgBlp_qe9idedDyiRzvfTTZcbMA3BozQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0)

Please let us know as soon as you have an idea so that we can plan accordingly. We will also have paper forms available on Sundays or you are welcome to contact the office.

Note: We will not be offering Poinsettias this year.

## In Person Worship Services Reminders

We enjoy seeing everyone!

- Masks will be worn **correctly** at all times in the building.
- UPON ARRIVAL, IN THE FOYER/NARTHEX:
  - Pick up your bulletin and the children's bulletin (if needed)
  - **NEW Collection Box**- Please leave your financial donations and pledge cards. The box will be collected by Deacons
  - Write down all prayers that you wish to share
  - On Communion Sundays: you will pick up your Communion elements
- Chairs will be spread out in different "bubbles" around the room. Please select the number of seats that you need for your family.
- Please remain seated for the worship service.
- Children will sit with their families for the worship service.
- These are subject to change as the conditions may change.
- Volunteers will be needed to help this time of transition.

**LAY READERS:** We are welcoming volunteers for upcoming Worship Services. Please reach out to Pastor Deborah if you would like to join the list of lay readers.



## November Worship Services and Events

Participate In-Person or with Zoom (see the pre-service church eBlast for meeting details) or live on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/fpcucc](https://facebook.com/fpcucc)).

### Worship Services using the Narrative Lectionary

#### Worship Services in November:



- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 In Person Worship and Zoom/ Facebook  
Communion: please pick up your Communion packet if you are joining in person.  
At home, please have your elements ready.
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 In Person Worship and Zoom/ Facebook
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 In Person Worship and Zoom/ Facebook
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 In Person Worship and Zoom/ Facebook

November's Greeters will be Sue Brown (In-Person) and Sue Lindemann (Zoom & Facebook)

**Daylight Savings Time Ends:** Sun. Nov 7<sup>th</sup> "fall ahead"

**Labyrinth Walks:** Nov. 2 & 9 at 6pm via Zoom - Contact the office if you are interested.

**Adult Faith Formation:** Embody Tuesday Nov. 2 – chapter 4 and Nov. 9 – chapter 5; meet from 6:45 to 8:00. Hybrid. Contact the office for the link.

**Thanksgiving Baskets- Gift Cards-** Distributed on Nov 16<sup>st</sup>, please donate by Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

**Sugar Plum Fair:** November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Thanksgiving:** November 25<sup>th</sup> The office will be closed Thursday & Friday.

**Spaghetti Supper: To-Go Friday** November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-6:00pm

**Advent Workshop:** Sunday December 5th after Worship Service- Currier Hall

**Office Hours:** COVID has caused many changes, with working remotely, online meetings and hours shifting to accommodate new schedules. Though someone is typically here daily during the week, we ask that you continue to make an appointment if you are coming to the office. We don't want to miss seeing you!

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**Office Hours:**

Please call to make an appointment  
as office hours may vary daily.

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**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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