

**First Parish United Church of Christ  
(Congregational)**

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*An Open & Affirming Church*

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**JULY & AUGUST, 2022**  
from 9:30 - 10:30AM



**WORSHIP SERVICE  
LED BY FAITH FORMATION  
& OUR YOUTH**

We welcomed some very special worship leaders on June 19th! Worship was led by our Faith Formation Committee and our youth.

Thank you Sue Vollkommer, Angela Richer, Cassidy Richer, Susan Vollkommer & Kayleigh Richer for leading us in a wonderful service celebrating Jesus and the children.





## MINISTRY OF PRAYER &

**Edith Bowen** *The Residence at Silver Square*, 100 Sterling Way, Dover, NH 03820

**Betty Foley**, *Wentworth Home*, 795 Central Ave, #205, Dover, NH 03820

**Pat Hamel**, *The Manor at Canyon Lakes*, #210, 2802 West 35th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99337-2583

**Ida Patterson**, *Benchmark at Rye*, 295 Lafayette Rd., Room 106, Rye, NH 03870

**Bob Philbrick**, *Berwick Estates*, 75 Portland St., So. Berwick, ME 03908

*--and all who are residents in long-term care and assisted living facilities in our area.*

*Please do send your cards and greetings.*

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship and Sunday School, 10AM

"For The Children" virtual page is on the church's Facebook page every Sunday and Wednesday

Ministers: The People of the Church

Faith Formation Coordinator:

Susan Vollkommer

Moderator: Nancie Cameron

Clerk:

Contracted Treasurer: Linda Gauthier

Assistant Treasurer: Richard Shepherd

Organist/Choir Director: William Asher

Newsletter & Calendar Editor: Debbie Hall



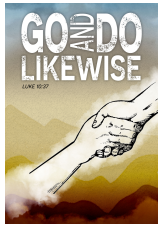
## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

John Chesley (health)  
Carroll Dudley (health)  
John Flanagan (cancer situation)  
Gina Fortier (health)  
Lynn Jackson (health)

Those who walk with mental health concerns, those who walk the pathway of treatment and recover from addiction.

AND ongoing prayer focus during these days:

- *For our Carroll-Strafford Association Churches.*
- *That God will bless and guide our Conference Minister, Rev. Gordan Rankin, and Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Richard Slater*
- *Faith formation ministries for all ages - for building strong faith foundations, at all ages and stages of life.*
- *Working together in community - to build community - and to implement strategies for prevention, while providing resources for treatment and recovery from substance misuse and its stigma.*
- ***Jesus said: Love God. Love Neighbor. Love Self.***
- *Those serving in the Armed Services and in support capacities around the world.*
- *The UKAMA Partnership between the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe and the NH Conference UCC.*
- *Continued invitational ministry and mission here at First Parish United Church of Christ: invite, include, involve in the good news way of Christ!*
- *The people of Ukraine*
- *We pray for those who are living with life-threatening illnesses; those who are aging or living with cancer, have mental health concerns and those who are caregivers.*
- ***We long for peace in our world***, praying that our nation and world leaders will work together in this time of need, finding peace and harmony with all - the sick, poor, homeless, hungry, victims of violence and abuse, our LGBTQ+ community, refugees, immigration concerns, violence in the schools and violence in our streets.
- ***We give thanks for all those who have been working non-stop*** behind the scenes at First Parish so that the day-to-day needs move along seamlessly. *For our committees that oversee our finances, our children, our prayer needs, worship and building concerns, plus our local outreach with The Community Food Pantry and the Table of Plenty.*
- ***We are hopeful*** that God will bless our own church growth in reaching out to new people as we keep the face of First Parish UCC in our community. *We share the good news of God's light and love in Jesus Christ, being faithful disciples while inviting and including all who are seeking hope and a spiritual home.*



## JULY LECTIONARY READINGS

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Green July 3, 2022

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30  
Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Green July 10, 2022

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82  
Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Green July 17, 2022

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52  
Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Green July 24, 2022

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85  
Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-1

### Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Green July 31, 2022

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23,  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

**Remember,** every church activity is an opportunity for *YOU* to invite, include and involve someone who you know into our shared life here at First Parish Church.

**You are the face of First Parish Church!**



## AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS

### Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Green August 7, 2022

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Green August 14, 2022

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Green August 21, 2022

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6  
Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Green August 28, 2022

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7;  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Faith Formation

"For The Children" on our Facebook page will continue throughout the summer. It is our hope this will encourage children of all ages to read their Bible and see what amazing stories the Bible contains.





July 1 *Pete & Sue Vollkommer*  
 July 12 Carol Cummings  
 July 17 *Clay & Linda Oelkuct*  
 July 22 Mary Horton  
           *Dave & Chris Stolpe*  
 July 23 Cynthia Jutras  
 July 24 Nancy Day  
 July 27 Jordan Brown  
 July 29 Peter Vollkommer

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Aug 1 Terry Burk  
 Aug 2 Tom Allen, Patty Cote,  
       Sylor Vollkommer  
 Aug 8 *John & Barbara Pay*  
 Aug 9 Dee Drake  
 Aug 12 Dean Martin  
 Aug 13 *Mike & Sharon Sirois*  
 Aug 14 Chris Stolpe, Kim Conley  
 Aug 23 Cassidy Richer  
       *Richard & Cynthia Jutras*  
 Aug 24 Diane Chessman,  
 Aug 25 Linda Palmer  
 Aug 28 Julie Anderson



*Do you know someone  
 who needs some prayers?*  
 Please contact one of the  
 Prayer Group members  
 listed below:

Priscilla Chellis, (207) 698-5977,  
 Email: [prchellis@comcast.net](mailto:prchellis@comcast.net)

Carol Cummings, (603) 842-5059,  
 Email: [johnandcarol55@comcast.net](mailto:johnandcarol55@comcast.net)

Fran Karlik, (603) 397-5674,  
 Email: [kinross2@comcast.net](mailto:kinross2@comcast.net)



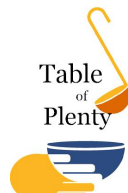
## United in Marriage

**United in Marriage** on June 25th were  
 Jordan Brown & Andrew Cormier.  
 Jordan is the daughter of Troy & Cori Brown.

*We pray God's richest blessing upon this newly  
 married couple.*



We congratulate **Genevieve Allen** on her  
 graduation from Dover High School June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
 She'll be taking a year off to work.



**The Table of Plenty** has decided to  
 postpone indoor-serving until  
 September. Take outs are available  
 each week.

For more information or if you'd like  
 to help, please contact Laurel Curtis at  
 603-969-1815 or [dlc2069@gmail.com](mailto:dlc2069@gmail.com).

*The Table of Plenty serves every Wednesday and is  
 located at the Berwick United Methodist Church,  
 37 School St., Berwick, ME. All are invited.*

## DEACONS

A church is just a building without people to  
 worship in it. You are important. You are needed.  
 You are loved.

Summer has arrived and our church service  
 hours will change to 9:30AM from July 3rd to  
 August 28th. Our doors are open and we have some  
 exciting happenings in the next few months.

Come join us!

Prayerfully, The Deacons

## Our Organist



We have been blessed to have Bette as our organist and choir director for many years and we are sad to have her leave us at the end of June. She has added her beautiful music, laughter and joy to our congregation. We wish her our best wishes in her new position as organist/choir director at her "home" church, the First Congregation Church in Rochester (First Congregational Church is where she attended services with her family before joining us at First Parish.)

We will celebrate Bette following worship on June 29th with cake & ice cream. We hope you join us to wish her well in her new job!

Although Bette will be leaving us, we have an accomplished musician who will begin on July 3rd. His name is William Asher. William brings a wealth of musical background to our church. We look forward to his music.

Dear Friends (I wish I could name each and every one of you individually!),

I want to Thank You for all my years at First Parish. You have grown with new members and have lost some very dear members - I have smiled and welcomed the new members and have shed tears for those we have lost. For all those who have welcomed ME and shed those tears WITH me, thank you. I will miss each and every one of you! Always remember, To God's ears each and every one of you have a perfectly pitched voice - remember to sing, loud and often!!!!

Love to everyone,  
Bette



|                                                     | May, 2022           | Year-to-Date, 2022  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total Income</b>                                 | \$3,064.23          | \$29,915.62         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                               | \$7,528.17          | \$28,778.01         |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                   | <b>(\$4,463.94)</b> | <b>\$1,137.61</b>   |
| Checking Account Balance as of May 31, 2022         |                     | \$18,886.37         |
| Savings Account Balance                             |                     | <u>\$ 5,002.51</u>  |
| Total Checking and Savings                          |                     | \$23,888.88         |
| Unavailable Checkbook Funds                         |                     | <u>(\$3,367.21)</u> |
| <b>Total Checkbook Funds Available</b>              |                     | <b>\$20,521.67</b>  |
| Memorial Fund Checkbook Balance                     |                     | \$20,701.84         |
| Mortgage Balance at Service Credit Union at 5/31/22 |                     | \$25,768.37         |



The Mission Committee would like to encourage you to pray for the people of Ukraine, and all those who have been affected. If you would like to make a donation to the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund, you can write a check made payable to 'United Church of Christ'. Mail your check to UCC, Box 71957, Cleveland, Ohio, 44194. Write "Ukraine Relief Fund" on the memo line of your check. Gifts made to the UCC Ukraine Relief Fund will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees, and other displaced people. By uniting in prayer, action, and giving we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion with the people of Ukraine and all who are affected.

The pill bottle collection is an on-going collection. We are collecting clean, label-free brown pill bottles. You may give these bottles to Pat Whitten. Thank you for your support.

Cassidy's Girl Scout troop is collecting clean, saleable clothing, shoes, towels, blankets, curtains, etc. These items will be collected throughout the summer and in September will be turned in to Savers. Savers will pay the girls, by the pound, for their donation. Over their years as scouts these girls have been saving the money from their clothing drive and from their cookie sales. Some of the money was used for troop supplies, service projects, and camping trips. Some of their money has also been saved for a troop trip. They have raised enough money to go to Hawaii in October. This is a girl scout approved trip and will include some educational activities, as well as some fun events. Your donations can be given to Sue Vollkommer in September, or dropped off at her home. Sue's phone number is 603-674-3948. Thank you!



Our next **First Parish UCC Yard Sale** will be held on *Saturday, October 1, 2022* from 8:30am-2pm.

All items *except* mattresses, tires, clothing, cribs, large appliances or broken items are welcome. PLEASE do NOT just drop things off at the church, but call either Richard Shepherd or Priscilla Chellis to meet you there to assist on where to place the items.

*Your help is needed!* A sign-up sheet is in the narthex or you can call Richard or Priscilla to let them know of your willingness to help.

- \* Thursday, Sept. 29 from 6:30-8pm  
(take items from storage & set up tables)
- \* Friday, Sept. 30 from 9am-3pm (place items on tables)
- \* Saturday, Oct. 1 from 7:30am-2pm, followed by the clean-up from 2-3:30pm.

Sign up for all or part of the time.

All ages are welcome, they just need to be willing to work.

Please think of how you can help and let Richard and Priscilla know when you'll be dropping off items. Thanks in advance!

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Priscilla Chellis 207-698-5977 [prchellis@comcast.net](mailto:prchellis@comcast.net)