

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

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An Open & Affirming Church

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MAY, 2022

Easter



* Thank you, Rev. Wesley Palmer, for providing wonderful Easter and Maundy Thursday services.

* Thank you, Kathy Latchaw, for organizing the Easter Flower for the display and to Kathy and Priscilla Chellis for arranging them.

* Thank you, Bette Daley, for your beautiful music.

* Thank you to: Julie Hurley, William Hurley, Cynthia Jutras, Sharon Sirois, Priscilla Chellis, Kathy Latchaw, Nancie Cameron, Debbie Hall, Nancy Brown for participating in the Maundy Thursday service.



MINISTRY OF PRAYER & CONCERN

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.*



Sympathy is extended to the family of:

Imants Millers (4/9/22) Husband of Grace
Millers, father of 6 children and grandfather
and great grandfather to many.

*May the blessing of hope and health
surround his family.*



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

John Chesley (health)
Carroll Dudley (health)
John Flanagan (cancer situation)
Betty Foley (health)
Gina Fortier (health)
Lynn Jackson (health)
Ida Patterson (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.*
- *Peace in our world; harmony in our relationships, hope in our active response for transformational change.*
- *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!*
- *For our church family and community during the COVID 19 pandemic.*
- *The people of Ukraine*



MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter - White

May 1, 2022

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter - White

May 8, 2022

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter - White

May 15, 2022

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter - White

May 22, 2022

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Seventh Sunday of Easter - White

May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-36



- May 1 Craig Breden, Dave Stolpe,
Mark & Kathy Rideout
- May 2 Richard Jutras
- May 4 Heather Day
- May 6 Alexis Dascoulias
- May 9 Richard Whitten
- May 11 Jon Chellis
- May 12 Beverly Lyndes
- May 15 Ken Latchaw
- May 16 Connie Ricker, *Marc & Patty Cote*
- May 18 *Bill & Mary Horton*
- May 20 Scott Vollkommer
- May 27 Anthony Trussell
- May 29 *Rob & Kim Conley*
- May 31 Ed Courier, Sue Vollkommer,
Mathew St.Jean, Geoff & Nancy Day



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

Carol Cummings, (603) 842-5059,

Email: johnandcarol55@comcast.net

Fran Karlik, (603) 397-5674,

Email: kinross2@comcast.net



We would like to get a grip on who has keys to the church. Please let the deacons or trustees know who has them in their possession.

We had a gentleman, a friend of Laurel Curtis' husband, come in and do some clean up work on the outside of the church the day before Easter. With our numbers so low, we felt it was worth paying someone to come in and be done in one day rather than have a clean up day.

We will also be having someone come in and look at the roof as there is a small leak that needs to be addressed. We are waiting to hear from New England Roofers.

Our elevator was inspected a couple weeks ago. They discovered that the battery back-ups are dying; so, therefore, the elevator didn't pass. We have 30 days to rectify the situation otherwise we won't be able to be use it.

In a few short weeks we lose Rev. Wesley to go back to his teachings and travels for the summer. It has been a blessing having him with us this long. We are trying very hard to fill his shoes moving forward until we hopefully have someone interested in our quaint little parish. Fingers crossed.

Respectfully,
Nancie Cameron
Chair of Trustees
Moderator

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, May 15th, will be Children's Sunday. The children will be participating in the worship service.

Cassidy and Kaleigh are registered for Horton Center this summer. They are looking forward to their week on the mountain. Cassidy will be practicing her archery skills, and Kaleigh will be learning the mysteries of the mountain. If you would like more information on Horton Center, please feel free to speak with Sue Vollkommer.

FOR THE CHILDREN will continue on our facebook page. Hopefully it will encourage prayer and Bible reading throughout the summer.

MISSIONS

Our pill bottle collection is an ongoing collection. We are collecting clean, label-free, brown pill bottles. You may give these to Pat Whitten,

Jesus taught us to love and care for our fellow man. Please be aware of any needs in your community that you may be able to help out with.

Please continue your prayers for the people of Ukraine, as well as all people that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Also, remember the families of all those who are involved.

Mission Committee Ukraine Emergency Relief

The Mission Committee would like to encourage you to pray for the people of Ukraine, include in your prayers all the soldiers involved and their families.

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, mailed to UCC, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, Ohio 44194. Write Ukraine Relief Fund on the memo line of your check. Gifts made to UCC Ukraine relief Fund will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced persons. 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.

As always, be aware of any needs in your community and try and help out as you are able. Remember, your prayer, combined with the prayers of others, can go a long way.

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: Bette Daley

Newsletter & Calendar Editor: Debbie Hall

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!



	March, 2022	Year-to-Date, 2022
Total Income	\$ 3,589.26	\$19,628.74
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,033.01</u>	<u>\$13,504.43</u>
Net Income	(\$1,443.75)	\$ 6,124.31
Checking Account Balance as of March 31, 2022		\$24,698.04
Savings Account Balance		<u>\$ 5,002.43</u>
Total Checking and Savings		\$29,700.47
Unavailable Checkbook Funds		<u>(\$ 4,742.21)</u>
Total Checkbook Funds Available		\$24,858.26
Memorial Fund Checkbook Balance		\$20,701.84
Mortgage Balance at Service Credit Union at 3/31/22		\$26,499.39