

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

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An Open & Affirming Church

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November, 2021



The Women's Fellowship hopes you will come to Newington Town Hall on November 13th from 9am-2pm to enjoy all of the lovely fair items from various vendors.

Our church ladies will have 3 tables of beautiful gifts on display.

We need a few people who would be willing to help for a couple of hours at our table. If you can help, please contact Kathy Latchaw at klatchaw@comcast.net or 603-427-8958.

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 9-11 and bring a friend.



The committee has met briefly by phone, and we will be doing the collection of socks for homeless veterans. If you have any socks to donate you may drop them at the church or give them to Sue. We will also be donating hats and mittens to local schools, they may be added to the tree in the Narthex in December. We will also be collecting for White Gifts and the Riverside Rest Home. I will post more information when we receive it.



FAITH FORMATION

The Operation Shoebox shoeboxes are in the Narthex. These boxes are sent to children who take classes to learn about Christianity. What we ask you to do is to take a box home, fill it with small toys, school supplies, soap, socks, jewelry, hair accessories, etc. You can also include a personal note to the child who will receive your box. Return the box to the Narthex with \$10 (this can be done online, instructions are with the box). We will collect the boxes and get them started on their journey. The deadline is November 14th. Thank you!

Sunday School has started again. We welcome all children from preschool through high school. The nursery is also open for young children and a parent. There is a speaker system in the nursery so you can hear the service too. If you need help, please speak with a deacon.

The 'For The Children' posts on Facebook will continue. The posts help to encourage bible reading and prayers. God is still speaking, listen for his voice.



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

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.



**The Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning
"For The Children" posts will continue through
the fall months. My hope is to
encourage children, or anyone who reads these
posts, to read their Bible and continue with their
daily prayers. God is still speaking to us, we only
need to listen.**



Sympathy is extended to the family of:

Everett Harmon (10/14/21) Father of Patty
Cote

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



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Carroll & Barbara Dudley [health]

John Flanagan [cancer situation]

Betty Foley [health]

Gregg Fournier [knee replacement]

Ida Patterson [health]

Braxton Richesin [neurological condition]

Linda Palmer's grandson

Mike Watman [health]

Don & Pat Whitten [health]

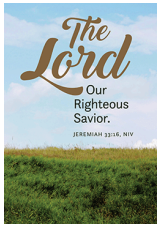
Those who walk with mental health concerns, those
who walk the pathway of treatment and recover from
addiction.

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.*

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!



NOVEMBER LECTIONARY READINGS

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

November 7, 2021

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17, Psalm 127

1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

November 14, 2021

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

November 21, 2021

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

First Sunday of Advent - Purple

November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



- Nov. 4 Leo Hurley, Niketa Benner
Paul & Sherry Cazeault
- Nov. 6 Robin Hamel
- Nov. 12 Jeremy Day
- Nov. 16 Pat Hamel
- Nov. 17 Christopher Drake Cox
- Nov. 25 Michelle Neumann, *Charles & Adelia Drake*
- Nov. 27 Linda Farrell, Betty Foley
- Nov. 29 Dottie Douglas

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship, 10AM

(In church & on Facebook & You Tube)

“**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



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

Dottie Douglas, (603) 332-6113,

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TRUSTEES



The Stewardship Drive has begun. Please consider Pledging to support our congregation. Your financial Commitment will strengthen our Congregation. You will be receiving a pledge card and a return Envelope in the near future. Thank you for keeping your 2021 pledges up to date.

The Trustees have been busy making sure the outside lights are in working order. We have decided to hire an electrician to change all of the outside lights to LED.

We are also updating the sign out by the road. Be on the lookout for a narrow Opening & Affirming symbol!

We hope you have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

	September, 2021	Year-to-Date, 2021
Total Income	\$8,406.17	\$55,095.96
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,479.99</u>	<u>\$48,403.24</u>
Net Income	\$2,710.18	8,326.53

Checking Account Balance Savings Account Balance

Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2021	\$13,819.07
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$ 5,002.18</u>
Total Checking and Savings	\$18,821.25
Unavailable Checkbook Funds	<u>(\$ 2,821.45)</u>
Total Checkbook Funds Available	\$15,999.80

Memorial Fund Checkbook Balance **\$18,176.84**

Mortgage Balance at Service Credit Union at 8/31/2021 **\$28,660.71**

DIACONATE

We'd like to thank Kathy Latchaw for leading us in worship on October 10th and 17th. She graciously filled in last minute when we were unable to find a replacement.

We were very fortunate to have our worship services led by Rev. Celeste McQuarrie the last two weeks in October. We hope she will return again.

Rev. Wesley Palmer has graciously agreed to lead worship during the month of November. *He has one request — he asked that everyone wear masks while we are in the church.*

Our worship leader on December 12th and 19th will be Rev. Susan Lancaster.

Rev. Gordan Rankin, NHUCC Conference Minister, has offered to officiate for our Christmas Eve worship service.

Thank you, Nancie Cameron, for arranging worship leaders for the remainder of 2021!

If you know someone who would be willing to lead worship on one or more Sundays, please let Nancie Cameron (bballmom824@yahoo.com) know.