



First Parish United Church of Christ (Congregational)

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An Open & Affirming Church



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FAITH FORMATION

The Christmas Shoeboxes Greetings are in the Narthex. The shoeboxes are given to children who are learning about Christianity. Along with the shoeboxes, children are given an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ and how to make room for him in their hearts. We ask that you take home a shoebox and place in it items for children, such as toys, school supplies, hair brushes, books, etc. Please do not include liquid items, food items, or "war" toys. Using the pamphlet found in your box label your box for boy or girl, and which age bracket they are in. Include \$10 to help with distribution. If you include the \$10 online, you have an option to track

MISSIONS

Sock Drive The Mission Committee is sponsoring the annual Sock Drive to help provide socks for homeless veterans. There is a basket in the Narthex for you to place your donation.

The socks can be new or gently worn, they must be in good condition and clean. The Mission Committee will deliver them to the Veterans Home in Maine.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship fair will be on Saturday, November 12, 2022 from 9:00AM-2:00PM at the Newington, NH town hall which is on Nimble Hill Rd. Come join us and bring your friends.

A flyer for the Holiday Craft Fair is included in the back of this newsletter. Please feel free to share it with your friends and family.



MINISTRY OF PRAYER & CONCERN

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

Betty Foley, % Paula Beardsley, 11 Cushing Place, Unit 206 Chelmsford, MA 01824

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.



Sympathy is extended to the family of:

John Flanagan (10/23/22) his wife, Kathy, and sister-in-law, Sue Vollkommer

May the blessing of hope and health surround his family.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Madeline Ashley (health)

John Chesley (health)

Sherie Dinger (health)

Stephen Ferranti (dealing with complications from back surgery)

Gina Fortier (health)

Lynn Jackson (health)

Bev Lyndes (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.*
- *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.*



OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

All Saints Day

November 1, 2022

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - Green

November 6, 2022

Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or
Psalm 98

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost - Green

November 13, 2022

Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12

Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Reign of Christ

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

November 20, 2022

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2022

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

First Sunday of Advent - Purple

November 27, 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



Your Search Committee meets on a regular basis as we continue to search for pastoral leadership that will help us rebuild, reconnect and move forward into the future. We have major decisions to make and ask for your patience. We have received some interest in the half time position and are now reviewing the paperwork. We will give you more information when we are able. Please continue to keep this committee in your prayers.

Prayerfully,
The Search Committee

Katherine Latchaw

Debbie Hall

Priscilla Chellis

Cynthia Jutras

Julie Hurley

Sharon Sirois

Sue Vollkommer



To the friends of Betty Foley,

Due to increasing health problems Betty has been experiencing since August, my mom is no longer able to continue living at the Wentworth Home.

She is now residing in a long-term care facility in Chelmsford, MA. I live in Chelmsford, only 2 miles from Mom now, enabling me to spend more time with her during these times of her aging life.

She is living at the Palm Center in Chelmsford. I've changed her address to be that of my own so that I can hand deliver mail to her in a timely manner.

Thank you for continuing to include her in mailings over the past few years of her homebound status.

Paula Beardsley (daughter)
11 Cushing Place, Unit 206
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Blessings to you all.



Nov. 1 Niketa Benner, Leo Hurley,
Paul & Sherry Cazeault
Nov. 6 Robin Hamel
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



Faith Formation

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



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



DIACONATE

The deacons met on the first Tuesday in October.

Nominations for next year - Cynthia Jutras, Julie Hurley, Linda Palmer, Kathy Latchaw and Debbie Hall are all willing to stay on the Diaconate in 2023. If you are interested in joining the Diaconate, please talk with one of the deacons.

Many of our parishioners are not able to come to church, so the deacons recently sent cards to our shut-ins as part of our outreach.

We had our first official fellowship since Covid after the worship service on October 9th. Thank you to Priscilla Chellis for hosting. It was nice to be able to meet over coffee and goodies. We are in need of someone to host our next fellowship on November 13th. Please speak with a deacon if you are interested. If you are uncomfortable hosting alone, please let a deacon know. We can help.

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!

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

Pianist/Choir Director: William Asher

Newsletter & Calendar Editor: Debbie Hall

YARD SALE RECAP

A big thank you goes out to all who helped with the Yard Sale on October 1st. Although foot traffic was down, a lot of items went out the door and everything was cleaned up and hauled away over the course of a couple of weeks.

We have several boxes tucked away for our next sale and we'll keep you posted when we start the planning.

Overall, we made close to \$850 but donations are still expected. Special thanks goes out to Ken Hall who took a lot to metal recycling and to Sharon Sirois who hauled away all the left over "treasures" left unwanted by the Food Pantry.

As usual, all came together which made for a fun and successful event for First Parish. Again, we thank everyone who gave of their time over the course of many days.

Richard Shepherd and Priscilla Chellis

TRUSTEES

The Trustees tried to set up a Venmo account for First Parish, but decided against it as it's too hard to set up as an organization. We did, however, decide that if you want to pledge another way, you can use your bank's bill pay associated with your checking account.

You shall rejoice in all the good
that the Lord your God
has given to you.

Deuteronomy 26:11, ESV



	September, 2022	Year-to-Date, 2022
Total Income	\$3,311.15	\$50,740.48
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,626.07</u>	<u>\$51,063.94</u>
Net Income	\$3,314.92	(\$323.46)
Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2022		\$16,581.01
Savings Account Balance		<u>\$ 5,002.68</u>
Total Checking and Savings		\$21,583.69
Unavailable Checkbook Funds		<u>(\$3,467.21)</u>
Total Checkbook Funds Available		\$18,116.48
Memorial Fund Checkbook Balance		\$20,701.84
Mortgage Balance at Service Credit Union at 9/30/22		\$24,291.48



HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

November 12, 2022

9am-2pm

at the

**Newington Town Hall
205 Nimble Hill Road
Newington NH**

Sponsored By Newington Town Church UCC

The fair will feature crafts from
First Parish UCC Somersworth
along with other artisans selling their assorted
homemade items.

Food and drinks available throughout the day