



The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau, Pastor of Transition

Donald G. Hodgkins, M.M. Organist/Director of Music Ministries

August 3, 2014

Worship Service—9:30 am

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, August 3, 2014

9:00 am Bible Study (library)

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:45 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in memory of Agnes M. Morrison from the trust fund given in her name.

Greeters/Ushers for August: Philip Gindi (captain).

Minister's Line Volunteer: Alwyn Van Cor.

August 10, 2014

Worship Service—9:30 am

Sermon: Guest Speaker

Calendar for Sunday, August 10, 2014

9:00 am Bible Study (library)

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:45 am Fellowship Hour

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. Martin Tucker and Miss Gladys E. Tucker by Linda C. Hamlin.

Minister's Line Volunteer: Joyce Langone.

August 17, 2014

Worship Service— 9:30 am

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, August 17, 2014

9:00 am Bible Study (library)

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:45 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the left will be given in memory of Abby Schmidgall Harmon by Irene Schmidgall and her family. The flowers on the right will be given in loving memory of David Renner by his mother, Joyce Langone, and his sisters Lisa, Donna and Linda.

Minister's Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim.

August 24, 2014

Worship Service—9:30 am

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, August 24, 2014

9:00 am Bible Study (library)

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:45 am Fellowship Hour

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Douglas and Marion Martin, Gerald Durkee, and Carol Durkee by Elsie Durkee and family.

Minister's Line Volunteer: Kathryn Millheim.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD

Thursday, August 21, 2014
(will cover the dates from
August 31-September 13, 2014)



**HELP PROVIDE OUR
SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC!**

I am still looking for musicians for our special music slots over the summer. Please email me at donhodg@aol.com or call me at 781-724-3297 to let me know which Sundays you can share your talent with us. Thank you!

Don Hodgkins, Director of Music Ministries

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	CHAPEL	SANCTUARY	TOTAL
Sunday, June 29		87	87
Sunday, July 6		99	99
Sunday, July 13		92	92



Thank you to Linda Sabatula for the lovely bouquet of flowers from the Sunday service. They are lovely and the fragrance is delightful.

Kathryn Millheim

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Ushers and Greeters: The church needs your help in ushering and greeting on Sundays for the months of August and September. Please contact Philip Gindi (617-901-1238 or pgindi@gmail.com) if you are able to help out.

Fellowship Hour: Please consider taking a turn to host a coffee hour on Sunday morning. All it involves is pouring the coffee Ken Wood has made, making sure there is cream and sugar out for the coffee and cleaning up afterwards. Please add your name to a Sunday that needs a host. The sign up board is located in the vestry near the coffee table.

Thank you, The Hospitality Committee

WISE-UP WEDNESDAYS

The Youth Group will be having fortnightly dessert and discussion meetings at the home of Chris and Kara Dodds this summer. They will meet from 7 pm – 8 pm on July 23, August 6, and August 20. For more information please contact Chris Dodds through the church office.



In Memoriam

ELINOR I. SPROUL

July 8, 2014
Joined First Parish April 6, 1950

A celebration of life will be held at First Parish Congregational Church at a date to be announced.

SUMMER WORK FOR FALL FAIR

Looking for ways to help prepare for a successful Fall Fair this summer? Please consider creating and donating a knitting, sewing or craft project for sale at the fair. Out shopping? Search the sales for items to be used in gift baskets. Cleaning out the basement and garage? Put things aside for the White Elephant or Boutique tables.

We are specifically looking for green garden hoses (any condition) and clay pots of various sizes. Please leave on the stage.

Thank you for your continued support.
The Fair Committee



FPC Youth
Popcorn, Picnic & Music by the Lake

◆ Friday July 25th, 6.30pm – 8pm, on the common
◆ Bring a blanket or chair and some food for a picnic dinner
◆ Wear your FPC Youth T-shirts & we'll hand out some popcorn to our community and enjoy some summer music by the lake!

FIVE GIFTS FROM GOD

Love makes our friends a little dearer.
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

-Author unknown

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Stewardship Goal
\$342,000.00



May we be blessed to be a blessing.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 2014

(122 COMMITTED PLEDGES) ~ Thank you.

GOAL THROUGH JUNE \$171,000.00
GIFTS RECEIVED \$141,348.61

(pledges + plate giving)

THROUGH JUNE

What We Needed To Reach our Goal \$-29,651.39

Stewardship Goal for July
\$199,500.00

*May we Walk by faith,
not by sight,
One step at a time.*

Ruth Ross for Stewardship

SUMMERTIME IS HERE

School is out and children who got free breakfast/lunch at school could use your help. Our Food Pantry is looking for peanut butter and jelly along with cold cereal to help out these children.

The Food Pantry thanks you for your support!

July 2014

A Piece of My Heart From Hostile to Hospitable

It sure is funny how God works in your everyday life; in *every* detail of your life. I even found Him in the details of planning to host Coffee Hour recently. A couple of weeks ago I was asked which Sunday I would like. I was given two choices from a lovely woman, sent by God to ask me. Oh boy! Honestly, it's not my cup of tea. But I *did* reluctantly pick one. Hospitality is not my gift, believe me. Thank God, there are those among us that **do** have the gift of hospitality. Some Sundays there is such a luscious banquet provided. This is *truly* wonderful when it happens, *A Gift* we receive. But for those who do not feel they have this gift, "Coffee Hour" may appear daunting and costly. Through the years, I think Coffee Hour has gotten a bit beyond just a cup of coffee. For many years, that's all it ever was. The host would also supply the juice and a snack for the children, typically Goldfish crackers, the cream and sugar, set up the cups and pour the coffee. *Those are still the instructions today.* Honestly, it truly can be as simple or as creative as you want it to be.

Before I was even asked, I began to think that I would sign up at some point to host a coffee hour and plan to keep it simple and *just do coffee*. I planned to get no snacks or sweets. Besides, just the approach to keep it simple, may attract more volunteers to sign up, I thought. My Sunday was approaching; and so I began to dig in my heels. I could feel *my own* pressure about getting snacks begin to build. I even mentioned it to my daughter, Angelin, over breakfast one morning and she suggested going to BJs. I do not have a current BJ card. Not that I couldn't get one, I was just feeling as if the project was beginning to weigh on me, which would now not keep it simple. The idea became daunting. It's funny how we can allow that to happen to us. Because then the thoughts start flying, what do I get, how much do I need, will I have enough, how much will it cost. Oh boy....here we go. Somehow, I don't feel alone in these thoughts because of all the empty spaces on our sign up board in the vestry for such a time of hospitality.

But the mere act of stepping up, even though I didn't want to, is where I felt **God truly stepped in**. He totally turned it around in my mind. *He began to work in my attitude*. I started receiving ideas. Now that summer was here, I began to think of different beverages, like lemonade and ice tea and my favorite, strawberry iced tea. I could even get a bag of ice to put in the pitchers. Now for the kids, even though we typically get a large container of Goldfish crackers and put them in tiny cups; now the service was earlier and I began to think more of breakfast. Angela at our local supermarket was so helpful. I told her what I was doing and she walked me through all the choices of cookies, crackers and then the small cereal packets. Thirty juice boxes were about the same price as the large bottle of juice, except now I didn't have to pour them out, just set them out. That was easy. An 8 pack of Fruit Loops appeared on the shelf of snack-size packets and they were even on sale. I got (3) of those. I then became aware of Priscilla Moody and how she so enjoyed those mini muffins. *Yes, that is exactly what I'll get.* They had 5 dozen on the shelf. That's what I got. ***I was actually beginning to get excited, amazing!*** I made a sign for the table that explained the mini muffins were a way of remembering Priscilla. Maybe it would help others to remember her, too. Even when it came to a centerpiece, I was reminded I had a couple of tissue paper flowers I brought home from my nieces wedding. ***I actually felt good about doing coffee hour and that it even had a special significance for my friend, Priscilla, who now resides in Heaven.***

God had a way of changing my attitude from hostile to hospitable. Imagine that! I am grateful for the opportunity I received. The very action of stepping forward even when you aren't completely invested in it, gives God the opportunity to work through you. He can even add a huge helping of grace to move you forward and He also adds joy in the process. How interesting. How exciting. But not surprising. That's what God does. It seems with anything that is before us, no matter how daunting it may seem, God, can work through us. He lightens the load, when we allow Him to. He first needs us to step up and then He gives us what we need, to do the work that has been set before us. I found that to be true *even with coffee hour*. I had a meeting immediately after and thank you to whoever stepped in and cleaned up. I just love my church family.

My cup runneth over, Ruth Ross for Stewardship



Birthday and Anniversaries

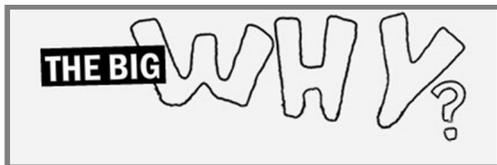
- 1 - Alan Conlon, Christopher Hurren, Richard Bardet, Frederick DeVries, Jr.
- 3 - Esther Osborne, Dante Illanes
- 4 - Jillian (D'Agostino) Johnston, Virginia Jesse
- 7 - Rachel Kunz
- 8 - Kara Dodds, Alexandra Cady, Barbara and David Hammond (A)
- 9 - Ida Montgomery, Leith Jones II
- 10 - Bryan DeGuglielmo, Adam Kennedy, Jayna Edwards
- 11 - Barbara Flynn
- 15 - John and Lynn Arena (A)
- 16 - Lindsey Kennedy, Matthew Fox
- 17 - Emily Fosnock
- 18 - Andrea Gates
- 19 - Nicole Rappa Rosa
- 20 - Jean Sabatula, Rhonda Brown
- 21 - Emily (Byam) Ball, Samuel Jackson, Corey Jones
- 22 - Frederick C. Howland, Joseph Bernabeo
- 23 - Bonnie Mercurio, Nancy Gould
- 26 - Anthony Kennedy, Bret Willis, Ernest Chandler
- 27 - Helen Bernabeo
- 30 - Jennifer Black, Lindsay Govostes, Hilda Oliver
- 31 - Robert Brennan, Paul Perkins

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July 18, 2014

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



The Big Why Series

- July 23 *Why We Believe in Jesus*
July 30 *Why We Believe Jesus is God*
August 6 *Why We Believe Jesus Came*

- August 13 *Why We Believe Jesus Will Return*
August 20 *Why We Believe in Eternal Life*
August 27 *Why We Believe We Can Live a
New Life*

***Free Ice Cream Cone and a Bible Study
for People of All Ages***

***First Parish Wakefield
The Stone Church by the Lake***

Wednesdays, 6:45 – 8 p.m.