



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Worship Services—9:00 & 10:30 am
Family Sunday

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau
*The Kind of Church a Pastor Wants to Lead
Part 1*

Calendar for Sunday, February 15, 2015

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
11:45 am Fellowship (vestry)
12 noon Junior Choir rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of Avis R. Wessels, born on Valentine's Day, by her husband Arthur Wessels, Sr. and family. The flowers on the right will be given in loving memory of Esther and John Holtan by their daughter Irene Schmidgall.

Greeters: Becky & Jim Fosnock
Ushers: Frank Brown, Kevin King, Marcia Phinney, Nathan Prospero, and Linda Byam (captain)
Minister's Line Volunteer: Joan Potter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

Worship Services—9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau
*The Kind of Church a Pastor Wants to Lead
Part 2*

Calendar for Sunday, February 22, 2015

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
9:00 am Chapel Worship Service
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)
10:45 am Church School
11:45 am Fellowship (vestry)
12 noon Junior Choir rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Bert and Bud Chisolm and their son Fred T. Chisholm Jr. by their son and brother Philip and his wife Jean Chisholm.

Greeter: Alwyn Van Cor
Ushers: Frank Brown, Kevin King, Marcia Phinney, and Nathan Prospero, Linda Byam (captain)
Minister's Line Volunteer: Joan Potter



*There will be no more death or
mourning or crying or pain.*

Revelation 21:4

To Celebrate the Life and Mourn the Loss of

Earl W. Sheaff

January 14, 1948 – January 30, 2015

Leonard J. Jesse

May 29, 1928 - February 4, 2015

Doris M. Gooding – February 7, 2015

Of Kennett Square, PA
Mother of Ann Ludlow

Don't grieve for us, for now we're free!
We continue on the path God laid for thee
We saw His face, we heard His call,
We took His hand and left it all.
We could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone won't stay that way,
For another will continue on
to main the stay.
And if our parting has left a void,
Please fill it with remembered joy:
with friendships shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Ah yes, these things we too, shall miss.

Our lives have been blessed and full, We've savored
much: Good times, good friends, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps our time seemed all too brief- We understand
you will have to grieve. Be not burdened with an
overflow of tears or sorrow,
For sometime soon again, we will see you in a day up
ahead called tomorrow...
Not good-by.
Until we meet again.



Roy Evans

Mary Ann Doherty recuperating from knee surgery

At Life Care in Stoneham

Nancy Gould at Beverly Hospital

Barbara Flynn

The family of Earl Sheaff

Ann Ludow, the passing of her mom

Gina Gebhard

The family of Lenny Jesse

Irene Schmidgall

Warren Reeves



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

In February we are featuring books on marriage.
See our shelf in the Vestry for these selections:

- The Intimate Marriage by R. C. Sproul
- His Brain, Her Brain by Walt and Barb Larimore
- Inspiring Stories to Encourage Your Marriage by Betsy Holt and Mike Yorkey

Please come check out our books. Just fill out the
orange card! Happy Reading!

To Receive The Church Herald by email:

Simply email your request to the Church at
FPCCx1644@aol.com, or click the link on our new
website!



SNOWSTORM POLICY

If there is a snowstorm on a Saturday and 3" or more accumulates, our 9 am service will be canceled. The 10:30 am service will usually be conducted. **If the 10:30 service must be canceled in the event of a severe storm, the cancellation will be announced on the WBZ Storm Center (TV Channel 4 in Boston).** You may also check the WBZ website: boston.cbslocal.com.

We will change the outgoing message on the office telephone to inform callers of the cancellation.

From the Clothing Closet team

The last time the closet was open, our inventory was sparse. This time of year is not when most of us clean our closets, etc. However, if you have duplicates, extras or unused seasonal clothes, they would be greatly appreciated.

The generosity of our church family and the community continues to help so many. God bless you for your continued support.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
Sunday, February 1	18	121	139
Sunday, February 8	4	100 (est.)	104

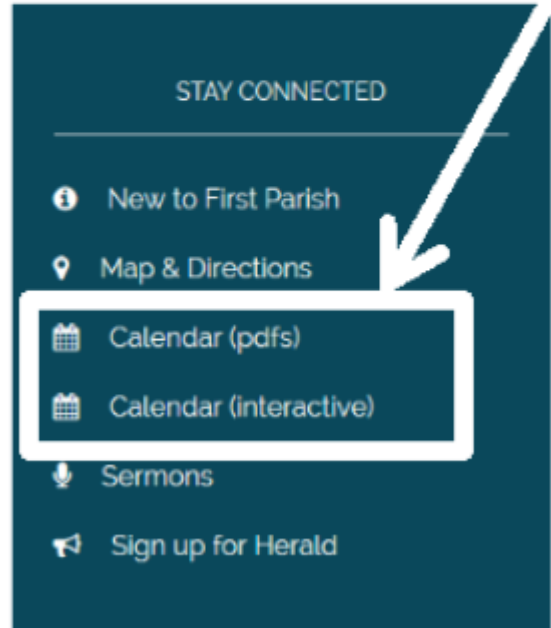
Church School Attendance

Sunday, February 1	35
Sunday, February 8	25 (est.)

Website Tidbit:

Did you know that we have two ways to view our calendar of events?

See our Home page:



Passion for the Christ

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

**Maundy Thursday, April 2 and
Good Friday, April 3**

If you're interested in being a part of it (either acting or supporting), please contact Jo Lynn Foster.

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Stewardship and Budget Update

At our 371st Annual meeting on January 25, we discussed First Parish's financial position, and the status of our Stewardship Pledge Drive, before voting on the Proposed 2015 Budget in the Annual Report. (Please contact the Office if you would like a paper or electronic copy.)

A brief summary was presented at the Annual Meeting, and those in attendance discussed the financial challenges our Church is facing:

- ❖ 2015 Pledge commitments (as of January 25) were \$176,000*
- ❖ *since the Annual Meeting, the Pledge Total increased to \$185,112
- ❖ This is \$44,000 LESS than the \$220,000 "planned" in the 2015 Church Budget..
- ❖ The current Budget (expecting \$220,000 in pledge income) will use up \$51,000 from our Reserves (Savings).
- ❖ The current Reserves balance is \$76,800 – not enough to cover the \$95,000 deficit that may result if the "Pledge Total" remains at \$176,000. Our congregation voted to limit 2015 budget spending to expenses incurred through April 15.
- ❖ Your pledge makes a difference - thank you!

We know that financial challenges may well impact our search for a settled pastor.

Still, we need not fear, as Earl Sheaff reassured us at the Annual Meeting:

First Parish is HIS Church, and our sovereign Lord holds its future in His loving hands.

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

–Romans 8:28

Lynn Arena, on behalf of Stewardship



MODERATOR VACANCY

As you all know, our brother Earl Sheaff has passed away. Among the many shoes he has left to fill is that of the moderator.

The Church Council appointed Mark Hatheway as the Moderator Pro Tem at a special council meeting on Feb 8.

If you are interested in becoming the permanently appointed moderator (filling the one year term until next January), please submit your name to Linda D'Agostino, Chairperson, Nominating committee.

Your name will be brought forward at the next Council meeting on February 24. At that time, the council will elect a candidate from the names submitted to be presented at the special Congregational Meeting in April for approval.

Please submit your name no later than Feb 21 to allow time for a meeting of the Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

Linda D'Agostino
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Count me faithful...

Updating our 2015 Pledge Drive

**Received as of Feb. 8, 2015:
91 pledge commitments
totaling \$185,112**

Our Pledge Goal: \$280,000

Can we count on you?



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Timothy Callaghan
- 3 Victoria Haley, Olivia McGrath
- 4 Angelin Barton, Cynthia Bossi
- 6 Brian Albushies, Carol Cerullo, Amanda Martin, Brian Foster
- 7 Elaine Thibodeau, Wendy Gabriel
- 9 Mark Hatheway
- 10 Isabelle Copland, Phyllis Cousineau, Cheryl Recko
- 11 Jaime Hanlon
- 12 Richard Covell
- 13 Christopher Faylor, Douglas Howard
- 16 Christopher Nielsen, Heather MacDonald, Richard Testa
- 17 Donald Hodgkins, Jo Lynn Foster
- 18 Louise Netten
- 19 Warren Reeves
- 20 Sandra Serrentino, Kristina Major, Sheri Prosperi, Susan Peterson
- 21 Erin Gates
- 22 Laura Kunz
- 23 Marcia Phinney, Janet Manning
- 24 Bruce Netten, Patricia Weisenbach, Scott Bossi
- 26 Steven Racamato
- 27 John Ludlow
- 28 Beverly Oliphant, Rodrigo Illanes, Dana Bernabeo
- 29 Michael Watt
- 30 Douglas Fifield, Tyler Fifield, Karen Griswold, Pamela Hodgson,
Geraldine Russell
- 31 Barbara Hammond, Pamela MacFarland, Candice Picard

THE CHURCH HERALD

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February 6, 2015

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DEADLINE FOR NEXT *CHURCH HERALD*

Thursday, February 19, 2015

(will cover the dates from
March 1 - 14, 2015)



GOD IS LOVE

LOVE SURROUNDS US EACH AND EVERY DAY.

LOVE IS ALWAYS TRYING TO GET OUR ATTENTION.

DO YOU SEE HIM? DO YOU HEAR HIM? DO YOU FEEL HIM?

LET US SHARE HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS.

GOD IS LOVE...