



SUNDAY, April 12, 2015

Worship Services—9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon: Guest Speaker

Calendar for Sunday, April 12, 2015

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
(infant and toddler care provided
during the 10:30am service)
10:45 am Church School
11:45 am Fellowship (vestry)
12 n Junior Choir

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamlin by their granddaughter Linda C. Hamlin

Ushers: Joseph D'Agostino, Barbara Flynn, Kevin King, Stephen Gates, Linda Sabatula, Dominic Mercurio (captain)

Minister's Line Volunteer: Joyce Langone

SUNDAY, April 19, 2015

Worship Services—9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau

Calendar for Sunday, April 19, 2015

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)
(infant and toddler care provided
during the 10:30am service)
10:45 am Church School
11:45 am Fellowship (vestry)
12 n Junior Choir

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Arline Abbondanza by the Sabatula family.

Ushers: Joseph D'Agostino, Barbara Flynn, Kevin King, Stephen Gates, Linda Sabatula, Dominic Mercurio (captain)

Minister's Line Volunteer: Joan Potter

Please keep in your prayers

Roy Evans
Gina Gebhard
The Hammond Family
Warren Reeves

Russ Bonanno
Nancy Gould
John Oliphant
Bud Thomas

Michael Watt

Thank You

Dear FPCC Members:

Thank you so much for the flowers brought to my husband John in early February. I also want to thank you for the flowers you gave me for my birthday in late March. You are so generous with your thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Beverly Oliphant

We would like to express our sincere "thank you" for all the love and support we have received from our friends at First Parish. Your thoughts and prayers, meals ministry and many cards have helped us deal with Carlton's passing. A special thanks to Pastor Rich for conducting the funeral service. This was the only real wish Carlton had expressed. Also a special thanks to Ruthie, Jen, Joan, and Lisa for organizing and serving the collation at the church. This was very much appreciated by our family and friends. As 50 year members, First Parish has been a great part of our lives together. Carlton's faith guided his life and he is now at Peace with his Lord. It is good to be part of a caring church family.

Eleanor, Bob, Brian and Dana Elliott

I would like to thank all of my church community friends and Wakefield community friends for making our Easter Community Dinner a success once again. We served 200 guests a great ham dinner and we delivered 17 meals to those in our congregation who couldn't get to us. We tell our guests our meal will be served at 2 pm, and for the sixth year in a row, we have served at 2 pm. This is evidence of an organized group working together to accomplish an assigned task. Great job!

Thank you all,
Stephen Gates

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
Good Friday			73
Palm Sunday, March 29	23	127	150
Easter Sunday, April 5	--	His house was full	---
Praise the Lord, He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed...			

Church School Attendance

Palm Sunday, March 29	47
Easter Sunday, April 5	no church school

THE TESTIMONIAL MINISTRY IS REACHING OUT!!!

The Testimonial Ministry needs your help. We're looking for members who are willing to share a short (approximately 2-3 minute) testimonial during our Sunday worship services. Our First Parish Testimonial Team can help you develop your individual testimonial by offering a variety of structured formats as well as a supportive environment in which to share them. Check out our "Guide to Developing a Great Testimonial" available on our website at:

<http://fpccwakefield.com/event/testimonial-ministry-2015-04/> for more information. Please speak with a Testimonial Team Member, contact Gene Mullen at 781-640-2363 or email Bonnie Mullen at justbonnie@gmail.com.

Help Us Spread His Good Word! Thank you.

THE EVANGELISM TESTIMONIAL TEAM

Gene and Bonnie Mullen, Lenny and Julie Hart, Tom Carpenter, Barbara Costas, Dick Covell and Susan Peterson



WOOD-TUPPER SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE

Application forms will be available in the church office early next week for the Wood-Tupper Scholarship. Please call or stop by the office and pick up a copy for you or a family member. The deadline for returning the application is April 30, 2015.

Book Shelf News

In April we are featuring books about Easter. See our shelf in the Vestry for these selections:

- First Easter: The True and Unfamiliar Story by Paul L. Maier
- The First Easter by Peter Marshall
- Family Celebrations at Easter by Ann Hibbard

EXCITING NEWS:

You can now view the listing of the books available in our library online! Please go to the FPCC website at <http://fpccwakefield.com/resources/library/> and view the books that are available. You can search by title, author, and category: Christian Living, Christian Fiction, Audio Video, Youth and Other. We do not have the resources to view if a book has already been checked out of the library; however you can view our wonderful book selection!

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



We sure hope you are preparing to “come aboard” for First Parish's Journey II!

We, as a church family, will gather together in small groups for a 6-week study in church leadership beginning the week of April 6. Your input as you go through the study with your group will be compiled with inputs from all the other participants. We will then gather together as a church family at the end of six weeks and use these results to create a profile for our next settled pastor.

It is important that you participate.

We grow in Christ when we all work together and when we all work together seeking His guidance, we will be part of a God-glorifying journey. The result will be a pastor profile created by our church family with His spirit working through us. The best part of this process is that we all work together through Him.

Please sign up for one of our many Journey II small groups. If you are unable to get out of the house, but would like to participate we could come to you. You can sign up after the church service in the vestry or call the church office to select your class. These are very exciting days at First Parish!

COME ABOARD!

FACILITATORS AND PLACES FOR JOURNEY II

Sunday after the 9 am service: Sharon and Bruce will facilitate a group in Fireside room.

Monday, at 7:30 pm: Mark Hatheway and Andy Black. Location is 5 Sheridan Road in Stoneham. Telephone: for Andy 781-279-9932

Monday, at 7:30pm: Jo Lynn Foster's Bible study. Location is 4 Cardinal Road in Stoneham. Telephone: 781-438-8231

Tuesday at 7:30pm: Ken Hodgson - Location is 50 Federal Street in Reading. Telephone: 781-944-5477

Wednesday at 7pm: Rod Illanes - 5 Kirmes Road in Stoneham. Telephone: 781-572-3068

Thursday morning women at 9:30am in the Fireside Room, First Parish.

Thursday evening women at 7:30pm - Jen Black's house, address is 5 Sheridan Road in Stoneham. Telephone: 781-279-9932

Thursday men's study group at 7:30 pm at Bob Blaser's house, address is 12 Montclare Avenue in Wakefield. Telephone: 1-617-943-4030

Friday, at 1pm: Marcia will facilitate group at her home, 17 Louise Avenue, Wakefield, telephone # 781-245-3527.

Friday at 7:30 pm: Doug and Nancy Jackson's at FPCC in the fireside room. Telephone: 781-438-1417

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Sunday, April 12, 2015

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-35

THOUGHT: Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

—Helen Keller

Have you ever had a day in which nothing seemed to go right? Perhaps the day began innocently enough, but then things began to fall apart. One bad thing after another happened. You couldn't wait for the day to be over. Ever have a day like that?

I have. Not long ago, I visited a scenic area where the mountain vistas were supposed to be spectacular. So I got up early and drove up into the mountains, headed for one particular area where I would be able to hike and get some great views.

Imagine my consternation when, as the road gained elevation, I found that the mountains were completely engulfed in fog! I was in the clouds! When I stood at the trail's end, or peered over a cliff, all I saw was a gray-white sheet of nothing! How disappointing!

Then I had a revelation! If I changed my expectations, this could be one of the best days ever! I had expected to have a day in which I would see beautiful mountain vistas. But instead I was in the fog. So now, I decided that I was going to enjoy the fog. I used my camera to get beautiful fog photos. I got pictures of pine trees in the fog, bridges in the fog, the trail snaking into the fog, a log cabin in the fog — it was wonderful! I have the world's best collection of fog pictures! At least, that's what I tell myself.

Sometimes, things don't go as planned. When this happens, perhaps we need to adjust our expectations. Or, perhaps, we might be helped by looking for something that we can appreciate or for which we can be thankful.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Gracious God, every day is a gift from you! Help me to be thankful even on those days when things don't go as I planned. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Church Herald of the
First Congregational Church
1935
(cont.)**

April 19, 1935 (cont.)

Miss Ruth Wells, 30 Avon St.
Mr. Warren B. Weston, 159 Salem St.
Mr. Franklin B. Wilkins, 27 Pearl St.
Mrs. Mary Wilkins, 27 Pearl St.
Mr. Frederick D. Williams, 20 Aborn Ave.
Miss Erdene J. Young, 16 Fairmount Ave.
Miss Nancy Zappala, 37 Richardson St.

By Letter

Mr. Reginald C. Atkinson, 99A Salem St.
Mrs. Agnes S. Atkinson, 99A Salem St.
Mr. James G. Bain, 36 Park St.
Mrs. Arlene N. Bain, 36 Park St.
Mr. Clifton C. Bain, 36 Park St.
Miss Annie E. Colpitts, 42 Emerson St.
Mr. Kenneth L. Conger, 185 Prospect St.
Miss Rachael Curtis, 8 Cordis St.
Mr. Justus S. Erskine, 8 Karl Rd.
Mrs. Genorie Erskine, 8 Karl Rd.
Mr. Linwood w. Ramsdell, 194 Main St.
Mr. Herbert W. Sears, Morrison Rd. West
Miss Mary E. Thompson, 15 Richardson Ave.
Mr. W. Howard Wells, 30 Avon St.

By Re-Affirmation

Mr. William E. Precourt, 3 Byron St.
Mrs. Alice M. Precourt, 3 Byron St.

April 26, 1935

Dr. Rice made reference in his sermon to the large number of persons --67, to be exact -- who joined in the Spring of 1875, just 60 years ago. Of this number, very large for this period in the church's history, six are living and members of this church. Four of these joined on March 14 -- Mrs. Laura E. Gowing, Hiram Peabody Flagg, Miss Lena Miller and Harry Foster. Two, Mrs. Annie E. Hamilton and Mrs. Alice Currier White, joined on May 2.

Several of our young church members of today belong to the fourth generation of those who joined in 1875, and their families have been in continuous attendance and membership during the half-century and more.

May 3, 1935

To Join Our Church

Our church will welcome into its membership at the morning service on May five the following friends:

By Confession of Faith

Mr. Winsor Beebe, 16 White Avenue
Miss Alice Dalzell, 37 Wave Avenue
Miss Hattie N. Parker, 8 Richardson Avenue
Miss Rosemarie Batty, 3 Johnson Avenue
Miss Olive Wentworth, 204 Main Street

By Letter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Kleinschmidt ,
20 East Street, Stoneham

In loving and grateful memory of Robert Phillip Reid, who united with our Church March 28, 1909, and who entered into the Eternal Life on May 13, 1935

A letter of dismissal was granted on May 9, 1935, to **Martha Clem** to the Highland Congregational Church in Roxbury.

May 24, 1935

Copies of "Mothers' Guild Recipes and Recipes of Famous People" are available at 25 cents from Mrs. John Wathen and other Guild members.

Mr. Johnson, Superintendent of the Church School, has aroused a good deal of interest in recent weeks, as he has spoken about the church picnic, scheduled for Saturday, June twenty-two. His various announcements indicate that careful plans are already being made for amusements and sports of the "good, old-fashioned sort", as he calls them.

May 31, 1935

Our Girls Receive Honors

It is pleasant to record that the first two honors in the Senior Class at the High School have been awarded to two young girls who are members of our church and of the junior choir. Jessie Martin will be valedictorian, and Marion White the salutatorian, of the class of 1935.



On Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, the Board of Trustees will host a Yard and Bake Sale. Rain or Shine there will be a sale!

As you do your spring cleaning, please be on the lookout for items you can donate. We hope to have a nice selection of kitchen items, linens, toys, plant accessories, tools, picture frames, glassware, books and much, much more—something for everyone. **Plus a Bake Sale!**

Come and Shop—Bargains and Baked Goods, too!

Volunteers are always appreciated. Set up will be on Friday, April 24.

Marcia Phinney, for the Board of Trustees

THE CHURCH HERALD

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April 3, 2015

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Thursday, April 16, 2015

(will cover the dates from
April 26 – May 9, 2015)

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