

**SUNDAY, July 26, 2015**

Sanctuary Worship Service – 9:30 am

**Robert Ross, Guest Preacher**

**Sermon Part 1: *Let Your Kingdom Come***

Calendar for Sunday, July 26, 2015

9 am Prayer in the chapel

9:30 am Infant and Toddler care provided

10:45 am Fellowship (vestry)

**Memorial Flowers**

The flowers will be given in loving memory of

Dr. Robert Leff by Linda C. Hamlin.

**Greeters:** Susan & David Frey

**Ushers:** Ruthie Ross, Linell Nester,

Joe D'Agostino, Diane Deminski, and

Barbara Flynn (Captain)

**SUNDAY, August 2, 2015**

Sanctuary Worship Service - 9:30 am

**Robert Ross, Guest Preacher**

**Sermon Part 2: *Let Your Kingdom Come***

Calendar for Sunday, August 2, 2015

9 am Prayer in the Chapel

9:30 am Infant and toddler care provided

10:45 am Fellowship (vestry)

**Memorial Flowers**

The flowers will be given in loving memory of my Dad & Mom, Will & Maxine Iversen, by Linell Nester

**Greeters:** Brian and Lisa Carpenter

**Ushers:** Stephen Gates, Bonnie Mercurio, Linell Nester, Domenic Mercurio (Captain)

**SUNDAY, August 9, 2015**

Sanctuary Worship Service - 9:30 am

Sermon: Guest Preacher

Calendar for Sunday, August 9, 2015

9 am Prayer in the Chapel

9:30 am Infant and toddler care provided

10:45 am Fellowship (vestry)

**Memorial Flowers**

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

**Greeters:** Bruce and Mary Ann Londino

**Ushers:** Stephen Gates, Bonnie Mercurio, Linell Nester, Domenic Mercurio (Captain)

**The Church Herald**

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The Rev. Dr. Ron Cousineau, Pastor of Transition  
Donald G. Hodgkins, M.M. Organist/Director of Music Ministries

**SUNDAY, August 16, 2015**

Worship Service - 9:30 am

Sermon: Guest Preacher

Calendar for Sunday August 16, 2015

9 am Prayer in the Chapel

9:30 am Infant and toddler care provided

10:45 am Fellowship (vestry)

**Memorial Flowers**

The flowers on the left will be given in memory of Abby Schmidgall Harmon by the Schmidgall 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

**Ushers:** If you would like to usher, please see Domenic Mercurio (Captain)

**SUNDAY, August 23, 2015**

Worship Service - 9:30 am

Sermon: Guest Preacher

Calendar for Sunday, August 23, 2015

9 am Prayer in the Chapel

9:30 am Infant and toddler care provided

10:45 am Fellowship (vestry)

**Memorial Flowers**

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

**Ushers:** If you would like to usher, please see Domenic Mercurio (Captain)

# Please Keep in Prayer

## Prayers for healing:

Terri (Qualters) Stanley, Mike Watt, Erica Illanes, Nancy Gould, Marilyn Jackson, Jean Sabatula, Gina Gebhard, John Oliphant, Walter Smith, Trefina Fox, Artie Melville, and Ed Foley; Warren Reeves is back at Bear Hill in Stoneham and would love visitors

## Please also pray for:

Roy Evans, Bud Thomas, Dan and Nancy Rearick, the Search Committees

**We have been notified** of the death in California of Barbara Bruen, Richard Bardet's sister, after a long illness. Our prayers are with Richard, his daughter Sarah Bardet, and the rest of the Robertson family as they mourn her loss.

## CHAPEL PRAYER

Prayer will continue in the Chapel Sundays at 9 am to pray for our church needs. Please join us to lift up our hearts and our voices to the Lord. No experience necessary. Requirements: a willing heart.

Thank you, Lisa Carpenter

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

### Sanctuary

June 21	102
June 28	69
July 5	50
Wed. Worship 7/8	30
July 12	81
Wed. Worship 7/15	22
July 19	94

### Church School Attendance

June 21	34
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## **WISDOM & WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS**

continue through Labor Day, 6:30-8:00pm. Come join us for fellowship, praise music, an inspiring message, and a time to discuss as a group the evening's message. Come, hear and share the joy.

## THANK YOU'S

We'd like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, meals, and rides for our kids, and all of the support and help that you gave us during the recovery from Erica's sinus surgery. It is all so appreciated. We have a great church family who are so good at showing God's love. You are all a blessing to us.

With love & gratitude, Erica, Rod, Dante & Ami

**Thank you** for your donation of \$45 in support of the Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry. In May, we distributed over 7 tons of groceries during 376 visits and served 728 of our Wakefield neighbors. We couldn't have done it without you!

Maureen Miller, Director of Operations, WIFP

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift received on 5/22/15 for international disaster recovery through United Church of Christ ministries. Per your request, the gift has been designated for the Nepalese Earthquake Fund.

Thank you for helping the UCC through a commitment to mutual relationships with partner churches and organizations around the world, to be present and active in disaster recovery. Thank you for being a bold voice for hope that does not despair in the face of disaster, but helps people recover their lives and communities.

Rev. Dr. Mary Schaller Blaufuss, UCC Global  
Sharing of Resources Team Leader

Dear First Parish Family,

Thank you for all of your cards, caring words, and prayers at the time of my father's passing. Special appreciation to the Meals Ministry and Kim Albushies for delivering meals. They were delicious and certainly were appreciated by a very full house with a less than full refrigerator! Finally, thank you to my dear friend Bonnie Mullen for delivering a bouquet from Sunday's flowers. They brightened the house!

With love, Donna Conlon and Family

## **AN INVITATION**

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is starting a new nine-week study on Thursday July 23 at 9:30. The name of the book is Golden Fruit, about living the fruit of the Spirit through the best times of your life.

Come and enjoy the fellowship and the opportunity to draw closer to the Lord. For more information or to order a book contact Angela Faylor at 781-246-0643.

## **COMMITTEE VACANCY UPDATE**

The Nominating Committee wants to let our church family know that we still have a few openings on various committees: Trustees, Fair, and a delegate to represent FPCC at 4 C's functions.

If you are interested or would like more information on these openings, please get in touch with me. Thank you.

Linda D'Agostino, Chair of Nominating  
781-245-0243

## **A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS COMING!**

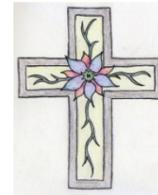
The church office will be printing a new Church Directory in the near future. If you were not included in the current edition (published October 2013) and would like to be included in the next one, please forward your name, address, telephone numbers and email address to the office for inclusion. If you were listed in the last directory and have had any changes to your address or telephone number, or would like to add an email address, please forward that to the church office as well. Please mark the envelope Church Directory. Thank you for your kind assistance, it is greatly appreciated.

**Special giving envelopes**, labeled "A Gift from His Blessings," are available in the pews and on the Williams Table in the rear of the sanctuary for those who would like to make a special gift to help "fill the gap" (reduce the deficit) in First Parish's 2015 Budget. Your gift will help reduce the amount which would need to be spent from our Reserves and Trust Funds. Several members have already responded to this need; your gift of any amount will help!

## **From the Christian Education Committee**

**Old South United Methodist Church**, Reading Square, is hosting a VBS from August 3-7, 9 am to noon. Their program is for kids from preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade; cost is \$25, but scholarships are available. Use this link to register:  
[PastorCarol@oldsouthumc.org](mailto:PastorCarol@oldsouthumc.org).

**Please don't forget** to go online to our website (if you haven't already done so) and sign up your family for our exciting Fall curriculum series, the Gospel Project Chronological Bible Study. Be sure to mark **Sunday, September 6** (Labor Day weekend) on your calendars as the start of this inspiring new approach to the Scriptures.



## **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 the "Guide to Developing a Great Testimonial" available at our welcome kiosk or on our website at <http://fpccwakefield.com/event/testimonial-ministry-2015-07/> 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](mailto: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

## Book Shelf News

In July and August we are featuring Christian fiction books that are in a series. These books make for excellent beach reading!

See our shelf in the Vestry for these selections:

### ***The Abram's Daughters Series* by Beverly Lewis:**

The Covenant  
The Betrayal  
The Sacrifice  
The Prodigal

### ***The Seasons of Grace Series* by Beverly Lewis:**

The Secret  
The Missing  
The Telling

### ***The Above the Line Series* by Karen Kingsbury:**

Take One  
Take Two  
Take Three

### ***The Heirs of Montana Series* by Tracie Paterson:**

Land of My Heart  
The Coming Storm  
To Dream A New

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



**The office has been notified** of a baby's crib (made of cherry and maple) in very good condition looking for a new home. If you know of someone who might be able to use it, please contact the Church Office.



## Music Notes

Please mark Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 pm on your calendar if you have even the slightest inclination to serve your church with music!! This is the time for our annual Sanctuary Choir "Welcome Back" Dinner sponsored by the Music Committee, a chance to enjoy a great meal served up by Tania Alongi and the rest of the committee, followed by a short rehearsal to prepare music for the coming Sunday. You don't need to make a reservation or pay anything: just come! Anyone is welcome who'd consider adding the choir to their service to God and First Parish, and we really need you to give this opportunity some serious thought. Joining us for dinner does not obligate you in any way; it's just a chance to socialize and sing with our present choir members. Hopefully you'll enjoy yourself and will want to join us on subsequent Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:00 for our regular rehearsals, but if you decide it's not for you, so be it.

See you there!!



Don Hodgkins, Director of Music Ministries

Hi Everyone!!!

On Wednesday evening, as I approached the church, my car windows were rolled down. I could hear the music within from the street as I passed by. I was excited to park the car and get inside.

What a wonderful night to begin First Parish's Wednesday worship program for the summer. Congratulations to all those that put the program together; very well done. Looking around, it appeared that everyone had a terrific night thoroughly enjoying the fellowship, worship, the video and group reflection that followed. Max Lucado's video on prayer was motivating and reassuring and the short group discussion totally reinforced it all. It was so exciting we had several new faces in our vestry to experience it alongside us. Please come and check it out and bring a friend with you for the next one. I'm so looking forward to it. Every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm through the Summer. A great uplifting night! Blessings all around!!!

Ruth Ross, Reporting with DOD



## JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Benjamin Spicer
- 2 - Lorna Connelly, Talia Gebhard, Nicholas Gabriel
- 3 - Richard Pratt, Richard & Barbara Sullivan (A)
- 4 - Kathryn Millheim
- 5 - Maureen Howland, Evan Covell
- 7 - Abigail Bacci, Madeleine Oliver
- 12 - Lisa Haley
- 13 - Darcy Hildreth
- 14 - Nathaniel Ross
- 15 - Joseph Toto
- 17 - Bruce Londino
- 18 - Amanda Perkins, Sofia Laboy, Amanda Rosa
- 19 - Carolyn Conlon, Sally Watt
- 20 - Robert Blaser
- 21 - Jonathan Brown, Shirley Fitzgerald, Emily Covell
- 22 - Frank Banks
- 23 - Janet DeGuglielmo, Stacy McGrath, Gianna Gebhard
- 24 - Laurel Caputo, Carrie Carr
- 26 - Stephen Hildreth, Frank "Sandy" Tredinnick, Janet Sharpe, Eugene Mullen
- 28 - James Black
- 31 - Lisa DeGuglielmo, Jayna Hatheway



## 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
- 5 - Jeffrey Arena
- 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 - Joseph Bernabeo, Frederick C. Howland
- 23 - Bonnie Mercurio, Nancy Gould
- 26 - Anthony Kennedy, Bret Willis, Ernest Chandler
- 27 - Helen Bernabeo
- 30 - Jennifer Black, Lindsay Govostes, Hilda Oliver



## What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-on-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

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- Is life more than you can handle right now?
  - Is your health, your attitude or your relationships suffering?
  - Are you adjusting to a new job, change in marital status a serious illness, the death of a loved one, a recent move?
  - Would you like to have someone in your life who really cares?
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*When you or someone you know is in need of care.*

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love with you can help you get through the confusion, stress or loneliness you may be experiencing.

## What is a Stephen Minister?

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- A child of God who walks alongside a hurting person.
  - A caring, Christian friend who really listens.
  - A lay person who has received over 50 hours of training to provide distinctly Christian care.
  - Is NOT a counselor or therapist.
  - Is NOT a casual visitor or a problem solver.
  - Is NOT someone to do chores or run errands.
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## Called to be Caregivers

### *How does the referral process work?*

A person – either you, a relative or a friend – is hurting and in need of Christian care.

The Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator learns about this need for care – from the pastor, the person or a friend, always with the person's permission.

The Referrals Coordinator talks with the person about Stephen Ministry.

With the person's permission, the Referrals Coordinator assigns a Stephen Minister to meet on a weekly basis with the person.

The Stephen Minister continues to provide distinctly Christian Care for the person with strict confidentiality.

### *Stephen Ministry helps meet the needs of individuals who are:*

- hospitalized
- terminally ill
- bereaved
- in a job crisis
- in a time of life transition
- disabled
- homebound
- lonely
- in a spiritual crisis

Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you in your Journey to wholeness.

Please contact Stephen Leader, Ken Hodgson at 781-492-1792 or [Ken.Hodgson@verizon.net](mailto:Ken.Hodgson@verizon.net) to be referred to a Stephen Minister.



### *A Meals Ministry Feeding the Body and the Soul*

*There is a group that meets, regularly to prepare meals for those that have had surgery, are bereaved or are in need of the love a home cooked meal can offer.*

*If you would like to lend a hand in food preparation or if you know of someone who could benefit from a meal that not only feeds the need but feeds the soul, please contact Jen Black, the Ministry Meals Coordinator at 781-279-9932.*

*You can also help by donating 1 gallon freezer storage bags and/or new plastic containers for food storage which can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Thursday from 9am until noon. Thank you.*



#### **THE CHURCH HERALD**

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**July 16, 2015**

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

#### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD**

Thursday, August 20, 2015

(will cover the dates from  
August 30 – September 12, 2015)