

May 26, 2016



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016
COMMUNION SUNDAY
GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon: Rev. Nick Toroni
Preaching on the Gospel of Luke
Chapter and Verse

Calendar for Sunday, June 5, 2016

9:00 am Worship Service in the Covell Chapel
10:00 am Prayer in the Chapel
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
(Infant and toddler care provided)
10:45 am (approx.) Church School
11:45 am Fellowship
Noon Junior Choir rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Harris M. Dolbeare and Mr. & Mrs. George E. Curtis by Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Adam and family. The flowers in the center will be given in loving memory of Bob Peavey from Joanne, Bobby, Laura, and Ayden. The flowers on the right will be given in loving memory of Paul Lazzaro by his wife Jo Lazzaro.

Greeter: Kathryn Millheim

Ushers: Steve Gates, Carol Logan, Diane Deminski, Rick Trubiano, Gene Mullen, and Bonnie Mullen (captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Carpenter Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon: Rev. Nick Toroni
Preaching on the Gospel of Luke
Chapter and Verse

Calendar for Sunday, June 12, 2016

9:00 am Worship Service in the Covell Chapel
10:00 am Prayer in the Chapel
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
(Infant and toddler care provided)
11:45 am Fellowship
Noon Junior Choir rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Allan J. & Ruth C. McLennan from the trust fund given in their memory.

Greeter: Joanne Peavey

Ushers: Steve Gates, Carol Logan, Diane Deminski, Rick & Merrilyn Trubiano, Gene Mullen, and Bonnie Mullen (captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Needed; please sign up on chart in vestry if you'd like to host.



Safe in His Loving Arms

Winston "Bud" Thomas

June 10, 1921 ~ May 24, 2016

A Member of First Parish since April 19, 1962

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Prayers for healing:

Robert Blaser (Bob's dad),
Stephen Donovan, Ed Foley, Brian Foster,
David Frey, Elsie Laboy,
Warren Reeves (at Bear Hill), Jean Sabatula,
Stephen Taylor, Janice Whitehead

Please also pray for:

Roy Evans, Richard Pratt, Dan and Nancy Rearick and
Peter as he continues to be away caring for them,
Nancy Gould, John Oliphant, Albert Simkins,
Bud Thomas, Irene Whitehead,
the Search Committee...
our missionaries around the globe:
The Sturgeons, The Rideouts, The Mindlings,
and The Soderbergs.

CHAPEL PRAYER

Prayer for our church needs will begin in the
Chapel at 10 am every Sunday. Please join us.
Thank you, Lisa Carpenter



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer is the most powerful tool!

If you would like our First Parish Prayer Team praying for your needs, please fill out a prayer request. You will find the prayer cards in the back of the Sanctuary on the Williams Table. Our Prayer Box is also there to drop in your prayer request. They will be gathered up by the Prayer Team each week, and they will pray for your needs.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
May 22	13	145	158
May 29	20	84	104

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

May 22	23
May 29	(Family Sunday)



The Trustees would like to thank all those who helped with setting up for the yard sale, manning the tables on the day of the sale, and cleaning up afterwards. Also, our thanks go out to Boy Scout Troop 701, who helped with the clean-up, and to all those who donated items to sell. Due to the contributions of all, we raised approximately \$1200 to put toward our budget deficit. Thank you!

Joe D'Agostino, for the Trustees

From Outreach and the Clothing

Closet volunteers:

Many thanks for all the clothes donated recently – it's much appreciated by all those who have received the clothing given out.

Many thanks to our Church Family for sharing the beautiful flowers from the sanctuary for my birthday. Once again I am blessed!

Joan Potter

It's Coming! Don't Miss It!

Do you want to improve your relationships with others? Do you desire to be physically fit? Are you tired of being tired? Would you like to know God in a more intimate way? The answer is coming!

First Place 4 Health, a Christ-centered total-wellness program, will be offered for the sixth time at First Parish Congregational Church. Over 40 people have gone through the program at FPCC and have enjoyed much success in achieving a balanced wellness in their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual well-being. The cost for your initial 12 week session is \$125; subsequent 12 week sessions are \$25.

First Place 4 Health Summer groups will begin meeting the week of June 13, 2016. Three classes are being offered, Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Evening classes run from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm. The Saturday morning class is scheduled for 9:00 am to 10:15 am.

To join or receive more information, attend our orientation on **Monday night, June 6, 2016** in the Fellowship Room at 6:45 pm. Come hear all about the program, listen to testimonies of people currently in the class, and enjoy some healthy snacks and refreshments. Bring a friend. Please RSVP to Ken Hodgson at 781-492-1792 or kenhodgson184@gmail.com.

MUSIC NOTES

I am presently looking for volunteers to provide special music for our worship this summer while our Sanctuary Choir takes a well-deserved break. Singers or instrumentalists are both welcome; you can choose to either have me accompany you or go it yourself! This is a great opportunity, especially for our youth, to get some practice singing/playing for others, and enhancing our worship at the same time!



On another note (!), please mark September 7 on your calendar if you have any thoughts of joining our Sanctuary Choir next year; that's the date for our "Welcome Back" dinner for the choir, and all are welcome who'd like to consider singing with our dedicated choir. We could sure use some more people, as you have perhaps noticed on Sunday mornings, so please give joining the choir some serious thought. High-school age and up are all welcome; no auditions or other requirements, except that you like to sing and want to help our congregation worship God in music. Watch for more details in August.

Don Hodgkins, Director of Music Ministries

Settled Pastor Search Committee Update

Thank you for your continued prayers! Church leadership met with one of the candidates on the weekend of May 21st. Feedback from council, diaconate, and church staff was very positive. The search committee and council have decided to take the next steps in the process.

Please continue to pray for the candidates and our church family. Thank you and blessings,

Rod Illanes, Chair
Settled Pastor Search Committee
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If you know of someone who is graduating this year, please contact the church office so the graduate will be

honored during the service on June 5, 2016. It would also be wonderful if they could be present in the service to be recognized.

Respite Care Needed

If you are able to offer your care and attention to a homebound family member to allow the caregiving family member to attend church even once a month, please contact the church office and we will put you in touch with the family in need.

A Piece of My Heart – Love in Action

There are those times we are given a chance to put our faith and love into action. The question is, what do we do when we have the opportunity before us? If we are the extension of our Living Lord Jesus Christ here on earth, then when we do something, He is working through us. He loves through us. It happens all the time and mostly, it may go unnoticed by most. But to those who receive His love through others, they are blessed. *The body is a unit, though it is comprised of many parts. And although its parts are many, they all form one body. So it is with Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12*

Stewardship is more than money. It is love in action. It is a condition of the heart. It is what you do with what God gives you. He gives each of us a gift, a talent if you will to use to glorify Him and to bless others. We are given opportunities to pour out His love. When an opportunity manifests itself, the pathway is open for us to then react to it. When we use these gifts to witness love to one another, we become Love in Action. A need is defined and the action begins. An appeal went out to our church family and they responded. It was good to see how everyone pitched in and stepped up, set up and gave of their time to cook, bake, prepare and shop. A labor of love was given and received. I am so grateful to have witnessed love in action. You could feel it, it was wonderful. It is such a privilege to be a part of this family of God. The Living,

Breathing Jesus within, He gives us new life with each new day with a new chance to practice responding to Him. As the day begins, may we be mindful of what, when and who God puts before us. May we keep our eyes and ears open for the opportunity to serve willingly to bring glory to His name.

Ruth Ross on behalf of Stewardship

Do you know it is possible with the help and guidance of God as we listen to Him, that our church family can close the gap as He speaks to each one of us, and we respond to Him?

87 committed pledge promises
\$270,000 budget needs set by Council for pledges for operating
\$197,000 is what we have pledged to date
\$73,000 is what we need.

Dear Lord, You know what we need before we even ask. Please help each one of us to respond to you. Help us to draw near to You and trust You are all that we need. You say to thank you in advance for what You will do. May we trust You completely. Help us to see You clearly in the finances of Your church. Help us to be good stewards of Your church here in Wakefield. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.

Book Shelf News

In June we are featuring books for Father's Day. See our shelf in the Vestry for these selections:

- Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul by John Eldredge
- Stories for a Dad's Heart by Alice Grey
- Shoulder to Shoulder: How God Builds Spiritual Men by Bill Mills

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!

Bags of Love

Because a child's belongings are
never trash.



May is Foster Care awareness month and we are praying for your support to help transform garbage bags into bags of love!

Did you know that children taken from their homes due to neglect are usually given a garbage bag to pack up their personal belongings in?

Your \$25 donation to FPCC will help to purchase a duffel bag plus contents from TogetherWeRise.org to be given to our local Department of Children and Families office in Malden. A sample "Bag of Love" will be on display after church during the month May. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to First Parish Congregational Church and in the memo put Bags of Love.

We appreciate your consideration and prayer to help hurting children know that the things they consider precious are also important to us!

Blessings in Christ, Heather Hulse & Elijah

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD

Thursday, June 9, 2016
(will cover the dates from
June 19 – July 23, 2016)