



SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Hopwood
Sermon:

FPCC Vision Series: Edify Part II

Calendar for Sunday, January 15, 2017

9:00 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Bible Study (2nd Peter)
10:00 am Prayer in the Chapel
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
(Infant and toddler care provided)
Sunday School following Children's Message
11:45 am Fellowship

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in remembrance of Earl Sheaff's birthday on January 14 by Barbara Flynn

Greeter: Julia McDonald

Ushers: Rhonda and Frank Brown, Joe D'Agostino,
Steve Gates, Dexter Wheeler,
Linda D'Agostino (captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Women's Thursday Morning
Bible Study



The Church Herald

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Hopwood
Sermon:

FPCC Vision Series: Edify Part III

Calendar for Sunday, January 22, 2017

9:00 Chapel Worship
10:00 am Prayer in the Chapel
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
(Infant and toddler care provided)
Sunday School following Children's Message
11:45 am Fellowship
Noon (approx.) Junior Choir rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Hamlin by their daughter
Linda C. Hamlin

Greeters: Judy & Tom Gordon

Ushers: Rhonda and Frank Brown, Joe D'Agostino,
Steve Gates, Dexter Wheeler, Linda
D'Agostino (captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Catherine & Tim Callaghan



Welcome Home

Elsie Martin Durkee

November 26, 1926 - December 26, 2016

Member of FPCC since May 5, 1940



Please Keep in Prayer

Prayers for healing:

Stephanie Apitz (Bob Blaser's niece, sternum surgery), Peter Barden, Andy Black, MaryAnn Doherty, Russell Fanjoy, Barbara Flynn, Mark Ganong, Steve Gates (hand surgery this week), Jan Martin (Pilgrim Rehab in Peabody), Domenic Mercurio, Jimmy Melanson, Warren Reeves (at Bear Hill), Jean Sabatula, Dick and Barbara Sullivan, Stephen Taylor and Angelique Toroni

Please continue to keep us in your prayers:

The Durkee Family as they grieve the loss of Elsie, Robert Blaser (Bob's dad), Stephen Donovan, Ed Foley, the Laboy family, John Oliphant, Richard Pratt, Peter Rearick and his parents, Albert Simkins, Janice and Irene Whitehead, Our missionaries around the globe



If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact the church office.



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
January 1		112	112
January 8	Snowed out	100	100

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 1	Family Sunday
January 8	Attendance not taken

UPDATE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We would like to thank all of you who have offered to help our church in filling so many of the 19 committees that we have available each year.

That being said, we are still reaching out to others who maybe haven't had a chance to speak to one of us or haven't decided yet where they could help.

One of the most crucial positions is that of the TREASURER of our church. That would, of course, need to be someone who has some financial background. Hopefully there is someone who would be able to take on this position.

We also have openings on other various committees. I will be in the vestry following worship for as many Sundays as it takes to help fill these positions. Please come and at least talk to me to see what might work for you and your schedule in supporting our church. If we don't have a position that will work for you, then at least you tried.

God Bless

Linda D'Agostino, Chair of Nominating Committee

Annual Meeting Luncheon

January 29, 2017

Immediately following the Worship Service

The luncheon will consist of cheese and crackers, salad, rolls and butter with chicken, broccoli and ziti as the main course along with a delicious dessert.

The price is \$13 per person or \$30 for a family.

Linda D'Agostino will be taking signups and prepayment on January 15 and 22 for your dinner reservations.

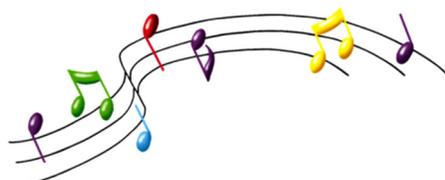
Reminder to Committee Chairs: The deadline for Annual Report submissions is next Sunday January 15. Please be sure to submit your report on time. Thank you.

Music Notes

The New Year would be a great time to start a new practice: joining the choir! We rehearse Wednesdays at 7:30 and Sundays before the service, and would love to welcome some new faces. See me at Coffee Hour, call me in the office, or email me if you'd like to know more. Or just COME next Wednesday - you'll be welcomed with wide open arms!

And for kids kindergarten age and up who like to sing, it'd be super to see you in the Junior Choir. They rehearse after worship on Sundays, sing about once a month, and have a lot of fun! Junior Choir rehearsals will resume on January 22, so put it on your calendar.

Don Hodgkins. Director of Music Ministries
donhodg@aol.com



Good news! Stewardship and a New Year

When our congregation approved the Church's 2016 Annual Operating Budget, expected income was less than planned expenses. We trusted that God would provide for our needs, and First Parish members voted to allow "deficit" spending from trust funds, if needed to cover expenses.

The good news: We expect the 2016 Annual Report will show a small surplus for the year! Expenses were less than we planned (we did not have a settled (or full-time) pastor until August, nor did we have a youth minister for the full year). Throughout the year, God was faithful; He knew our needs, and provided. Thank you, Lord God!

If you haven't already, please consider a making a pledge for 2017.

Your pledge in any amount will help our Trustees and Church Council plan for 2017. We hope to recommend a 2017 Budget that includes health benefits for our new Pastor, as well as a part-time Youth Minister position. If the 2017 Budget can be funded with pledges and other expected income, our Committees can use trust fund resources for important ministries, E-team programs, and building improvements.

Please continue to pray for our Church and our Pastor, and all who seek, worship, and serve God here at First Parish.

Online Giving Reminder

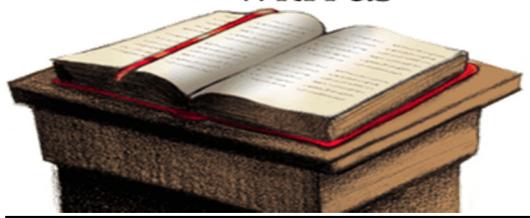
You can now give to First Parish online – whenever it's most convenient. We added this option because many people (and banks!) prefer electronic giving and payment methods.

Online giving is secure and confidential, with benefits for givers and the Church.

To give online, go to fpccwakefield.org. Click on **GIVING** (at the top of the screen), and follow instructions on the Giving screen. You can give by direct-debit (EFT) from a bank account, or with a credit or debit card. If you want to place your gift in Sunday's offering plate, you can use part of your printed giving receipt.

If online giving is convenient for you, give it a try! You are always welcome to contact the Church Office if you have questions or need assistance. Merry Giving!

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Women's Bible Study: Thursdays,
7:30 pm (location TBA)

We will be following a study guide to aid discussion in the books of Ruth and Esther. We will also plan time for prayer and prayer requests. Please email Kellie at kellieroden@yahoo.com or text her at 978-766-3697.



SNOWSTORM POLICY

If there is a snowstorm and our 9 am service needs to be canceled, the outgoing message on the church office answering machine will inform callers of any service cancellations. 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.

Thank you so very much for the poinsettia plant. Pat and I have both been home with colds, which we did not want to share with our church family.

God bless you all and a most Merry Christmas.
Pat & Sandy Serrentino



A Winter Weekend Treat for Women
February 17th – 19th

Join us for a weekend of relaxation and fellowship to refuel your spirit at our annual Women's Winter Retreat at the Linden Tree Inn in Rockport. It's a great time together with new and old friends alike. Whether you've been with us before or have never been, come along. Enjoy delicious meals prepared by Tobey and John. Stroll to downtown Rockport for a day of shopping or just find a quiet spot to sit and read in the cozy Inn. Settle in and watch a movie, or play a game or two. We are looking forward to seeing you at this sweet retreat. The cost of \$160 includes all meals. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Byam at 781-245-0830 or jen2179@msn.com.

Space is limited. Sign up in the Vestry after Church.





American Red Cross

**January 20, 2017, from 1 pm – 8 pm,
in the Vestry**

**Make your appointment today to schedule a donation.
Call 800-Red Cross (733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org
There is a shortage of blood and we need you.**

Jesus gave His ALL.

May we give to help someone else live.



CHURCH HERALD

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January 10, 2017

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD
Thursday, January 19, 2017**

**(will cover the dates from
January 29- February 11, 2017)**