



The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Hopwood
Sermon:

FPCC Vision Series: Equip II

Calendar for Sunday, February 12, 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
Noon (approx.) Junior Choir
7:30 Girls High School Bible Study

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in memory of Mr. & Mrs.
Charles T. Kramer by their daughter Patricia.

Greeter: Teddie Fitzpatrick

Ushers: Marcia Phinney, Andrew Donnelly, Ruth
Ross, Jennifer Byam, and Linda Byam
(Captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Antique Show Committee



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

FAMILY SUNDAY

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am

Guest Preacher: Rabbi Nathan Joiner
Associate Rabbi
Congregation Ruach Israel
Needham, MA

Calendar for Sunday, February 19, 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)
11:45 am Fellowship
7:30 Girls High School Bible Study

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in memory of Charles Nelson
& Ruth Phinney, Linda Hunzelman, and Janet Phinney
by Marcia Phinney, daughter and sister, and Leonard,
David, and Stephen Hunzelman.

Greeter: Kathryn Millheim

Ushers: Marcia Phinney, Andrew Donnelly, Ruth
Ross, Joe D'Agostino, Barbara Flynn, and
Linda D'Agostino (captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Janet & Chris Hurren



Welcome Home

Richard E. Sullivan

November 25, 1928 – February 5, 2017

Member of FPCC since February 15, 1998

*Funeral will be held on
Thursday Feb. 9, 2017 at 11 o'clock*



Please Keep in Prayer

Prayers for healing:

Stephanie Apitz (Bob Blaser's niece), Peter Barden, Andy Black, MaryAnn Doherty, Barbara Flynn, Mark Ganong, Steve Gates, Jan Martin, Jimmy Melanson, Warren Reeves (at Bear Hill), Jean Sabatula, Barbara Sullivan, Stephen Taylor, Angelique Toroni, and Pat Weisenbach

Please continue to keep us in your prayers:

The Sullivan Family as they mourn the loss of Dick; Robert Blaser (Bob's dad), Stephen Donovan, Ed Foley, the Laboy family, Domenic Mercurio, 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 29	15	89	104
February 5	20	95	115

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 29	37
February 5	32

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

I would like to thank the Flower Committee for their thoughtfulness in sending me both poinsettias at Christmas and a bouquet for my birthday in January. Heather Hulse was so kind as to deliver them and pass on the greetings of the church. I'm so grateful to be remembered, as health issues have prevented me from attending church regularly.

Joanne Frey

To my dear friends at First Parish, I want to thank you for your thoughtful prayers, cards (especially from the Diaconate through this), the loan of a wheelchair, and several delicious meals (through Jen Black). Only 4 more weeks of this limiting activity, and my "home health aide, Richard", is doing a great job.

Wishing you all a fulfilling 2017.

Pat Weisenbach

OUTREACH UPDATE:

The Thanksgiving offering that you so generously gave to, was divided between Salvation Army Wakefield Fuel Fund and A Woman's Concern, which is a Christian mission to women and couples in pregnancy distress.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Malachi 3:10

I Give My Pledge to God



If you have filled out a pledge card for 2017, **please remember to pick up your box of pledge envelopes on the table in the back of the vestry.** *If you are giving online, quarterly or yearly and would like a box of envelopes, please make your request known to Eleanor. If you would like envelopes, please contact the church office of Eleanor directly.*

Ruth Ross for Stewardship.

Our Average Yearly Operating Costs:
\$390,000

Update: 86 Pledge Commitments to date have been received.

\$217,000 has been financially committed by our church family to date.

Trust in Him and He will make your pathway straight...

The Possibility of Online Giving is a Now a Reality

You can give to First Parish online, now at your convenience. Today many people prefer electronic giving and payment methods. Even the banks! 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.

Give on-line a try! You are always welcome to contact the Church Office if you have questions or need assistance.

Joyful Always in Giving!

Did you Know...?

A portion of our budget supports the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC), the denomination with whom we are affiliated CCCCUSA.com. Our churches donation is approximately \$20 per active member. If you would like to contribute towards this support, please write "conference support" in the memo of your check or use your pledge envelope marked conference dues. Your help will support our conference along with our 2017 budget.

Something to think about ...
Ruth Ross for Stewardship



Preliminary

2017 Passion Play Rehearsal Schedule

#	Date	Lunch	Rehearsals	Notes
1	2/5/2017	12:30 - 1:30pm	Meet & Greet	Super Bowl
2	2/12/2017	12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00pm	
	2/19/2017	NO REHEARSALS: Women's Retreat		
3	2/26/2017	12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00pm	
	3/5/2017	NO REHEARSALS: Marriage Retreat		
4	3/12/2017	12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00pm	Pasta Supper??
5	3/19/2017	12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00pm	
6	3/26/2017	12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00pm	
7	4/2/2017	12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00pm	
8	4/9/2017	12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 3:00pm	
Passion Week				
Mon	4/10/2017	6 - 8pm	Rehearsals	
Tue	4/11/2017	6 - 8pm	Rehearsals	
Wed	4/12/2017	6 - 8pm	Rehearsals	
Thur	4/13/2017	6pm	Play starts at 7pm	
Fri	4/14/2017	6pm	Play starts at 7pm	
Sat	4/15/2017	6pm	Play starts at 7pm	

If for any reason you are not able to make a rehearsal,
or if you're going to be late,
please text Jo Lynn on her cell:
Cell # Jo Lynn: 1-781-454-6012

Where we need help

Cast Lunches:	Feed cast on Rehearsal Sundays (see rehearsal schedule)
Marketing	Get the word out
Costumes & Props	Organize and distribute costumes and props
Stage Crew	Set up and break down stage

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Lighting	Operate Lights (all Passion Week)
Sound	Operate Sound board (all Passion Week)
Baby Sitting	Babysitting for night of each performance
Prayer	Prayer team for community and actors
Videography	2 video camera people
Video Screen	Set up and break down of video screen
Makeup	Make up needed for Judas

VESTRY OUTREACH we need someone to lead making our Vestry
warm, inviting, and informative

Actors male and female actors



SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9 am to 1 pm



Even though it's only January, the toward spring! As you do your winter the lookout for items you can donate to nice selection of kitchen items, linens, picture frames, glassware, jewelry, everyone! You can help us by pricing your items ahead of time and mark your items "Yard Sale" so that we may store them properly. Donation receipts will be available.

Trustees are already looking and spring-cleaning, please be on this event. We hope to have a toys, plant accessories, tools, books, and more—something for

HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING: computer hardware (such as CPU's, printers, keyboards, mouse/mice), telephone, TV's (unless color and in good working order), textbooks, car seats, cribs, large appliances, or clothing (please donate clothing to the Clothing Closet). Please make sure your donation is clean and in good working order.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD
Thursday, February 16, 2017**

**(will cover the dates from
February 26 - March 11, 2017)**