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SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am
Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Hopwood
Sermon

1 John 1: The Confidence of Confession

Calendar for Sunday, April 23, 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
Coffee hour follows 10:30 service
Noon: Junior Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Girls High School Bible Study

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of
Helen Pratt by her husband Richard.

Greeter: Kathryn Millheim

Ushers: Dick Covell, Frank Brown, Janice Jones,
Stephen Gates, Dexter Wheeler, and Jim Fosnock
(Captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Antique Show Committee

Christ
is
Risen!



The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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SUNDAY, April 30, 2017

Worship Service –9:00 & 10:30 am
Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Hopwood
Sermon

1 John 2: Our Unconditional Advocate

Calendar for Sunday, April 30, 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
Coffee hour follows 10:30 service
Noon: Junior Choir rehearsal
Noon: Membership Class
7:30 pm Girls High School Bible Study

Memorial Flowers

The flowers will be given in loving memory of our
families by John & Amy.

Greeter: Erin Bacci

Ushers: Dick Covell, Frank Brown, Janice Jones,
Stephen Gates, Dexter Wheeler, and Jim Fosnock
(Captain)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Needed! Please sign up in
vestry.



Please Keep in Prayer

Prayers for healing:

Stephanie Apitz (Bob Blaser's niece)
Peter Barden, Andy Black,
Tammy Desrosiers (knee surgery)
and Tammy is also mourning the loss of
her mom Greta Bullerwell

MaryAnn Doherty, Mark Ganong, Richard Pratt,
Warren Reeves (at Bear Hill), Stephen Taylor,
Angelique Toroni, Pastor Rich and Pat Weisenbach,
Marjorie & Matthew Willard (Ken Wood's
sister & nephew)

Please continue to keep us in your prayers:

Robert Blaser (Bob's dad), Stephen Donovan, Ed Foley,
the Laboy family, Domenic Mercurio,
Mary Mac Laughlin, John Oliphant, Peter Rearick and his
parents, Jean Sabatula,
Albert Simkins, Barbara Sullivan (Oosterman's Rest
Home), Janice and Irene Whitehead,
And for 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!

Would you 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.
The Prayer Team will gather them up each week,
and they will pray for your needs.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
April 9	27	144	171
April 16		220	220
	Sunday School		
April 9	44		
April 16	Family Sunday		



FPCC Bible Studies *Opportunities to Grow*

Sunday @ 9 am – Bible Study

Location: First Parish Church Library
Contact: Bruce Londino, 781-850-6341

Sunday @ 7:30 pm - Girls High School Bible Study

Location: First Parish Fireside Room
Contact: Emily Covell, 781-854-2848

Monday @ 7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study

Location: 5 Sheridan Road, Stoneham
Contact: Andy Black, 781-279-9932

Monday @ 7:30 pm - Women's Bible Study

Location: 4 Cardinal Road, Stoneham
Leader: Jo Lynn Foster, 781-454-6012

Monday @ 7:00 pm - FirstPlace4Health Study

Location: First Parish Fellowship Room
Contact: Kathy Bourgault, 978-210-6166

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm – Bible Study

Location: First Parish Library – starts March 29th
Leader: Nicki McLennan, 781-620-0241

Thursday @ 9:30 am - Women's Bible Study

Location: First Parish Fireside Room
Contact: Angela Faylor, 781-246-0643

Thursday @ 7:00 pm - Women's Bible Study

Location: First Parish Fireside Room
Contact: Jen Black, 781-279-9932

Thursday @ 7:30 pm - Men's Bible Study

Location: 12 Montclair Ave, Wakefield
Leader: Rick Trubiano, 781-245-2983

Thursday @ 6:45 pm - FirstPlace4Health Study

Location: First Parish Upstairs Classroom
Leader: Diane Steniford, 781-231-5654

Saturday @ 8:45 am - FirstPlace4Health Study

Location: First Parish Fireside Room
Contact: Nancy Kunz, 339-203-0174

Thank You So Very Much

Dear Church Friends,
Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers from Sunday's church service. They are a beautiful birthday surprise from the March 26th church service! They were very much appreciated.
Beverly Oliphant

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Dear First Parish,
We truly appreciate the flowers we received on Sunday that expresses your care and thoughtfulness. My sister, Marjorie and nephew, Matthew are recovering nicely after their surgeries in God's tender care.
Thank you so much,
Ken Wood

Vintage Fair and Marketplace Event

April 28th, 5 – 9p
April 29th, 9 – 2p
\$2 admission

The Antiques Show Committee would like to remind everyone that FPCC will have a church table at the fair. They are still accepting donations for the church table. In addition, many volunteers, including strong helpful kids, are needed as porters to help vendors move their items, and to take orders and serve food at the kitchen. Please talk to Donna Nicolai or any other members of the Antiques Show Committee if you can help. Thank you.

Antique Committee: Stephen Gates, Leith Jones, Carol Logan, Mary MacDonald, Tom Martin, Stephen Taylor and Ray Toothaker



Spring into Membership

On Sunday April 30th the Diaconate, along with Pastor Greg, is conducting a Membership Class. We will discuss what Jesus means to us, our Church history and what it means to be a member of First Parish. If you have thought about joining First Parish and are interested in learning more about our church, please join us. Please contact Jennifer Byam at jen2179@msn.com or 781-245-0830.



Compassion Sunday 2017

Our annual Compassion Sunday event will be held on May 7. You will have the opportunity to sponsor a child who is living in poverty and change the life of that child. There are families and groups within our church who are longtime sponsors.

On May 7, there will be a presentation during the worship service. Following the service there will be a table in the vestry with information about individual children. Our Outreach members will assist you with questions or completing the form. You can choose your own child from the photos and information provided by Compassion.

Please pray about sponsoring a child. It is a long-term commitment but it will not only help a child but it will be a blessing in your life.

Outreach Committee



WELLNESS WORKSHOP

MAY 6TH FROM 9 AM – 2:30 PM

Featuring Vicki Heath

Optional Early Bird Workout 7:45 – 8:15 am

Vicki is the National Director of FirstPlace4Health. She is a certified fitness instructor for the American Council on Exercise, a certified Life Coach, and Wellness Coordinator for her church in Edisto Beach, SC. Vicki is author of the books *Don't Quit Get Fit* and *Wellness Journey of a Lifetime*.

The Schedule:

Keynote #1 Don't Even Think About Quitting!

Keynote #2 Living a Balanced Life

Breakout Sessions: Getting Started with FirstPlace4Health, Healthy Summer Living, Fireside Chat/Leaders Round Table

Inspiring Success Stories: Christine Bevilaqua, Delilah Dirksen, Patty Gallison

Featured Breakout Speakers

- Delilah Dirksen
- Ken Hodgson
- Monique Johnson
- Patty Gallison
- Linda Graves

For more information, visit

www.FirstPlace4Health.com, or contact Ken Hodgson, kenhodgson184@gmail.com 781-492-1792

\$25 registration until May 3, 2017 which includes lunch & refreshments...
\$35 at the Door.



*May Birthdays
and Anniversaries*

- 1 Brianna McGhee
- 2 Leonard & Julie Hart (A)
- 3 Lisa Roderick
- 4 Jeffrey Brennan, Sarah Hammond
- 5 Gregg & Marianne Whitney (A),
Linell Nester
- 8 Thomas Martin, Jr., Shannon
Callaghan
- 9 Brenda Applin, Eric Atwater, Tania
Alongi, Elizabeth Cullen
- 11 Lynn Arena, Frederick Howland, Sr.,
Joanne Peavey
- 12 Donna Woodland
- 13 Jared Spies
- 16 Rebecca Jackson, Jill Martin,
Ginger McGonagle, Kerianne
Cassesso
- 17 Laura Hurren, Arthur Callan,
Russell Fanjoy, Kemper Hopwood,
Pat Kramer
- 18 David Hammond
- 19 Dominic Mercurio, Rhoda Gindi
- 23 David Fox
- 24 Erica Illanes, Don & Faith
Hodgkins(A)
- 25 Robert Kunz, Nathan Houle
- 27 Donna Nicolai, Chandra Laboy
- 28 Robert Thibodeau, Joan Potter,
Leonard Gebhard
- 29 Jennifer & Andrew Black (A)
- 30 Lily Powell
- 31 Carol Logan

**INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY IS
ALSO AVAILABLE ON YOUR**

COMPUTER! *Have you tried to connect? If you have any questions, please call the church office.*

**WOOD-TUPPER SCHOLARSHIP
FORMS AVAILABLE**

Application forms are now available in the church office 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 May 31, 2017.

Leadership Class Starting

April 26th!

Don't think you're a natural-born leader? You can learn to be! John Maxwell teaches you in *Developing the Leader within You* the basic principles of being a leader, the all-important Five Levels of Leadership, and provides practices and principles that you can apply instantly to improve your leadership skills.

It is a lofty calling to lead a group—a family, a church, a nonprofit, a business—and the timeless principles in this book will bring positive change in your life and in the lives of those around you.

You will learn:

- To build trust through personal integrity
- How to create positive change and understand the process involved
- How to develop people
- Crucial problem solving techniques
- How to become character-driven vs. being emotion-driven

A ten week class will begin Wednesday, April 26 from 7 pm – 9 pm in the Fireside Room. Sign up to attend this amazing program! Cost of book is \$10. Contact Nancy at nrk1198@gmail.com with any questions or to register for the class.

Name:			
Home #:		Cell #	
Address:			
Email:			

Hallmark Health Presents

Steps to De-Stress Program

Learn how to successfully relax through a stressful day. At some point, we've all dealt with stress, but having a constant feeling of being "stressed-out" can affect our health and wellness. Join Hallmark Health for this two-class program on Wednesdays April 26 and May 3 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. (please arrive 15 minutes early on April 26).

Learn about:

- Stress physiology
- How stress affects your body
- Techniques for relaxation
- Easy tips to managing everyday stress

To register, please call 781-338-7561 or email

CHE@hallmarkhealth.org

Registration and payment are required one week prior to class.

Cost for two-class session: \$30 per participant

Free program on managing chronic pain

Is living with chronic pain affecting your life? Chronic pain may cause sleep loss, increased stress and loss of motivation around everyday activities. Learn to manage pain and continue living a fulfilling life through this FREE six-session program. On Wednesdays, May 10 – June 14, 2017 from 9:30am to 12 noon at Hallmark Health Medical Center (right off route 128) 30 Newcrossing Rd., Reading MA; Sponsored by Hallmark Health. Registration is required and SPACE IS LIMITED. Please call 781-338-7823 to register.

“Leadership is not an exclusive club for those who were ‘born with it.’ The traits that are the raw materials of leadership can be acquired. Link them up with desire, and nothing can keep you from becoming a leader.”

*Vintage Fair & Marketplace
Show Sponsor
April 28 & 29, 2017*

The Pathway to Online Giving

You are now able to give to First Parish online, at your convenience, if you prefer electronic giving 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.



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

Be a Joyful Giver!

Members and friends of our church: we cordially invite you to be a sponsor for our 46th Annual Show. This event usually brings in more than \$5000 in much-needed revenue for the church each year, and sponsorships help make that happen! Please consider helping your church by being a Sponsor, Patron, or Benefactor.

TRUSTEES' YARD SALE

In spite of the nasty weather, the yard sale brought in \$951 for the Church. This compares favorably with last year.

The trustees would like to thank all who helped make this a success – the sorters who put in many hours beginning many months ago, those who worked to set up, those who manned the tables and those who made quick work of cleaning up afterwards. These events would not be possible without you.

For the Trustees,
Joe D'Agostino

Name(s):

Address:

Email address:

(Please indicate if you do not want your name listed in the brochure.)

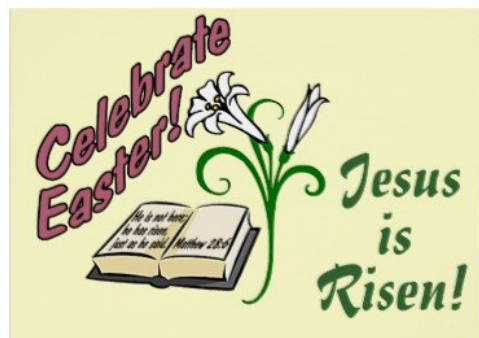
Sponsorship Level (please indicate amount)

Sponsor (up to \$39): \$_____

Patron (\$40): \$_____

Benefactor (\$41 and over): \$_____

Make checks payable to First Parish Congregational Church (write Antiques Show in the memo field). Mail to the church office or drop off at the Antiques Show display in the vestry after church.



CHURCH HERALD

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April 18, 2017

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

You
are
loved.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD
Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**(will cover the dates from
May 7 – May 20, 2017)**