



## The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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### SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am  
Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Hopwood  
Sermon: *1 John 2 –  
The Ten Questions Test of Faith*

#### Calendar for Sunday, May 7, 2017

9:00 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
Agnes M. Morrison from the Trust Fund given in  
her name.

**Greeter:** Ida Montgomery

**Ushers:** Steve Gates, Jennifer Byam, Andrew  
Donnelly, Barbara Flynn, Domenic and Bonnie  
Mercurio, Joe D'Agostino, Michael and Linell  
Nester, Frank and Rhonda Brown and  
Linda Byam (Captain)

**Communion Servers:** Ruth Ross, Barbara Flynn,  
Lisa Carpenter, Rodrigo Illanes, Ismael Laboy and  
Douglas Jackson

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Rick & Merrilyn Trubiano

### SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

#### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

#### MOTHERS' DAY

Worship Service – 9:00 & 10:30 am  
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Sermon: *1 John 2 –  
The Power of Life & Death*

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7:30 pm Girls High School Bible Study

#### **Memorial Flowers**

The flowers will be given in loving memory of  
Arthur L. Lyons, Sr. by the Lyons Family Trust  
Fund.

**Greeter:** Claire Atwater

**Ushers:** Steve Gates, Jennifer Byam, Andrew  
Donnelly, Barbara Flynn, Domenic and Bonnie  
Mercurio, Joe D'Agostino, Michael and Linell  
Nester, Frank and Rhonda Brown and  
James Fosnock (Captain)

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



*Evelyn R. Sullivan*

Born 1934, Home with the Lord on  
April 29, 2017

A funeral service will be held on  
Friday, May 5 at 11 a.m.

A Graveside Service of Interment  
will be held at Forest Glade Cemetery  
Lowell Street, Wakefield  
on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11 a.m.  
for

*Nancy Gould*

August 23, 1950 – February 23, 2017  
Joined FPCC on April 3, 1969



*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.



*Please Keep in Prayer*

**Prayers for healing:**

Peter Barden, Andy Black, Tammy Desrosiers,  
MaryAnn Doherty, Mark Ganong, Richard Pratt,  
Warren Reeves (at Bear Hill), Stephen Taylor,  
Angelique and Pastor Nick Toroni,  
Pastor Rich and Pat Weisenbach,  
Jerry Wilkinson, Marjorie & Matthew Willard (Ken  
Wood's sister & nephew)

Please continue to keep us in your prayers:  
Kenneth Sullivan as he and his family grieve  
the loss of his wife Evelyn, Stephanie Apitz (Bob Blaser's  
niece), 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  
Our missionaries around the globe.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

	<b>Chapel</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Total</b>
April 23	26	116	183
April 30	26	100	166
	<b>Sunday School</b>		
April 23	41		
April 30	40		

*Thank You So Very Much*

*A note of thanks to Steve Gates, Amy McKeown and  
Ann for the delicious ham dinner delivered to me on  
Palm Sunday.*

*With sincere appreciation for all the kindnesses I have  
received past and present. God bless you all.*

*Alwyn Van Cor*

Dear Mr. Gates and all his helpers,  
Hilda and I wish to thank you and the church for including us as recipients of a fine dinner this past Palm Sunday. It is so nice to be remembered.  
Sincerely,  
Hilda and Madeleine Oliver

*Dear First Parish Congregational Church,  
We want to thank the church for remembering us at Easter by sending a lovely Easter lily. It is beautiful and it will be with us for our enjoyment for a few weeks more.  
Sincerely,  
Madeleine and Hilda Oliver*

A very big thank you to members of the flower committee, diaconate and so many of you that just wanted to help in the delivery of the Easter lilies. For those of you who had a chance to visit with so many of our church family, I also thank you for that. It means so much to others when we just take the time and time doesn't cost us anything. Letting people know that we care is what the Lord would want us to do.

God Bless,  
Linda D'Agostino, Chair Flower Committee



## Vacation Bible School

We will be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer **July 31st - August 4th!** Rachel Kunz will be directing the program but will need the support of others to help teach, decorate, and support the effort! **Before we can invite children to register, we need to know we have the volunteers!** If you cannot be here the week of class, we can still use your help in setting up the event. Let's make this a phenomenal experience for our children! Please

reach out to Rachel at 339-203-3456 or Nancy Kunz at 339-203-0174 or [nrk1198@gmail.com](mailto:nrk1198@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping in any way!

## 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 29<sup>th</sup>  
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 Montclaire 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





## Compassion Sunday 2017

Our annual Compassion Sunday event will be held this Sunday, 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

## Celebrating 375 Years

The 375th Anniversary Committee will have a booth at the Festival by the Lake on June 10th. We will be hosting a PHOTO BOOTH! To make this a success, we will need lots of accessories. Please bring any fun items you may have lying around to make our dress up photo booth amazing!! Boas, sun glasses, beads, mustaches, hats, holiday costumes, crowns, you name it!! Chalk Boards & chalk, bubbles, wooden frames, poster boards, and white boards (& markers) are also welcomed!

**Outreach Hosting Agape International  
Pot Luck Dinner  
Saturday, May 20 at 6 pm  
Please contact the church office  
if you plan to attend.**



**WELLNESS WORKSHOP**  
**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.FirstPlace4Health.com), or contact Ken Hodgson, [kenhodgson184@gmail.com](mailto:kenhodgson184@gmail.com) 781-492-1792

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





The entire crew ready to serve our guests, members from Troop 701, Pack 722, and Girl Scouts, among numerous volunteers from the church and community.

### 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](http://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!



The beautiful FPCC dining room with the tables properly set and flowered and a clear shiny floor, thanks to Ken Wood.

**Attention third grade families and parents:** The Christian Education Committee will be ordering the third grade Bibles soon, to be given out on Children's Day, June 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have a third grader in the church please contact the office no later than Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, to let them know and provide the correct spelling of your child's name to be printed on the Bible. Thank you.



Our guests start to fill in at 2:00 pm. 120 friends were served and 22 received meals delivered to their homes.

**Calling all graduates, of all degree levels.** The Christian Education Committee would like to recognize your wonderful accomplishment in front of the congregation. If you wish to have a graduate recognized or participate please contact the church office, before **Sunday May 21st**, with the name, school and degree obtained of each graduate to be recognized. **Please provide contact information for the graduate, as well, so that we may invite them to the service!** - Graduation Sunday will be held on June 18th (updated date)

## MUSIC NOTES

You may have noticed a couple of new faces in our choir loft recently. And I also hope you noticed our bigger sound! We now have 2 of our prospective 4 section leaders to help anchor our Sanctuary Choir and give support to our singers as they learn more of the sacred music repertoire which we were unable to present with our small numbers over the past couple of years.

Our alto section leader, Maya Pardo lives in Watertown, has a BA in Music from UMass and an MM in Voice from the Boston Conservatory. She has performed many opera roles in several venues over the last few years, and also sings in the Tanglewood Festival Chorus (which yours truly also did for a few years back in the dark ages!), the "House Chorus" for the BSO, which performs frequently at Symphony Hall and at Tanglewood.

Brendan O'Brine, our tenor section leader, lives in Jamaica Plain and is also on the music staff at St. Thomas in Peabody, so isn't able to be with us all the time. He is President of the Paul Madore Chorale in Salem, and currently works in university administration.

On another note (!), several of you have told Pastor Greg or myself over the past year that one reason you are reluctant to join the choir is the separation from your family in church, between the choir loft and the pews. I'd like to start a new practice in response to this concern, which our present choir members are all in agreement with: on Communion Sundays in May and June, I'm going to "dismiss" the choir from the choir

loft following the anthem, allowing them to sit with their family members for the rest of the service and to receive Communion. If this works well for all concerned, we'll probably resume the practice again in the fall, and hopefully that will allow more of you to be comfortable joining the choir!

Please join me in welcoming Maya & Brendan, and do consider joining us up in the choir loft as we endeavor to make our choral music as good as it can be in helping us worship our Everlasting God.

Don Hodgkins, Director of Music Ministries

## YOUR HELP & GUIDANCE ARE NEEDED

God has placed it on my heart and it's been on my mind for a long while now that I want to learn how to write a grant proposal that would result in First Parish being rewarded funds that could be used to renovate our bathrooms, used so often by the public. God has blessed us with an awesome building in a prime location, but the electrical wiring is very old, as is the plumbing, and certainly our bathrooms are too.

I'm a blank page when it comes to grant writing. Do anyone know who offers a class that I can take to learn how to write grant applications? Do you know anyone who has experience writing them, someone who might be willing to guide me? Do you know what organizations accept grant proposals submitted by non-profit organizations for historical sites?

Any guidance you can give that will help me to follow through with what God has put on my heart would be very much appreciated. Please call me at home. Thank you. Barbara Flynn, 781-246-0957, or [barbarajflynn@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarajflynn@yahoo.com).

## **Daily Bible Readings**

**Sunday: Luke 22-24**

**Monday: 2 Samuel 9-12**

**Tuesday: 2 Samuel 13-15**

**Wednesday: 2 Samuel 16-18**

**Thursday: 2 Samuel 19-24**

**Friday: 2 Samuel 22-24**

**Saturday: Psalms 49-51**

### **VERSE TO REMEMBER**

“Have mercy on me, O God  
according  
To your unfailing love.”

### **CHURCH HERALD**

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**May 2, 2017**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD  
Thursday, May 11, 2017**

**(will cover the dates from  
May 21 - June 3, 2017)**

You  
are  
loved.