



**Church Office Hours**  
Tuesday—Friday  
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**Office closed Tuesday Feb. 16**

## The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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Conservative Congregational Christian Conference



**Worship Schedule**  
**9:30 am Traditional**  
**11:00 am Contemporary**  
**Children's Chapel after**  
**11am Children's Message**  
**(mask and social distancing required)**  
If you would like to use a Bible during the service at this time,  
please bring one from home.

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**

**Communion Sunday**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon: "Seeking God"**

**Psalm 65:105**

In loving memory of those who have  
lost their lives to Covid 19.

**Sunday, February 14, 2021**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon: "Rediscovering God"**

**2 Kings 22:1,2,8-13**

Kathy & Larry Lyons lovingly will give the flowers in  
honor of their grandchildren, Abigail, Elyse,  
Olivia and Emmeline.



### Attendance for Worship

Sunday, January 24 — 26 Traditional  
55 Contemporary  
Sunday, January 31 — 31 Traditional  
58 Contemporary

Search me, O God, and know  
my heart; try me and know my  
anxious thoughts; and see if  
there be any hurtful way in me,  
and lead me in the everlasting  
way.

Psalm 139:23-24

**Our Mission is to reflect the Love of God by welcoming all people into a life-changing,  
ever-growing relationship with Jesus.**



## Prayer Closet



Dear Lord, thank you for the many ways you continue to watch over us in 2021. May we keep our focus on You. Help us to not fear the future for You are there.

Thank You Lord for the many blessings from Your hand.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

### Pray for those who mourn:

Madeleine Oliver as she grieves the loss of her sister Hilda.

### Prayers for healing and God's tender care:

Charles Arthur still awaiting kidney transplant,  
Ed Bohn/Julie's dad, Douglas Cook,

Jim Donovan, III, Barbara Flynn, Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard, Lenny Hart, Erin Heffernan /Cancer diagnosis, Rita's friend), Fred Howland, Sr., Doug & Nancy Jackson, Lisa Surles and for all those healing and recovering from illnesses

Please continue to keep us in your prayers:

John Bohn (Nancy Jackson's brother), Donna Conlon, Joanne Frey, Teddie Fitzpatrick, Abettina Morano, Sandy Serrentino, Mary Beth Shuman, Lori Smith, Stephen Taylor, Samuel (Kellie's cousin), Steve Wallace, Sr., and for those battling the Covid19 virus, and for our missionaries around the globe.



*The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song.*

Psalm 28:7

**Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one** Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

*Stephen Leaders: Pam and Ken Hodgson*

*Stephen Ministers: Bob Blaser, Barbara Flynn, David and Susan Frey, Judy Gordon, Abettina Morano and Donna Woodland*



## Souper Bowl Sunday

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 7. This year we will support our own FPCC Food Pantry. The pantry, under the direction of Jim Fosnock, has non-perishable food available for the emergency needs of our church family and community neighbors.

Needs include hearty soups and stews, one can meals including pasta meals like Chef Boyardee, peanut butter and jelly and other can meals with flip tops.

When you're picking up snacks for the Super Bowl game, pick up something for our food pantry.

Many thanks.

Outreach



## Pastor's Pen

### "A Generous Heart"



In Exodus chapter thirty-five, God through his servant Moses spoke to his people about giving with a generous heart. Exodus 35:5 reads: ***"Take from among you a contribution to the Lord. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution: gold, silver and bronze."***

The passage continues: ***"And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit move him, and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service and for the holy garments. So, they came, both men and women. All who were of a willing heart."*** (Ex.35:21,22a) Moses had asked for this offering for the special project of building the Tabernacle. The people responded with willing hearts to supply all that was needed to build their place of worship.

The Apostle Paul uses similar words in 2 Corinthians 9:7, ***"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*** Paul was enlisting help for the poor by means of a special offering.

In spite of the difficult events in the last year, the First Parish family has continued to be generous in giving to the work of God. We continue to see a willingness among our congregation to give of time, energy and resources even though we are in a time of pandemic turmoil.

This new year, we have an ambitious budget, but we continue to trust God to see our faith pledges and other giving continue. For those who have not participated, I ask that you pray and ask God what your gift might be in 2021.

Thanks to all who give tirelessly to the work of God here at First Parish and for your gracious financial support. We all look forward to a better year and anticipate a year of growth and service to one another and our community for the glory of God.

Pastor John

# *Bible Studies*



## How We Got the Bible

6 week study

Led by Bruce Londino

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30pm

Have you ever wondered who wrote the books in your Bible and how they ended up together? Has anyone ever told you that some books were cut out of the Bible or that the stories of Jesus in the Gospels can't be trusted? Through these six sessions, Dr. Timothy Paul Jones will answer your questions about how we got the Bible.

Six 30 minute video sessions followed by group discussion.

Week 1. What's So Special about the Bible?

Week 2. How We Got the Old Testament

Week 3 How We Got the New Testament

Week 4. How the Books of the New Testament were Chosen

Week 5. How the New Testament was Copied

Week 6. How We Got the Bible in English

## Philippians Bible Study

for 11 weeks

Led by Pastor John

Wednesday evenings

Beginning February 3 at 7p

The book of Philippians was written by the Apostle Paul from a Roman Prison around 60 A.D. Philippi was a leading Roman city located in northeastern Greece in the fertile "Alluvial Plain of the Strymon River."

(MacArthur)

### Class Outline

1:1-11	Greetings and Thanks
1:12-18	The Gospel
1:19-30	Living In Christ
2:1-11	Christ
2:12-18	Sanctification
2:19-30	Timothy and Epaphroditus
3:1-11	Righteous Through Christ
3:12-4:1	Straining Toward God
4:2-9	Final Exhortations
4:10-20	God's Provision
4:21-23	Benediction

## Sharing the Results of the Fall Fair

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you. This 2020 holiday fair looked very different than the fairs you have known in the past. As a committee, our number one concern was your safety and the health of our entire church family. We spent months discussing different options...how to set up, whether or not to open to the public...and honestly whether or not we should even have it at all.

Ultimately, we all felt that after such a year as this, celebrating the birth of our Savior and coming together in community (6 feet apart of course!) was very much needed. Our mission was not focused solely on making money however, it was to bring joy and Christmas cheer to you, and offer the opportunity for you to shop conveniently and safely on those four Sundays.

The outpouring of support we received was inspiring and truly appreciated! We had a dedicated crew of in-person volunteers who monitored tables, showed up early to set up, stayed late to break down, and kept us all laughing with their comedic routines! Many of those who are still not comfortable attending church chose to help by writing checks, donating items to sell, baking, knitting, and sewing.

Surely you are curious about the numbers. So, here are some of our most important numbers:

- 24:** the number of hours a certain nurse was awake working her shift and still stopped on her way home to help set up and drop off homemade goodies for the bake table
  - 32:** the number of boxes unpacked, displayed, repacked and stored each Sunday
  - 26:** the number of times the fair committee met to sort donations
    - 6:** the number of breakfast sandwiches Steve Gates surprised our committee with, when we were here working early on Saturday mornings
  - 22:** the number of cookie mix jars the Thursday morning bible study prepared and donated
  - 210:** the number of themed items one parishioner generously donated to help fill our gift baskets
    - 4:** the number weeks the Christmas music was all set up, for us ready to just turn on and enjoy
    - 8:** the number of bakers providing all those yummy treats for you
    - 3:** the number of collectable coins which were placed in the offering plate, noted as a donation for the fair
  - 53:** the number of gift baskets we were able to put together
    - 3:** the number of youth group volunteers who joyfully managed the check-out table
- And finally...**80:** the percent of shoppers who generously said "keep the change!"

Our net proceeds totaled \$3,710, last year's traditional fair made just under \$7,900. So despite not including the white elephant, jewelry, not selling food from the kitchen, and not being open to the public, thanks to your overwhelming response we made nearly half of last year's profits!

We are grateful to have such a hardworking and faithful team of committee members, and look forward to serving you and our Lord through our work in 2021.

Thank you!

Beth Rollins on behalf of the Fall Fair Committee



Pandemic Pipes Organ Concert  
Featuring seasonal selections  
Wednesdays at noon to 12:30p  
Come and Enjoy

### Gratitude for Servant Hearts

We are grateful for all those who completed terms servicing in the capacity below. Praise the Lord for each and every one.

Retiring from **CLERK**: Joanne King; retiring from **DIACONATE**: David Frey, Susan Randolph-Frey and Janice Jones; retiring from **ADVISORY ON TRUST FUNDS**: Jim Donovan; retiring from **SPRING FAIR COMMITTEE**: Linell Nester; retiring from **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**: Tom King; Served as **COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE (disbanded)**: Heather Hulse, Barbara Flynn; Stepping back into **DELEGATES TO THE CCCCs**: Ken & Pam Hodgson, Bruce Londino; retiring from the **FLOWER COMMITTEE**: Becky Fosnock, Janet Hurren, Joanne King and Julia MacDonald; retiring from **HOSPITALITY**: Janet Hurren and Linda Sabatula; retiring from **MUSIC**: Nancy Jackson; retiring from **NOMINATING**: Barbara Flynn; retiring from **OUTREACH**: Rhonda Brown; served on **PARISH RELATIONS (disbanded)**: Ruth Ross, Ken Hodgson and Erica Illanes; retiring from **PERSONNEL**: Joanne King; retiring from the **USHER COMMITTEE**: Linell Nester; served on the **WOOD TUPPER COMMITTEE (disbanded)**: Jill Martin, Elaine Thibodeau and Michell Racamoto

The work of the church is essential and it continues. If you would like to serve the Lord in a capacity that also highlights your gifts, positions are open on Music, Outreach, The Board of Trustees, Personnel, Auditor is open as is a position on the Advisory Committee on Trust Funds. If you feel called and would like more information about something that pulled at your heartstrings, please contact either Ruth Ross or Becky Fosnock.



## ANNUAL REPORTS

Available electronically.  
Contact the church office if you would like one sent.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Pamela Major
- 6 - Vanessa Gebhard, Leith Jones, II,  
Joseph Whitney
- 8 - Judith Gordon
- 11 - Charlene Flint
- 14 - Shannon Driscoll, Derek Foster
- 16 - Linda Govostes O'Neil, Douglas Hart, Jessica  
Jackson- Salvucci, Sharon Covell
- 18 - Stephen Whitney
- 21 - Kathy Dale, Dana Peterson
- 22 - Mary Marchant, Stephen Taylor
- 24 - James Fosnock
- 25 - Jeanne Nielsen, Kenneth Parsons
- 27 - Linda Driscoll
- 28 - Benjamin Roden, Brian Roden

*The People*

*The Church*

*The Life of the Church*

*The People*

## Formula for generosity...

1. Faith as small as a mustard seed.
2. Obedience
3. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.



***We are climbing up there...getting closer.***

*We have 219 Active Members*

*Potential Pledge Commitments from*

*Current Households*

*Goal 100 families committed to pledge*

*To Date we have received*

*80 pledge commitments*

Online Giving is available at  
[fpccwakefield.org](http://fpccwakefield.org)  
or with the GivePlus app.

In your Envelope box you will find One envelope to pay for the cost of the envelopes. One envelope for Conference Dues which goes to the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference CCCC, which the church pays dues for each active member. One Mission Envelope, which goes towards Outreach. One Home Improvement envelope that goes towards the building needs. One Love envelope that can be used for an extra blessing. I use mine towards The Love Your Neighbor fund which is a fund that can be used for those in need who come knocking. I also take these additional envelopes and randomly tuck them into the envelope box and when I come upon them, I consider my extra donation.

Ruth Ross for Stewardship

***Please submit your  
pledge commitment  
If you have not done so.***

**Even if you are  
contributing on line!!!**

**Thank you so much for your  
trusting, faith filled response.**

*Please also specify if you would like a  
box of envelopes.*

*What does giving  
have to do with my*



*Everything...*





## Youth Corner The Lion's Den

*Our mission is to create a safe place for each and every one of us to grow closer with God while deepening our connections with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.*

Please feel free to email Julie Bohn with any questions you may have.

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**Have you seen the service live stream on Facebook!!! Check it out.**

**If you don't have a Facebook account, simply go to [fpccwakefield.org](http://fpccwakefield.org) and click on the Facebook icon.**

To view services online, go to our website [fpccwakefield.org](http://fpccwakefield.org)

Also available on WCAT: Sunday 11am (previous week)  
Sunday 7pm (Sunday morning service)  
Monday 8pm, Wednesday noon, & Friday at 7pm  
Channel 3 for RCN & Comcast/Channel 40 for Verizon

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**February 2, 2021**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

#### NEXT DEADLINE

FOR CHURCH HERALD

Thursday, February 11, 2020

(Will cover the dates from  
February 21— March 6, 2021)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3 pm on Wednesdays.

Meeting Minutes for Council  
The Wednesday before Council