



# The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

**Church Office Hours**  
Tuesday—Friday  
10a—4p  
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781-245-1644  
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## 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 21, 2021**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon: "The Holiness of God"**

**Leviticus 11:44,45**

The flowers will be given in memory of Agnes M.  
Morrison from the trust fund given in her name.

**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon: "The Presence of God"**

**Psalms 73:23-26**

The flowers will be given in honor of loved ones from  
Meredith and Ryan Peiffer.

**Join Pastor John**

**ASH WEDNESDAY'S  
DEVOTIONAL SERVICE**

**VIA ZOOM**

**FEBRUARY 17 at 6:30 pm**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89952493534?  
pwd=aFRrOFptaEQ0ZHp5Q1NrVVNVRU5Cdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89952493534?pwd=aFRrOFptaEQ0ZHp5Q1NrVVNVRU5Cdz09)

Meeting ID: 899 5249 3534

Passcode: 557375



## Attendance for Worship

Sunday, February 7 — 38 Traditional  
54 Contemporary  
Sunday, February 14 — 37 Traditional  
56 Contemporary

**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 Your loving care that is always around us. May we be mindful of You in our daily walk. Help us to keep our focus on You so we do not stumble and fall. Help us to know You are right there. Thank You Lord for the many ways You take the best care of us.  
In Jesus Name. Amen.

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

Charles Arthur on kidney transplant list ,  
Ed Bohn/Julie's dad, Douglas Cook, Ed Courier (Ruth's dad hospitalized), Jim Donovan, III, Barbara Flynn, Trefina Fox, Wayne Friedrichs (Jo Lynn's dad on Hospice), Gina Gebhard, Lenny Hart, Erin Hefferman/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, Joanne Frey, Teddie Fitzpatrick, Abettina Morano, Sandy Serrentino, Mary Beth Shuman, Stephen Taylor, Samuel (Kellie's cousin) Steve Wallace, and for those battling health issues, and for our missionaries around the globe.



### 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*



## Philippians Bible Study

for 11 weeks—we're about half way through

Led by Pastor John

Wednesday evenings @ 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 Epaphroditis
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

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



## Pastor's Pen

### "40 Days and Counting"



Next week, "Ash Wednesday" will be celebrated by Christians around the world, marking the official start of the forty-day Lenten season, or forty-six days if we include Sundays. Lent historically is a time when believers focus more intently on their faith. Some will choose to abstain from certain foods, beverages and behaviors, in order to devote themselves to scripture reading, prayer and personal reflection on their relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Lenten season officially ends on April first, or three days before Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, which is April fourth this year. Holy week begins with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and culminates with our Son-rise service and Easter Sunday services.

If you recall, last year we were only able to conduct live-streaming services during the Easter season and could not have in-person attendance. Thankfully, this year, the COVID numbers are trending downwards in recent days, and I am hopeful that unlike 2020, we will be able to more fully recognize and celebrate this season together as a church family. Hopefully, during this time, more of our fellowship will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated and able to return to many of the activities that have been unavailable this past year.

Perhaps you have been contemplating your faith and spiritual relationship with God the Father and His Son and Spirit. Maybe you are anticipating ways to reconnect during this Lenten season?

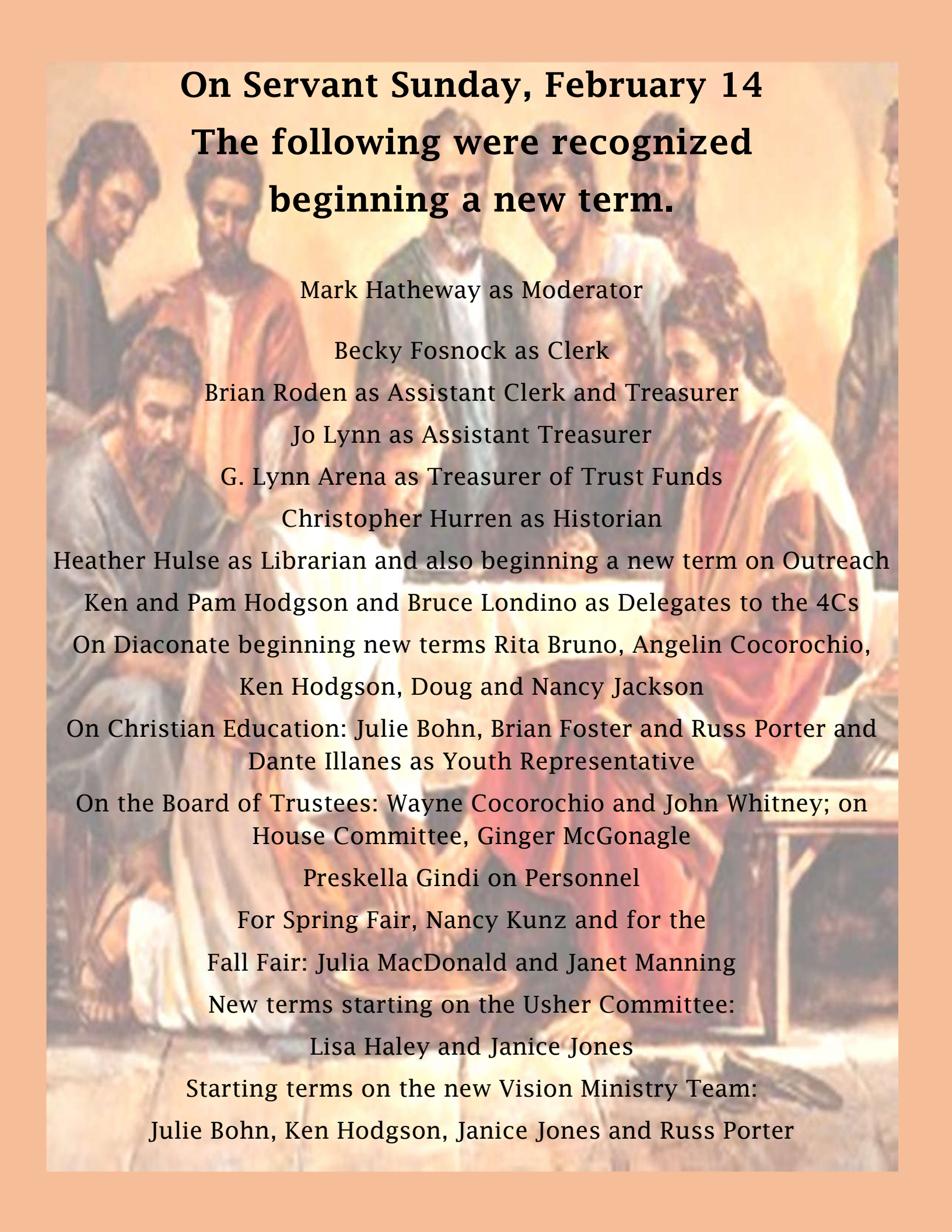
I am optimistic that we will be able to more fully participate together as a church family in the coming months and ask you to join me by praying for a lessening of the pandemic and the beginning of a "new normal". So many are longing for connection with family, and also with their church, and there is still time in this new year for a return to fellowshiping together in more tangible ways.

Let's take advantage of the Lenten season and begin afresh our spiritual journey together. I look forward in the days ahead to seeing many of you back in the worship services and other activities here at FPCC.

Pastor John

[https://fpccwakefield.org/resources/video\\_sermons/](https://fpccwakefield.org/resources/video_sermons/)





**On Servant Sunday, February 14**  
**The following were recognized**  
**beginning a new term.**

Mark Hatheway as Moderator

Becky Fosnock as Clerk

Brian Roden as Assistant Clerk and Treasurer

Jo Lynn as Assistant Treasurer

G. Lynn Arena as Treasurer of Trust Funds

Christopher Hurren as Historian

Heather Hulse as Librarian and also beginning a new term on Outreach

Ken and Pam Hodgson and Bruce Londino as Delegates to the 4Cs

On Diaconate beginning new terms Rita Bruno, Angelin Cocorochio,

Ken Hodgson, Doug and Nancy Jackson

On Christian Education: Julie Bohn, Brian Foster and Russ Porter and

Dante Illanes as Youth Representative

On the Board of Trustees: Wayne Cocorochio and John Whitney; on

House Committee, Ginger McGonagle

Preskella Gindi on Personnel

For Spring Fair, Nancy Kunz and for the

Fall Fair: Julia MacDonald and Janet Manning

New terms starting on the Usher Committee:

Lisa Haley and Janice Jones

Starting terms on the new Vision Ministry Team:

Julie Bohn, Ken Hodgson, Janice Jones and Russ Porter



Souper Bowl a Success! Brady won and so did the First Parish Food Pantry! Thanks to everyone for the generous donations of winter warming food. It will serve community needs in the coming weeks. Feel free to donate anytime The shopping cart resides in the vestry for that purpose.

Thank you.

The Outreach Committee



The FPCC Food 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 food shopping for your family, please think of those in need by picking up something to add to our food pantry.

Many thanks.

Outreach

### 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, Elain Thibodeau and Michelle Racamato

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.



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Timothy Callaghan
- 3 Victoria Haley
- 4 Cynthia Bossi, Angelin Cocorochio
- 5 Carol Ou, Olivia Pollock
- 6 Amanda Martin, Brian Foster
- 7 Elaine Thibodeau
- 9 Mark Hatheway
- 12 Dick Covell
- 13 Christopher Faylor
- 16 Christopher Nielsen, Heather MacDonald Maloof
- 17 Donald Hodgkins, Jo Lynn Foster
- 19 Benjamin Bianchi
- 20 Kristina Major, Abettina Morano, Susan Peterson, Sheri Prosperi, Sandra Serrentino
- 21 Erin Gates
- 22 Laura Kunz, Jim Rollins
- 23 Janet Manning, Alice Roden
- 24 Scott Bossi, Patricia Weisenbach
- 25 Elaine Sciascia
- 26 Steven Racamato
- 27 Cheryl Whitney
- 28 Beverly Oliphant, Rodrigo Illanes, Dana Bernabeo
- 29 Adeline Kent, Michael Watt
- 30 Pamela Hodgson,
- 31 Pamela MacFarland



## 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.

[julie.e.bohn@gmail.com](mailto:julie.e.bohn@gmail.com)



**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 16, 2021**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

#### NEXT DEADLINE

FOR CHURCH HERALD

Thursday, February 25, 2020

(Will cover the dates from  
March 7—20, 2021)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3 pm on Wednesdays.

Meeting Minutes for Council

The Wednesday before Council