

Church Office Hours
Reg. Hours Tuesday—Friday
10:30a—4:30p
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The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Conservative Congregational Christian Conference
www.cccusa.com

Annual Meeting to be held January 30
following the 11 am service.
A brief special Financial Congregational meet-
ing is being planned for January 16 following
the 11am service to approve
Youth Rooms Renovations.
All active members are requested to attend.

Worship Schedule

9:30 am Traditional

11:00 am Contemporary

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "Be Careful How You Walk"

Ephesians 5:1-21

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

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "A Guide for Families"

Ephesians 5:21-6:9

The flowers are donated in celebration of the
newly established Reverend John R. Lilly
Endowed Scholarship at Boston University
School of Theology
by his cousin Linda C. Hamlin.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

December 24 @ 5p — 155

@11p — 38

SUNDAY, December 26 — 46 Traditional

50 Contemporary

Would you like a lift to church?
Please call the church office
if you would like to arrange
a ride to church.
781-245-1539

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



THE POWER OF PRAYER



Dear Lord, please help us as we venture into this New Year. May we be ever so mindful that You go before us. We have nothing to fear.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

Prayers for healing and God's tender care:

Nancy Adams, Charles Arthur on kidney transplant list, Bob Blaser (recovering from hip surgery), Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook, Ed Courier (Ruth's dad), Jim Donovan, III, Teddie Fitzpatrick, Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard, Erin Heffernan, Fred Howland, Sr., Sandy Serrentino, Lisa Surles, Ken Wood and for all those healing and recovering from illnesses.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers: Lenny Hart, Abettina Morano, Mary Beth Shuman, Stephen Taylor, Samuel, and for our missionaries around the globe.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

"- 1 Thes 5:16-18

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



POWER OF PRAYER. OUR MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER TIME: February 6, held at 10:30am in the Fireside Room. A time to pray together for the church and its ministries and to pray for the community/world around us, to see His Kingdom come and will be done! Hope to see you there! Any questions or specific prayer requests for the church ministries, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter (winnie.carpenter@gmail.com)

Your Body is a Temple...

First Parish Offers First Place 4 Health Wellness Classes Starts January 15, 2022

Want to decrease your weight and increase your faith at the same time??? Put some feet to those New Year's resolution steps and join the next session of First Place 4 Health.

We will meet virtually for 9 consecutive weeks on Saturday mornings, 9:00am – 10:15am. God has used this program to transform the lives of thousands over the last 40 years. The program is unique. In addition to physical health, the program also focuses on mental, emotional, and spiritual well being.

Come join the small group and drop those pounds, reduce stress and anxiety, grow in your relationship with the Lord, and make new friends. It's a win, win, win, win! Please contact the church office at 781-245-1644 for details.

Be sure to wish these folks a happy birthday !!!

- 1—Immanuel Carpenter
- 2 – Heather Livingston
- 3 – Heather Hulse, Robert MacDonald
- 7 – Trefina Fox
- 8 – Joyce Langone, Mindy O'Toole
- 10 – Chloe Govostes O'Neil, Thomas Martin
- 11 – Joanne King
- 12 – John McKeown
- 15 – Thomas Callaghan
- 16 – Connie Mpontsikaris
- 19 – Ethel Wallace
- 20 – Linda Byam
- 22 – Carol Callan, Anderson Illanes, Matthew Jackson
- 26 – Benjamin Bossi
- 27 – Maddie Albushies, Sofia Bacci
- 28 – Amber Hansen, Ryan Pollock
- 29 – Brynne Curley
- 30 – Meredith Peiffer





Pastor's Pen



"A New Year"

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:18,19a

There are a lot of companies that plan their income based on selling us on "New Year's Resolutions." They are hoping we will make resolutions about dieting and getting fit and a host of other potential changes we might promise to ourselves in order to make that fresh start.

Over the years I have made many such resolutions, keeping perhaps a few, most fall by the wayside by early February. Is that true for you too?

For others, the idea of a resolution of any kind is now passé. Some choose to ignore the concept all together. But I believe there are still plenty of people who take part in this old-time tradition.

In Isaiah, the prophet reveals to us that God does things differently from time to time also.

God is constantly at work; God is the on-going author of "new things."

As you contemplate the end of another strange year, dominated again by COVID and the various restrictions that go along with it, have you taken any time to think about how God works in your life? Perhaps you recall when your spiritual journey began, but haven't given much thought to what God may be currently doing in your life or what God may desire to do with you in this new year?

As we enter 2022, I would like to encourage you to spend some time in God's Word and some time in prayer; asking God what "new thing" He may desire to bring into your life?

May we all live in anticipation as this new year begins. Let us all feel the excitement of new beginnings, and may we ask for God's help so we might "perceive" that which is about to "spring forth."

Pastor John

INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE RETREAT "REFRESH" 2022: This winter, married couples are encouraged to join other First Parish couples at the Home Improvement Ministries marriage retreat at Gurney's Resort in Newport, Rhode Island. The retreat runs from Friday evening February 4th, through Sunday morning February 6th. We have attended for many years and highly recommend it. For more information and discount code, please email Courtney & Mark Hatheway markcourthatheway@msn.com

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

It's not too late to support our First Parish kids and teens' Room Makeovers! If you have not done so, please consider supporting the current and future children and teens in your First Parish Family! The spaces in our building our Youth occupy are long overdue for updates and repairs. Many include broken toys, dilapidated furniture, and are wanting for more youthful inviting, stimulating atmospheres.

There are still some ornaments on the tree in the vestry that represent "wishes" for our kids' spaces in our church. You may choose a specific ornament and return it with a check for the corresponding \$ amount on the back of each ornament. Alternatively, any contribution you can give is greatly appreciated! Feel free to use one of the envelopes provided! Checks should be payable to "First Parish Congregational Church" and indicate in the memo: **CHRISTIAN ED GIFT**.

Thank you so much for your generosity and Have a blessed New Year.



Outreach Christmas Giving

Because of the generosity of our church family, we were able to send a Christmas gift to:

Our three missionary families \$400 each
Wakefield Salvation Army clothes and toys for 4 kids \$1200.
Wakefield Veterans and families -Market Basket gift cards \$300.
FPCC youth group for snow camp \$250.
Hope Academy of the Bronx \$500
Heifer International \$300.
Abundant Life Christian School Feed the Need program \$250.
Malden Warming Center \$500.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve. We wish you a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Members: Ian and Winnie Carpenter, Tom and Judy Gordon, Pam Hodgson, Heather Hulse, Erica Illanes and Rose Porter

Pledges are coming in, and we are halfway to our goal of 100 commitments. We count on pledge commitments to plan for the 2022 budget, and Church leaders hope to include a position for an Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries.

Please consider making a pledge for 2022, if you have not done so. Pledge cards and envelopes are located on the table in the back of the church.

It's easy to give online.

You can scan this code,

or click the "Give" button on fpccwakefield.org.



Scan to GIVE

*We trust in God and ask
Him for what we need, knowing that every
good and perfect gift comes from above.
(James 1:17).*



SCHEDULE A BLOOD DONATION TODAY

**Next one at FPCC
January 21 from 1—6p**

Please fill out a visitor card so we can help you get connected at First Parish. Scan this code to complete online (or use the "connect" button on fpccwakefield.org).



To Connect

You can also fill out the card in your pew on Sunday morning and place in the offering plate.



OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

Tuesday Mornings at 9a:

Women of Wakefield's Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings in the Fireside Room from 9:30 to 11. Child care and coffee are available. Please email Judi Manola (jbmanola@gmail.com) for more information.

Wednesday evening at 6:30pm

as we talk about the Doctrine of God the Son:

- The Incarnation of Jesus Christ
- The office of Jesus Christ
- The Death of Jesus
- What did Jesus do between His death and resurrection?
- The Resurrection of Jesus Christ
- The Results of the Resurrection
- The Ascension and Present ministry of Jesus Christ

We will meet in the fireside room, please join us.

Thursday mornings

9:15a Women's Bible study

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Young adults in the age range of 18-30. Wherever you are on your journey with God, come and join us for a relaxed night of fellowship, food and discussion over a cup of coffee, tea or hot coco! We meet weekly from 6 – 8 on Sundays. Please contact Julie Bohn, Young Adult Ministries.

Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group

Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group: Please join our next Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group meeting! If you are a family with school aged or younger kids or just newly married or soon to be married couple, come join us for a simple dinner, fellowship, and support.

We meet the second Friday of every month from 5pm to 8pm at various homes. Any questions, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter (winnie.carpenter@gmail.com) Hope to see you there!

Please fill out this short survey even if you cannot attend the next meeting so we know how to serve your family and marriage: You can go to the link or scan the bar code.



FAMILY SURVEY

Men's Breakfast Group

will be held on the first **Saturday of the month at 9a.**

The next one is **January 8.**

Clothing Closet and

Community Breakfast

January 15, 2022 at 9am

If you are available to help out. Please see Angela Faylor.

We are grateful at the Lion's Den to announce that we are heading to Deep Freeze – our Snow Camp winter retreat – at Camp Berea THIS FRIDAY, January 7! In the past couple of years, we have unfortunately had to deliver disappointing news to our students as the uncertainty of COVID delayed many of youth group's most exciting events. We are so



grateful to be able to attend our winter retreat this year and see God working in the lives of our students in tremendous ways over the weekend. We have 15 attendees this year, and due to your contributions and God's glorious grace, we have raised more than enough to send each student and leader to this incredible weekend. In all, we raised \$2,386.00. Praise be to God! There are simply not enough words to thank our fellow brothers and sisters here at FPCC and beyond who contributed their time, resources, and prayers to help make this happen. We here at the Lion's Den thank each and every one of you dearly for your support and your prayers. We are so grateful to have a congregation that supports our youth and wants to see their spiritual journeys flourish. With love and in Christ, The Lion's Den

To view services online, go to our website 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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January 4, 2022

NEXT DEADLINE

FOR CHURCH HERALD

Thursday, January 6, 2022

(Will cover the dates from

January 9-22, 2022)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3 pm on Wednesdays.

Meeting Minutes for Council

The Wednesday before Council



Have you seen the service live stream on Facebook!!! Check us out on Instagram.

If you don't have a Facebook account, simply go to fpccwakefield.org and click on the Facebook icon.