

Church Office Hours

Reg. Hours Tuesday—Friday

10:30a—4:30p

Please call with any questions.

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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.

All active members are requested to participate.

ZOOM access will be available.

Worship Schedule

9:30 am Traditional

11:00 am Contemporary

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon “Spiritual Warfare”

Ephesians 6:10-20

The flower arrangements will be given in memory of
Edward E. (Ned) and Edyth K. (Dee) Lynch
by their son Ned.

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon “Be Encouraged”

Ephesians 6:21-24



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY January 2	at 9:39a	46
	11:00a	50
SUNDAY, January 9	— 9:30a	47
	11:00a	65

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

**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, thank You for the many
Ways you guide us through each day. We are
grateful to be able to face these days
With You by our side.
In Jesus Name, Amen.*

Praise the Lord

We are grateful for the healing care and
return of Ken Wood.

Prayers for healing and God's tender care:

Nancy Adams, Charles Arthur, Bob Blaser,
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, 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 JANUARY 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



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
January 30, 2022
CHURCH WARRANT



To: Becky Fosnock, Clerk
First Parish Congregational Church
Wakefield, Massachusetts

Greetings:

You are hereby directed to notify the members of First Parish Congregational Church in Wakefield, Massachusetts, to meet at the church and via Zoom on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 12:30 PM.

- Article I: To convene the 378th Annual Meeting.
- Article II: To hear the minutes of the 377th Annual Meeting.
- Article III: To hear the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting held on January 16th, 2022.
- Article IV: To receive the reports of the officers and organizations of the Church.
- Article V: To approve the actions of the Church Council since the 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting
- Article VI: To hear the report of the Nominating Committee and to elect Officers, Board members, and Committee members.
- Article VII: To see if the church will authorize the Treasurer to hire money from time to time for payment of church expenses in anticipation of collections.
- Article VIII: To approve the 2022 budget for the Church
- Article IX: To transact any other business that legally comes before this meeting.

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by causing an attested copy thereof to be published through regular information channels and posted at the church at least two (2) Sundays before the meeting in accordance with the bylaws.

Given under our hands this 6th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark G. Hatheway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mark G. Hatheway, Moderator

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE NOW DUE

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE



**SCHEDULE A BLOOD
DONATION TODAY**

Next one at FPCC

January 21 from 1—6p

Operation Christmas Child Update

Again thank you to all those who filled a shoebox and said a prayer for the child who will receive your gift.

Below is a quote from Franklin Graham on behalf of Samaritan's Purse.

"I want to say a special thank you to everyone who packed shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child this year. We collected millions of gift boxes, and we are in the process of shipping them around the world and distributing them to children through Gospel outreaches. Please pray for these children, asking the Lord to prepare their hearts to hear and respond to the Gospel"

First Parish and First Baptist are blessed to be part of this mission.

Outreach Committee

ENORMOUS THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas drive to update and refresh our children's and youth rooms! We raised an incredible \$3,115 for this effort. These funds are already being put to good use by way of new tables/chairs, storage/organizers, book cases, and updated toys, books, and blocks. The children and families are so incredibly grateful and simply thrilled to receive this support from our broader FPCC family. With sincerest gratitude, Kellie Roden for Christian Education Committee

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).*

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 offer-

INVEST IN YOUR MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE RETREAT "REFRESH" 2022:

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 GROW

Tuesday Mornings at 9a: will resume in February

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 in the Fireside Room

Please come join us this Wednesday as we talk about the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

The Scriptures do not stop to prove the personality of the Holy Spirit, there is no attempt to prove his deity either. Quite confidently, Bible writers speak of the Spirit as God, know Him as God, and give Him the position of equality with the Father and the Son. In the Bible such truth is clearly expressed and constantly implied.

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 us for our next Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group meeting on January 28 from 5-8p! If you are a family with school aged children or younger or newly married or soon to be, come join us for a simple dinner, fellowship, and support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter. Hope to see you then! (winnie.carpenter@gmail.com)

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 simply scan the QR code.



FAMILY SURVEY

Men's Breakfast Group

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

The next one is **February 5.**

Clothing Closet and

Community Breakfast

February 19, 2022 at 9am

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



Due to COVID concerns and the recent surge in cases, the Lion's Den chose to postpone our trip to Camp Berea until March 4! 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 would greatly appreciate your prayers surrounding the upcoming trip, as we would dearly love to see students be able to attend this wonderful opportunity and to see God working in the lives of our students in tremendous ways over this special 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



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.

THE CHURCH HERALD

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January 19, 2022

NEXT DEADLINE

FOR CHURCH HERALD

Thursday, January 27, 2022

(Will cover the dates from
January 23-Feb 5, 2022)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3 pm on Wednesdays.

Meeting Minutes for Council

The Wednesday before Council

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