

The Church Herald Newsletter No. 4

Office Hours:
Tuesday - Friday 10:30a-4:30a

Worship Schedule

9:30 am Traditional
11:00 am Contemporary

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "The Stages of the Believer"

1 John 2:7-14

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

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "Walking in Truth"

1 John 2:15-29

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



*Do you need a ride to church?
Please call the office.*



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY February 3 9:30a - 45
11:00a - 57

SUNDAY, February 13 9:30a -
11:00a -



**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 always walking with us. You teach us to keep our eyes on you. Please forgive us when we are distracted. Help us to remain centered on Your face.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

Praise the Lord

Thank you, Lord, for our new members: Lynne Forbes,
Greg Roberts and Vickie Stone.
Welcome to our church family.

We also are happy to announce the arrival of
Callum William born on January 18.
Proud grandparents are Janet and Joe DeGuglielmo.

Pray for those who grieve

Rose Porter who is grieving the loss of her mom.

Our Healing Needs

Nancy Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook,
Ed Courier (Ruth's dad), Jim Donovan, III, Teddie Fitzpatrick,
Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard, Erin Hefferman,
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.

Monthly Congregational Prayer

1st Sunday of the month at 10:30a

in the Fireside Room. Please join us.

contact Winnie Carpenter at winniecarpenter@gmail.com

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

1Thessalonians 5:16-18



“Behold, I am about to do something new.” Isa. 43:19a

A few weeks ago, at our church Annual Meeting, the church family approved a new budget which included funding for an associate minister. We are hoping to begin a search for an Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministry, who's primary role would be working with Christian Education, to fulfill this primary purpose: “The selected candidate would direct and lead programming for Family, Early Childhood and Elementary age youth, to foster Christian community by building relationships with families.” This is a rough idea of what the focus of the associate might be including outreach towards young families with children in our community.

This is exciting news as First Parish has seen several new families coming into the church and our desire is to prepare for more growth in this area. The leadership team is praying for God's guidance as we begin to move forward in assembling a Search Committee and start the process of finding the person who will fulfill this new role.

Please pray as we consider this, “something new,” here at FPCC in 2022! We are praying for God's timing in being able to bring someone on board to begin working with young families preferably before the end of this summer.

In His Service,
Pastor John

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 needs persist.

Stephen Leaders: Pam and Ken Hodgson

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



Blood Drive

Friday, February 18

1p to 6p

contact American Red Cross to
schedule an appointment



Community Breakfast & Clothing Closet

Saturday, February 19

9-11a



Men's Breakfast Group
1st Saturday of the month
9 o'clock

Next one is
March 5

In-door Yard Sale May 14.

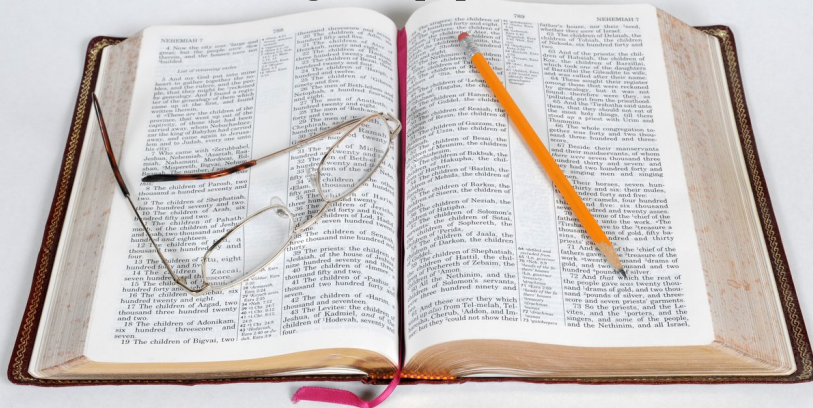
The fair committee would like to encourage donations to arrive sooner rather than later allowing enough time organize. Donations can be left in the storage closet at the bottom of the stairs to the left before entering the dining room. Please see Beth Rollins or Courtney Hatheway if you have any questions.

Donations of the following items are now being accepted: Household & kitchen goods, Home décor & knick-knacks, Kids toys, games & puzzles, Holiday items, Jewelry. If not listed above, we cannot accept it.

Thank you.



Bible Study Opportunities



Tuesdays

Women of Wakefield meet from 9:30-11

Childcare and coffee provided.

Contact: Judi Manola at jbmanola@gmail.com

Wednesdays

Teen ALPHA from 6:30-8:30p (grades 6-12)

Contact: Julie Bohn

Doctrines of God starts at 6:30p

Contact: Bruce Londino

Men's Bible Study begins Feb. 23 at 6:30p

Thursdays

Women's Bible Study at 9:15a

Contact: Angela Faylor

A study on Daniel starts February 24 at 7p

Contact: Pastor John

Women's Bible Study from 6:30-8p

Contact: Winnie Carpenter (starts February 17)

Sundays

Young Adult Alpha (18-30) at 6:30 -8p

Contact: Julie Bohn

Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group

Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group: If you are a family with school aged children or younger, newly married or soon to be, come join us for a simple dinner, fellowship and support. We typically meet the 2nd Friday of the month.

Our next meeting will be Friday, February 11.

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.



Oh the Joy of gathering together.



Under Construction

*Renovations are underway starting on FPCC restrooms: midlevel floor/next to the kitchenette and the children's restrooms on the top level. **Only bathrooms on the lower level must be used.** Thank you.*

Dear First Parish Family,

Warm greetings to each of you. We hope that this note finds you in health and good spirits...Tim and I would like to take this opportunity to express a small measure of our deep appreciation for your faithful friendship, generous financial support and partnership with us for many years in advancing the gospel among unreached peoples. We want to say a heartfelt thank you to each of you and the congregation as a whole.

Thank you so much for blessing us.

Karen & Tim Mindling

Dear First Parish Church,

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for us as we serve here in Niger.

This October marked the 20th anniversary of our arrival! You have been faithful all these years to walk alongside us and we are deeply grateful!

We look forward to catching up with you and meeting Pastor John while we are home for a bit during the coming school year.

Have a blessed New Year! Ian + Beka Ridesout



Just about 18 pledge commitments are still needed to make our goal.

If you have not yet made yours, pledge cards and envelopes are located on the table in the back of the church or in the vestry.

It's also easy to give online.

You can scan this code,
or click the "Give" button
on fpccwakefield.org.



*We trust in God and ask
Him for what we need,
knowing that every good and perfect gift
comes from above.*

James 1:17



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

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