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March 1, 2022

# The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

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

## Simple Soup Supper Ash Wednesday Service March 2 @ 6:30p

### Worship Schedule

9:30 am Traditional

11:00 am Contemporary

### Sunday, March 6, 2022

Communion Sunday

*Rev. John T. Dale*

Sermon "Genuine or Counterfeit"

1 John 3:1-10

The flowers will be given in loving memory of  
Martha A. Martin by her family.

### Sunday, March 13, 2022

*Rev. John T. Dale*

Sermon "Love, the Marks of a Believer"

1 John 3:11-24

The flowers will be given in loving memory of  
loved ones by the D'Agostino family.

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### Save the Date

### Sunday April 3 at 6p

Presentation: by Jews for Jesus

Christ is in the Passover: An Alternative

Experience followed by communion

sponsored by the Diaconate



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### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY February 20 9:30a - 56

11:00a - 66

SUNDAY, February 27 9:30a - 58

11:00a - 54



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

**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, we are in awe of You. You are our Savior, Friend, Teacher and Guide. Thank you for loving us so completely.  
In Jesus Name. Amen.

## Praise the Lord

Thank you, Lord, that Alwyn Van Cor has arrived back home to Bright View.  
Ed Courier is home from rehab and continues to recover and heal.

## 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

**March 6 at 10:30a**

**in the Fireside Room. Please join us.**

**contact Winnie Carpenter at [winniecarpenter@gmail.com](mailto: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





# *Pastor's Pen*



## What is Your Vision?

As we get older, we may notice that our eyes don't quite work as well as they used too. We may be near-sighted or far-sighted. For me, having reading glasses around the house and office is a real necessity.

In the life of the church, we also speak of Vision in a different way. Where do we see our church three, five or seven years from now? Is our current vision adequate for now and the future or do we need to re-examine our current vision and mission?

These and other questions are what the FPCC Vision Team asks each month as we gather to pray for our church and to ask God's direction for the future ministry here at First Parish.

At our last meeting we compared Long-Term Planning versus Strategic Planning. For example, Long-Term planning deals with considering church life based on a predictable future and a continuation of current trends. Strategic planning instead notes that the future is unpredictable and current trends do not continue but change all the time. As one can imagine, this makes the idea of Long-Term planning obsolete and means Strategic planning is the way to go.

This has been easily observable based on the last two years or so of COVID. Every day, every month, is filled with changes and surprises that could not be planned for. This can make looking at the future direction of the church and setting of goals very challenging.

Lastly, the Vision Team discussed having a Saturday event in which the Team could update the church on recent discussions and receive input from the congregation as we move forward in this new year. We certainly live in exciting and changing times and coming together as a congregation would be helpful to the future of our church.

I look forward to keeping you up to date and confirm a time in the next few months when we can connect with our church family to share where we've been, where we are, and where we would like to go.

Please bein prayer for the Vision Team, leadership and church body as we continue to move forward to the glory of God in our endeavors to grow His church here in Wakefield.

Pastor John

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

**Next one is**  
**March 5**



**Community Breakfast 9-10a**  
**& Clothing Closet 9-10:30a**  
**Saturday, March 19**



**Blood Drive**  
**Friday, March 18**  
**1p to 6p**  
contact American Red Cross to  
schedule an appointment



*May the Light of His Love Shine  
Through Us Too!*



## **In-door Yard Sale May 14.**

The fair committee would like to encourage donations to arrive sooner rather than later allowing enough time to 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, small electronics, i.e. coffee makers, skillets, clocks, radios, lamps, air purifiers, humidifiers, etc. home décor & knick-knacks, Kids toys, games & puzzles, Holiday items, Jewelry. If not listed above, we cannot accept it.

**Thank you.**

# Opportunities to Grow



Our  
children  
serving  
in  
action.  
AV helpers!  
Praise  
the Lord!

## Bible Studies

**Thursday evenings at 7p** A study on Daniel  
Contact: Pastor John

## Bible Studies for Men

**Men's Bible Study on Parenting** at 6:30p (Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (next study March 23) studying Bible passages on what Jesus spoke to Parents. We will use the book *Parenting by Faith* by Patricia Batten.  
Contact: Ian Carpenter

## Bible Studies for Women

### Tuesdays

**Women of Wakefield** meet from 9:30-11  
Please join our inter-church group starting Tuesday March 1 as we begin a new study of the book of Esther. We meet weekly from 9:30 to 11 am in the Parlor at First Parish. Child care is provided. For more information please email Julianne Johnston ([julianne.s.johnston@gmail.com](mailto:julianne.s.johnston@gmail.com)), Carlana Miller ([Carlana.miller@gmail.com](mailto:Carlana.miller@gmail.com)), or Judi Manola ([jbmanola@gmail.com](mailto:jbmanola@gmail.com)).

## Bible Studies for Women cont.

### Thursdays

**(meets weekly)**  
Women's Bible Study at 9:15a  
Contact: Angela Faylor

### *(meets monthly)*

**Bible Study on Parenting 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30-8p (meets next March 17)** studying Bible passages on what Jesus spoke to Parents. We will use the book *Parenting by Faith* by Patricia Batten.  
Contact: Winnie Carpenter

## Youth & Young Adults

### Wednesdays

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

### Sundays

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

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.



# 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, March 11.*

*Hope to see you then.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter.

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.*



Renovations are underway starting on FPCC restrooms: midlevel floor/next to the kitchenette and the children's restrooms on the top level (take a peak and check out the progress).

**Only bathrooms on the lower level are available.**

Thank you.

Just about 17 pledge commitments are still needed to make our goal of 100 committed families. 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](http://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



The Lion's Den is on our trip to Camp Berea starting March 4! We would greatly appreciate your prayers surrounding our trip. We look forward 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 support we received and God's glorious grace, we raised more than enough to send each student and leader to this incredible weekend. God is good.

We look forward to share our experiences on our trip on our return. 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 church family 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