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The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

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

Worship Schedule

9:30 am Traditional

11:00 am Contemporary

Sunday, April 3, 2022

1030 am Community Prayer in the Fireside Room

Communion Sunday

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "Overcoming the World"

1 John 5:1-5

6pm Simple Soup Supper

in the Fellowship Room

followed by

Seder Presentation by Jews for Jesus

in the dining room

Christ in the Passover

An Alternative Experience

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "Triumph Over Tragedy"

Luke 19:28-44

(2p Community Ham Dinner)

Good Friday Service (FBC), April 15 at 7p

All are welcome.

Easter Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunrise Service at 6a by the lake

Easter Sunday Worship -

One service at 11a



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY March 20 9:30a - 62

11:00a - 69

SUNDAY, March 27 9:30a - 56

11:00a - 88



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, thank You for the days where Your sun shines brightly and longer.
The light You send, brings much joy. Thank You for how You love us completely.
In Jesus Name. Amen.

Pray for the safe and healthy gift of new life
as we await the arrival of baby Barden into the world.

Our Prayer Needs

Nancy Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook,
Ed Courier (Ruth's dad), Jim Donovan, III, Teddie Fitzpatrick,
Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard, Lenny Hart, Erin Hefferman,
Fred Howland, Sr., Abettina Morano, Bob Randolph (Susan's brother is on Hospice),
Sandy Serrentino, Lisa Surles, Stephen Taylor, Samuel and
for all those healing and recovering from illnesses
and for our missionaries around the globe.

Monthly Congregational Prayer

April 3 at 10:30a

in the Fireside Room. Please join us.

contact Winnie Carpenter at winniecarpenter@gmail.com

Associate Pastor Search Committee has been established. Members include: Doug Jackson, Julie Bohn, Kellie Roden, Angelin and Wayne Cocorochio, Donna Nicolai, Pastor John Dale. Tom Martin serving as alternate if needed. Please keep this team in prayer.



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.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8



Pastor's Pen



My message for this edition of the Herald is a little different. I wanted to share some of the wonderful and exciting things happening at our church and note some of the opportunities for this year.

First, as we move into April, there will be “Seder Supper” with the Jews for Jesus organization on April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room. Ken Wood will also prepare a soup dinner prior to the Seder. I hope many will come and enjoy this special service to kick off our Easter celebrations.

April 10th, of course, is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week or Passover Week. First Baptist will have a Maundy Thursday service, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. and First Parish is invited to attend. Our Good Friday service on April 15th is at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Douglas Dry of FBC will also be speaking. We are also planning our Sunrise Service for Easter Sunday the 17th at 6:00 a.m., and a Combined Easter Worship service at 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday April 24th, Rev. Bob Le Roe will be filling in while I’m away. A special Outreach guest, Amirah, will be sharing at both services and will have a table in the Vestry during fellowship time so everyone can get to know about this amazing ministry combating human trafficking.

Our church has again been undergoing substantial renovations. The bathrooms on the third floor and main floor bathroom are nearly complete; and we are continuing our work towards the renovations of the third floor. The church Sign Committee is nearing completion pending Council and church approval of a new sign for the front of our building. This would be an LCD, graphic capable sign that will be helpful in the coming years as people walk and drive by the church.

A church yard sale will be held on May 14th. The Festival by the Lake will take place this year on June 11 and our church will also take part again where there will be many opportunities to reach out to the community. The July 4th parade is to be held in Wakefield and the Movies by the Lake, and let’s not forget the Band Concerts on the Common.

Other news concerns the search for an Associate Pastor. At this year’s Annual Meeting, funding was approved for an associate minister. FPCC is now seeking an associate pastor to work with young families in our church and to be involved in outreach to other young families in our communities. This person will work closely with Christian Education and be helpful in working with our children, their parents and potentially new families through outreach.

I would ask all our church family to be in prayer for all these projects and coming events and asking God how you might get involved. Praying that God would lead and guide us as we continue to move forward seeking His will and plan for FPCC!

Pastor John



Blood Drive

Friday, April 29

1p to 6p

Schedule an appointment with
American Red Cross today.
redcross.org



Your commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross truly made a difference!

Your team registered 23 total donors, collected 25 pints of blood and recruited 3 first-time donors. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need. Thank you, The American Red Cross



Men's Breakfast Group

1st Saturday of the month

9 o'clock

Next one is

April 2

Come and join us.

Results from the Treasure Sale that was held on Sunday, March 20th after both services.

The fundraising committee would like to thank all of you who supported the sale last Sunday, lots of treasures found new homes and just over \$1000 was raised.

Thank you, Beth & Courtney

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, April 8. 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.



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.

We can accept housewares, small electronics, books, office supplies, linens, toys & games, holiday items, home decor and jewelry. Please no frames, furniture, sporting equipment, computer screens, baby furniture, strollers or car seats please.

Thank you..

UKRAINE AID, HOW CAN I HELP...

FPCC WILL OFFER AN OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY TO AID UKRAINE BY WAY OF SAMARITANS PURSE'S OPERATION IN POLAND. THEY ARE SETTING UP TENT HOSPITALS TO AID THE REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE. A SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN ON MARCH 20TH.

Every day is scary when your mom and your siblings are writing you how much they love you because they know there might be no tomorrow. Yet, despite the hunger and sleepless nights spent underground, their determination to conquer the evil is becoming stronger and they say: "If we can make it through, we will have the country we have always dreamed of." Please help us to have the country we have always dreamt of .

"Sunflower of Peace" is asking for help through IJM (International Justice Mission) Email: sunflowerofpeace.ukraine@gmail.com Contact: Katya Malakhova 714-600-9199

Needs: a warehouse, people, services, items... so much to pray for...

- A warehouse location in Newton area. Preferably a governmental location, so it can be accessible and safe for donated items on a 24/7 basis.
- Executive level UPS, FedEx connections. We have a shipping company in New Jersey for larger shipments. Trying to decrease the time to deliver medical backpacks. Sunflower of Peace ambassadors are on the ground with organized transportation in Poland and Romania meeting the supplies for same day delivery to Ukraine through green corridor.
- Executives from Delta airlines that are flying to Poland daily. To transport 20 to 50 medical backpacks to Poland. Time is essential and whatever we can get over there will be helpful--goal to become extremely efficient.
- Sellers of bulletproof vests and helmets to local law enforcement to be distributed to doctors, paramedics and civilians. Majority of them are unprotected and are being targeted.
- Suppliers/donors of insulin and antibiotics.
- VOLUNTEERS on standby to pack and sort stuff out, once a warehouse.

Once again, thank you, thank you, thank you for being amazing people that care about brave and selfless people of Ukraine and your willingness to do so much for them. For updates on this project please go to

[https://www.facebook.com/donate/507886070680475/?](https://www.facebook.com/donate/507886070680475/?fundraiser_source=external_url)

fundraiser_source=external_url Also check out Sunflower of Peace of Facebook.

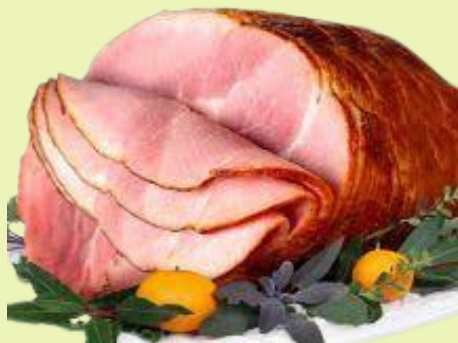
Please share this message in as many groups as possible.

Let's Reach Out

Sharing Inc.

As a mission commitment and to maintain the tradition, several members have continued to walk on Good Friday and with sponsors who continue to support this amazing charity. If you would like to share in this endeavor with either your feet or your finances, please see Judy Gordon for more information.

We walk with Jesus.



COMMUNITY SPRING DINNER

APRIL 10, 2022 at 2p

Our church family is hosting a Community Spring Dinner. This dinner is for those in need, the elderly and the lonely that live in Wakefield and surrounding communities. The dinner will be at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room.

We will serve dinner buffet style so we are seeking volunteers to serve our guests. We will also need volunteers to work with us to set up, clean up and deliver meals to those unable to attend or provide transportation that may be in need of a ride. Many hands make light work!!! If you can volunteer in some way, please see Bonnie Mullen or Linell Nester.

We rely on monetary donations to make this dinner possible. If you would like to make a donation, it will help to defray the costs of this dinner and/or help out towards the upcoming costs of the next community dinner.

When you put on a luncheon or a dinner, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the godly, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.

Luke 14: 12-14

BE A BLESSING

Please plan to support First Parish in any way you are able. Thank you to all those who have stepped out in faith to be committed. Giving is easy and simple to do on line. You can simply use this scan code or go to the website and click on the giving tab.



You can also direct your giving. Our Easter offering is to Samaritans Purse working in Poland to aid the refugees from Ukraine.

Something new: Tech Corner at Community Breakfast

Need assistance with phone or laptop issues, such as network connectivity issues, software installation issues, viruses? Visit the Tech Corner at FPCCW Community Breakfast and our technicians will take a look.



*The LORD will keep you
from all harm-- he will
watch over your life; the
LORD will watch over
your coming and going
both now and
forevermore.*

Psalm 121:7-8





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 as we begin a new study of the book of Esther. We meet weekly from 9:30 to 11 am in the Fireside Room. Child care is provided. For more information, please email Julianne Johnston (julianne.s.johnston@gmail.com), Carlana Miller (Carlana.miller@gmail.com), or Judi Manola (jbmanola@gmail.com).

Bible Studies for Women cont.

Thursdays

(meets weekly)

Women's Bible Study at 9:15a

April 21, we will be starting a new study *Heaven: Finding Our True Home*. We welcome new members to our group.

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

How sweet it is to know Him better.



Easter Lily Donation Form

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for Easter Sunday, please send your payment of \$18 to the church office **BY APRIL 13**. *A portion of this cost supports FPCC.*

Please include the names of your loved ones you would like included in the bulletin. Names may be either in memory of or in celebration of.

_____ **OR** _____
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_____ Please gift my Lily donation(s)

_____ I will pick up Lily(s) after the 11a service.

Please do not remove plants without checking in.

I have enclosed a check or cash in the amount of _____

Please make checks payable to First Parish Congregational Church

NAME: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please print

Please have your order form in the office no later than April 13. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to First Parish Congregational Church, One Church Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. Thank you...



Be Bold

Be bold in the face of uncertainty; be bold in the face of adversity; be bold by taking refuge in the Lord.

That was the message this year at the youth retreat to Camp Berea and it could not have come at a better time. Today, students are faced with circumstances both normal to their ages and unthinkable due to the state of the world. They face college admissions, new jobs, challenges with their friends, and the internalizing of their faith; and as they witness the world changed by a pandemic, as they witness nations rise against nations, and as they watch uncertainty unfold in their own country and communities, we learned that we can have strength and we can be bold in the face of all this unknown because there is one thing that we can always be sure of: We can know that God is the Great I Am. That He is who He says He is. He is victor. And in that knowledge, we can be still, and we can be bold.

At Camp Berea, new connections were made within our group and among others through worship and sermons, through paintball, the giant swing, ping pong, plenty of snowball fights, and car rides full of singing (screaming) '90s classics. Our energy and our faith were revitalized after what has been an admittedly difficult couple of years since we last went away. Conversations from the weekend are ongoing, and being applied by the students in their lives. It is easy to see retreats as a mountain top that we exist on only while we are away. It is refreshing to see that this retreat was not left behind in New Hampshire, that it is staying with us as a group- that we are applying our newfound knowledge, and our reiterated understanding that God is worth our time, resources, and energy even when things are busy. We are so grateful for the beautiful, hilarious, and unforgettable memories and connections made. Thank you to our church family for helping make this happen and for all of your prayers leading up to, and during our time away. We are so blessed to have you backing the spiritual journeys of this generation.

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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