

The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

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

Office Closed Tuesday, May 31

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "Hungry for God"

Matthew 5:3-10

The flowers will be given in loving memory
of Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. Hamlin
by their daughter Linda C. Hamlin.

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Communion Sunday

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "The Challenge of Communion"

1 Cor.11:17-28

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Congregational Prayer

10:30am in the Fireside Room

Contact the church office to receive a
list of prayer concerns in advance.



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 15 9:30a - 50

11:00a - 82

Sunday, May 22 - 9:30a - 44

11:00a - 80



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, the days grow longer and the sky seems bluer. The grass is greener and the flowers are so vibrant. You have made a beautiful world for us. Thank You Lord.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

Our Prayer Needs

Nancy Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook,
Ed Courier (Ruth's dad about to receive new prosthetic leg), Jim Donovan, III,
Kenneth Faylor (15 month old grandson recovering from pneumonia),
Teddie Fitzpatrick, Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard, Lenny Hart,
Erin Hefferman, Fred Howland, Sr., Janet Manning, (surgery this Friday),
Abettina Morano, Sandy Serrentino, Lisa Surlles, Stephen Taylor,
Samuel, Richard and Pat Weisenbach
and for all those healing and recovering from illnesses
and for our missionaries around the globe.

Monthly Congregational Prayer

June 5 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.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope..

Jeremiah 29:11



Pastor's Pen

“Memorial Day”

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.” Psalm 33:12,18

Psalm thirty-three reminds us that the nations of the earth that seek after God and seek to provide truth and justice, are blessed whereas those nations that reject God and his counsel will fall under God’s displeasure. The psalmist also reminds his reader that God looks on those who fear or trust in him, those who look to his love and truth.

The nations of the world are going through great turmoil. Even as we move towards the end of COVID potentially, we have the refugees of Afghanistan, the war in the Ukraine and the needs of the Ukrainian people, and the divisive spirit we see in our own nation, a nation that at one time sought God nationally, regardless of faith or creed.

Psalm thirty-three seeks to remind us that the nations need to seek after God. Beginning with families, towns, and communities, a recognition that we truly need the God of heaven to intervene on behalf of our nation and world, noting that trusting in armies, chariots or our wealth, cannot repair the moral decline and rejection of biblical values and the commandments of God.

In the coming days, we remember those who sacrificed that our nation might endure. We should recall all that has been given so that we could remain a nation to this day. We also should look to God so that we can continue as a nation that has been given such a unique place in history.

As we remember, let us pray for the future of our nation and world. May we once again be a people that seeks the face of God. A people that understands how much we need the help of a Holy God.

Pastor John



Faithful Ones Remembered on May 22

Each year our Diaconate honors our faithful members. Those of our church family who have been members for 50 years or more and those who are 75 years old or older are recognized in our worship service and then invited to remain after worship for a delicious lunch and fellowship.

We thank God for each of you and for your labor of love.

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| Brenda Applin | Nicki McLennan |
| Richard Bardet | Kathryn Millheim |
| Anthony Caruso | Ida Montgomery |
| Carol Cerullo | Abettina Morano |
| Charles Chapman | Connie Mpontsikaris |
| Barbara Costas | Robert O'Donnell |
| Barbara Donovan | Beverly Oliphant |
| James Donovan, III | Madeleine Oliver |
| Eleanor Elliott | Mindy O'Toole |
| Judith Fanjoy | Susan Peterson |
| Russell Fanjoy | Joan Potter |
| Barbara Flynn | Sandy Serrentino |
| Elaine Furrier | Janet Sharp |
| Joyce Goodyear | Paul Somers |
| Judy Gordon | Vickie Stone |
| Tom Gordon | Carole Tate |
| Julie Hart | Stephen Taylor |
| Lenny Hart | Fran Testa |
| Frederick Howland | Alwyn Van Cor |
| Maureen Howland | Ethel Wallace |
| Joyce Langone | Dexter Wheeler |
| Carol Logan | Gregg Whitney |
| Mary Mac Laughlin | Jane Wilkins |
| Janet Manning | Ken Wood |
| Ginger McGonagle | |

**The following have been faithful members of
First Parish Congregational Church
for fifty years or more:**

- 83 Years – Mary Mac Laughlin
- 76 Years – John Tredinnick
- 70 Years – Constance Mpontsikaris,
- 69 Years – Ida Montgomery
- 67 Years – Brenda Applin, Janet Sharpe
- 64 Years – Madeleine Oliver
- 63 Years – Alwyn Van Cor
- 61 Years – Ethel Wallace
- 60 Years – Linda Hamlin
- 59 Years – Joyce Langone, Jane Wilkins
- 58 Years – Arthur Callan
- 57 Years – Eleanor Elliott
- 54 Years – Judith Fanjoy, Linell Nester
- 52 Years – Beverly Oliphant
- 51 Years – Sandy Serrentino
- 50 Years – Leelia Given



A lovely luncheon was held in the vestry and we enjoyed the music of Don Hodgkins, Pastor John and Doug Jackson.



Sharing Walk Wrap-up

As a mission commitment and to maintain tradition, several members walked twice around Lake Quannapowitt on Good Friday to support the work of Sharing, Inc. Kay Doherty started the Walk in Hingham after reading a newspaper article about racial inequality in Mississippi, especially impacting children. Over the last 40 years, the walk has continued in many towns in Massachusetts. Each year Kay goes to Mississippi to visit the schools and other organizations that Sharing, Inc. supports. There is now a scholarship program for kids going to college and every Christmas beautifully dressed black dolls, sports balls and handmade baby blankets are sent to be distributed by the co-op supported by Sharing. Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, we were able to send a \$510 contribution from our church family.

From the Outreach Committee



Something new: Tech Corner happening at the next Community Breakfast & Clothing Closet Event June 18 at 9a

At the community breakfast Tech Corner we helped our community with a variety of issues including:

- Why doesn't their Garmin GPS work correctly?
- How to install an app on iPhone for music
- Advice on whether phones and laptops should be constantly charged or disconnected after a certain max %.

Kids helped out and we had fun! We are here every month, spread the word!

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. 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.





Bible Studies

Thursday evenings at 7p A study on Titus
Beginning Thursday, May 26
Contact: Pastor John

Bible Studies for Men

Men's Bible Study on Parenting at 6:30p (Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month. Now 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 now studying 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), or 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
Studying: *Heaven: Finding Our True Home*.
We welcome to join our group.
Contact: Angela Faylor

(meets monthly)

Bible Study on Parenting 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30-8p 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) will be wrapping up for the summer.
Contact: Julie Bohn

For information on upcoming summer events for young adults and youth groups, please see Julie.

Jesus knows me, this I love...

Proud of our 2022 Graduates



Matthew Gindi Fox

Matthew is graduating from Melrose High School. Matthew is heading off to University of Massachusetts, Lowell Campus. He will be studying Computer Science.



Jayna Katherine Hatheway

Jayna is graduating high school having completed her homeschool coursework at New Hope in Boxford. She will be attending Wheaton College next year studying Biology and Art.



Dante Gabriel Illanes

Dante is graduating from Stoneham High School. He is planning to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall with a major of Mechanical Engineering.



Alexander "Alex" Brown

Alex finished a 2-year program at Salem State to get his Masters in Teaching Middle School Math. He is currently teaching at Winthrop Middle School



Matthew Richard Jackson

Graduated Northshore Community College with an Associate's Degree in Business. He is presently attending UMass Lowell working towards his Bachelor of Science degree in Administration with a Marketing Concentration.

**Wood Tupper
Scholarship applications
available by contacting
the church office.
Deadline June 30th**



**Have you seen this ghostbuster recently?
Ken is using the newly obtained backpack vacuum
to aid in the cleaning of His house.**

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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