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**June 7, 2022**

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



## **The Church Herald Newsletter**

**Save the Date...**  
**Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, June 26 at 12:30p**

All active members are asked  
to participate.

Rev. John T. Dale

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**Sunday, June 12, 2022**

**Children's Sunday**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

Sermon "Using Your Spiritual Gift"

1 Peter 4:10,11



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, May 29 9:30a - 42  
11:00a - 89

Sunday, June 5 - 9:30a - 52  
11:00a - 65

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

**Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach**

**Pastor Emeritus**

Sermon "A Portrait of a Father"

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

The flowers will be given in loving memory of  
Jim's mom, Helene Fosnock and  
his sister, Elsie Brown and his friend Jeff Rudd  
from  
Jim, Becky and Emily Fosnock.



*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, help us to carry a spirit of gratitude for all You have given to us.  
Our cups overflow with blessings. Please help us to see them clearly.  
In Jesus Name. Amen.

## Our Prayer Needs

Nancy Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook,  
Ed Courier (Ruth's dad adjusting to his 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,  
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

**July 3 at 10:30a**

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

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

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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*

“Moving Forward”



First Parish family, there has been a lot of activity at the church this year, and now that we are almost halfway through the year, I thought a recap might be helpful.

Starting last summer, a sign committee was formed in order to study the possibility of purchasing a new modern, digital sign for the front of the church. Steve Gates, Jolyn Foster, Wayne Cocorochio, Courtney Hatheway and I were on the original committee, Gene Mullen joined us after the passing of Steve Gates. After many months and many meetings and estimates, we hope to present a sign option to the church later this month for congregational approval.

At the Annual Meeting, the church approved a budget approving an Associate Pastor for Children's and Family Ministry. A search team was formed with, Doug Jackson and Angelin Cocorochio as co-chairs, along with Kellie Roden, Donna Nicolai, Julie Bohn, Wayne Cocorochio and I am on board in an advisement role. We are making progress and are praying that God will lead us to the right person by fall or the end of the year.

The Trustees have been very busy updating the bathrooms and renovating the third floor. Great progress has been made. We also filled a part time media position, hiring Brian Foster who is working with Claire Barden and others in updating our media presence.

The Outreach Committee has added three new missions: Amirah, a group which ministers to rescue women who have been forced into human trafficking. Also, Bruce and Wendy DeVries with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), and Roberta Peabody, missionary to Japan with TEAM. Amirah came to our church in April, and we got to meet Bruce and Wendy in May, and on June 12th, Children's Day, Roberta Peabody will join us.

Thankfully, and despite COVID, we have witnessed our attendance moving up. We have seen many new faces, and we have been able to increase our giving, as many are taking advantage of donating online, which some find very convenient. At the time of writing this, however, we are experiencing a deficient partly due to unexpected roof repairs along with the rising cost of fuel and utilities. Moving forward, we are grateful that monies were provided for much of the renovations and for a new sign, but we hope and pray that we will continue in our faithful tithing as we anticipate adding an associate pastor to our growing staff.

2022 so far has been an ambitious year. Steps of faith taken one after another in order to bring about updates to the building, our media presence and staffing needs, trusting that God will continue to encourage us as we strive to move forward during difficult times. As your Pastor, I am thankful for all of you who are supporting First Parish and thankful for the direction of our congregation. Let us all continue in prayer and faithfulness as we seek God's best for the future.

Pastor John





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

At the community breakfast Tech Corner help was given to those in our community with a variety of issues, for example:

- 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 %.

If you would like some technical assistance, please stop by! 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](mailto:winnie.carpenter@gmail.com)

If you fill out our short survey by simply scanning the QR code, even if you cannot attend the next meeting it will help us to know how to reach out.



## SAVE THE DATE!

*On Sunday, July 24, at 7:30 pm, FPCC will have the privilege of sponsoring a free concert by the Christ's College Choir from Cambridge University, UK. They were last here in 2009, and you may remember they performed for a "standing-room-only" audience in our sanctuary. They planned to return to us in 2020, but you know what happened then! They've finally been able to reschedule their American tour and we are one of the lucky venues given the honor of hosting them. Watch for further details, but put this on your calendar NOW!*

*Don Hodgkins, Director of Music Ministries*





## Bible Studies

**Thursday evenings at 7p** Bible study on Titus  
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** will resume in the fall. For more information, please email Julianne Johnston ([julianne.s.johnston@gmail.com](mailto:julianne.s.johnston@gmail.com)), or 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

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

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

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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 Alanes*

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**





Check out the Festival by the Lake  
Saturday, June 11

10a - 4p

FPCC will have a table  
for our neighbors

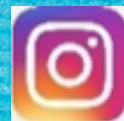
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and

FREE Spin Art for the kids...

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Sunday 7pm (Sunday morning service)

Monday 8pm, Wednesday noon, & Friday at 7pm

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