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The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

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

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon: "Easy Religion"

1 Kings 12:25-33

The flowers will be given in memory of Geraldine Lee by Kristen & Scott Mitchel.

Sunday, July 31, 2022

Rev. John T. Dale

Sermon "Truth to the Faith"

Acts 14:21-28



Baptism Class
Membership Class
July 23 at 9a
Please see Pastor John
for interest in either class.



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 10 9:30a - 55

11:00a - 74

Sunday, July 17 9:30a - 38

11:00a - 68



*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 creating us to have a mind that can think of You. That we can think of others and show Your love to them. Help us to be more like You everyday. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Our Prayer Needs

Please pray for the Howland family as they grieve the loss of Fred Howland and the Ganong family as they grieve the loss of Mark.

Nancy Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook, Ed Courier, Jim Donovan, III, Teddie Fitzpatrick, Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard, Lenny Hart, Erin Hefferman, 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

August 7 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

“An Update”



I wanted to give the church family an update concerning all the events and activities at First Parish. Currently, we continue with our two Sunday morning services, the Traditional service at 9:30 followed by our Contemporary service at 11:00. We also have coffee between services and after the 11:30. The Children's Chapel will resume in September as we are providing “Pew Projects” for the kids who are here each Sunday.

Since the YMCA is using our building, additional work on the third floor is suspended for now. If you haven't seen the restrooms that have been completely renovated, when you're at the church, you should take a good look. Our thanks to our Trustees for seeing these projects through.

Don is busy with the Wakefield Summer Band Concerts and some of our volunteers hand out water as an outreach from our church. They also give water to those attending the Movies by the Lake.

On July 24th, at 7:30 p.m., Christ College Church Choir from Cambridge, England will be here. Please come and support our Music Ministry

Another upcoming opportunity occurs on August 13th at the Farmer Market. The Chamber of Commerce is inviting groups to set up tables to advertise their organizations. First Parish is planning on being there from 9-12. These types of events afford great opportunities for the community to know us better.

On Thursday, August 25th, I will begin a four-to-five-week class on Spiritual Gifts. Then in September you will be hearing about our annual, Back to Church Sunday. This event is an outreach opportunity to invite new people to come to a church service and perhaps a chance to invite some who haven't yet returned to First Parish since COVID.

One last update concerns the Search Committee's work on filling the associate pastor position. One candidate has had a Zoom interview and an in-person interview. This person's references are being checked and if all goes well, the candidate will meet with church leadership soon. The Search Team will continue to offer updates on Sunday mornings. If you would like more information, the Search Committee is co-chaired by Doug Jackson and Angelin Cocorochio and Kellie Roden is the secretary.

I pray you will all have a wonderful summer! As you know it goes by quickly. By the time you receive this edition of the Herald, there will be only six weeks until September. Next week I will be at the CCCC Conference in Rhode Island before going to New York in August for vacation and Study Leave. Pastor Emeritus Rev. Rich Weisenbach and Aaron Wolgamott will be in the pulpit the first two Sunday's of August.

Pastor John



CHOIR OF CHRIST'S COLLEGE WILL BE HERE SUNDAY! July 24

Sunday at 7:30 in our sanctuary will be one of the highlights of the summer at FPCC: a concert by the Choir of Christ's College from Cambridge, UK. This choir, founded in 1505 (!), has toured the world for decades (just not in the last 2 years!) and we are privileged to be able to host them on their 2022 U.S. tour. It is one of the most widely recognized choirs in the UK, singing a selection of music from English and European choral traditions from the 16th to the 20th century. Their primary function is to provide choral music at Sunday services and twice-weekly Evensongs at the Christ's College Chapel during the school year, but they have also made several CD's (which will be on sale during their visit) and have spent many hours broadcasting on radio and TV and performing at numerous functions such as feasts, weddings, and memorial services. We will be collecting a free-will offering, and the concert will be followed by a reception in the vestry; the Music Committee would be thankful for any contributions of baked goods or drinks you are able to provide.

Pass the word to friends and family: this concert is not to be missed! Hope to see you there!

Don Hodgkins, Director of Music Ministries



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

Next one is
August 6
Come and join us.



Visit our Tech Corner
happening at the next
Community Breakfast & Clothing Closet
Event August 20 at 9a

At the community breakfast Tech Corner, help is given to those in our community with a variety of technical issues with their electronics. If you would like some technical assistance, please stop by! We are here every month, spread the word!



Wednesday at 6:30p

Bible Study on The Doctrine of Hell (Topics).

1. The Disappearance of Hell
2. The Old Testament on Hell
3. Jesus on Hell
4. Paul on Hell
5. The Revelation on Hell
6. Hell as Punishment, Destruction and Banishment
7. Systematic themes pertaining to hell: The Trinity, divine sovereignty, and human freedom.
8. Universalism: Will everyone ultimately be saved?
9. Annihilationism: Will the Unsaved Be Punished Forever?

Study will take place weekly on Wednesday nights and will begin promptly at 6:30pm and will end at 8:00pm sharp. We will meet in the fellowship room. If you have any questions please reach out to Bruce Londino.

Bible Studies for Men and the Women's group on Parenting will resume in August. Contacts: Ian & Winnie Carpenter

Bible Studies for Women

Thursdays (meets weekly)

Women's Bible Study at 9:15a Studying: Heaven: Finding Our True Home.

Contact: Angela Faylor

Youth & Young Adults

For information on upcoming summer events for young adults and youth groups, please see 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. Hope to see you then. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter: winnie.carpenter@gmail.com

Jesus knows me, this I love...

Wakefield Summer Band Concert

7pm at the Gazebo

(in the event of rain, concert will
be held at First Parish)

July 22, August 5 and August 19

If you would like to help distribute water for this event,
please contact Jo Lynn Foster.



Water Ministry is in full swing...



MOVIE NIGHT ON THE COMMON

July 21, July 28 and August 4

If you would like to help distribute water for this event,
please contact Heather Hulse.



We worship God with every gift we offer - with prayer, songs of praise, and gifts of time and treasure.

Our church offering is an act of worship and obedience to our loving God. The financial support of cheerful givers, and God's promise to bless our giving, works to further His mission at First Parish. You can give a one-time gift of set up recurring donations online using this QR code or the "GIVE" link at FPCCwakefield.org.

Thank you for your generosity, and thanks be to God!

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8*



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Sunday 7pm (Sunday morning service)

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