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The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

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

Closed September 13, 14 and 15 (vacation)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 18, 2022

Back to Church Sunday

Rev. John Dale

Sermon: Bible Centered Theology

Scripture: Titus 1:10-16



Sunday, September 25, 2022

Rev. John Dale

Sermon: Our Christian Duty

Scripture: Titus 2

The flowers will be given in loving memory of
Alfred and Marjorie and Justin Marshall
from Fred, Mary and Susan Marshall

Flowers for Sunday Services

Openings: October 9 & 30, November 6

**Please call the office if you would like to donate flowers
on one of these dates. Thank you...**



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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 4	9:30a - 37
	11:00a - 71
Sunday, September 11	9:30a - 48
	11:00a - 72



*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 so grateful to know that we don't even take one step without You by our side. You never let go of our hand.

Thank You, Lord.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

Our Prayer Needs

Please pray for the family of Charles C. Klapes who went to be with the Lord on August 28, 2022.

We lift up Malcolm Tottingham as he grieves the loss of his wife, Roberta, "Bobbie" who went to be with the Lord on August 26, 2022.

Please pray for the family of Mary Mac Laughlin who went to be with Lord on August 22, 2022, a FPCC Member since April 17, 1938.

Nancy Adams, Frank Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook, Ed Courier, Jim Donovan, III, (Intensive Care after a serious fall)

Teddie Fitzpatrick, Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard,

Lenny Hart, Erin Hefferman, Janet Manning, Abettina Morano, Sandy Serrentino, Lisa Surles, Stephen Taylor, Roberta Tottingham, Samuel, Richard and Pat Weisenbach and for all those healing and recovering from illnesses and for our missionaries around the globe.

Monthly Congregational Prayer

October 2 at 10:30a

in the Fireside Room. Please join us.

contact Winnie Carpenter at winniecarpenter@gmail.com

Please pray for our Associate Pastor Search Committee as they seek to honor the Lord with their candidate selection. Watch for more details. Committee 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



Tuesday at 6:30p

Women's Wakefield Bible Study scheduled to start up on September 20. We meet from 9:30 to 11 and will be studying the book of Philippians this fall. Contact Judi Manola jbmanola@gmail.com

Thursdays (meets weekly)

At **9:15a Women's Bible study** in the Fireside Room. Study is: Forgiving, Making Peace with the Past. Contact: Angela Faylor

A new study will now begin on September 15th at 7p on **Spiritual Gifts**. Contact: Pastor John

Youth & Young Adults

For information on upcoming summer events for young adults and youth groups, contact: Julie Bohn.

Men's Breakfast Group

**1st Saturday of the month
9 o'clock**

**Next one is October 1
Come and join us.**



From Outreach

Check out the Outreach Mission Bulletin Board in the vestry. It has been updated.

Our new missionaries, Bruce and Wendy DeVries and Roberta Peabody have been added.

Please keep all of our missionaries in your prayers.



Visit our Tech Corner happening at the next Community Breakfast & Clothing Closet Event September 17 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!

Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group

"Young Couples and Family Fellowship Group: If you are a family with school aged children or younger or newly married or soon to be, come join us for a simple meal, activity, fellowship, and support. We meet monthly. Our next meeting will be the Church Family Picnic by the Lake, after services on **Sunday September 18, 12noon-2pm**. Hope to see you there! For more info, please feel free to email Winnie Carpenter (winnie.carpenter@gmail.com)."

Jesus knows me, this I love...



The Pastor's Pen



What is Vision? What is Mission?

On October 1st and 15th, the FPCC family has an opportunity to review the recent history of our church Vision and Mission, looking at the journey that began in 2015, reviewing what Vision and Mission are, and working together to consider where FPCC should focus their attention in the coming years.

The Vision Team: Mark Hatheway, Julie Bohn, Russ Porter, Ian and Winnie Carpenter, Janice Jones, Ken Hodgson and I, are excited about what God is doing in our church. We want to get as many of our church family as possible to come to these two scheduled events so we can know God's will for the future of our church, seeking God's best as we pray, share fellowship, and worship together.

Various Vision Team members will lead us to examine our recent history and to review our present Mission and Vision, with an opportunity to come together for group discussions, brainstorming our dreams and our hearts desire for our mission and vision for First Parish moving forward.

I hope many can come to these events. October 1 is to get the process going and October 15th will be a follow up to look more closely and discuss further any ideas that were brought forth at the initial meeting.

May God guide and direct our steps as we work together, asking God to lead and shape our future as His church, First Parish.

Pastor John



WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN FIRST PARISH'S EFFORTS TO SERVE THE NEEDY?

Matthew 25:35-36 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in. I was sick and you looked after me. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Since 2003 God has blessed the Clothing Closet, our community dinners & breakfasts too. Apparently, He likes what we've been doing! Only if you help can we continue to serve our community in these meaningful ways.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 BREAKFAST & CLOTHING CLOSET

Setting out clothing Thursday, Sept. 15, 11:15 a.m. to noon.

Will you help then or on Saturday between 8:30-10:30 a.m.?

For the Clothing Closet, donations of in-season, gently-used clothing & footwear are needed. Items donated will be offered free to our guests at future breakfasts and dinners.

There are blessings waiting for you. Come join together with other volunteers who have experience working in the Clothing Closet and at the meals. Participate to the degree that you are able and give whatever time you can. You will be greatly appreciated.

Carol Freisen, Angela Faylor (781-246-0643), Barbara Flynn (781-246-0957) and Judy Gordon (781-246-0706) will tell you all about the Clothing Closet. Pastor John and Barbara know lots about the monthly breakfasts.

They'd love to hear from you.

Please Call Today
to lend a hand.



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY September 18

*Let's celebrate church...
The Church is the people!*

**Family Picnic after Church
12noon - 2pm**

Bring a blanket, folding chairs outdoor games, BYO picnic and come to fellowship and get to know other families at First Parish! Weather permitting, we will go to the park right behind the church and set up our spot for a picnic and enjoy the playground, some outdoor games, and some fellowship! If it rains, we will "picnic" in the basement dining room, fellowship and play indoor games there.

Hope to see you there!

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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