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The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

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

Vision Seminar

October 1 at 10am

Sharing our vision for FPCC

Please plan to attend.



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Conservative Congregational Christian Conference

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Communion Sunday

(Prayer at 10:30am ~ Fireside Room)

Rev. John Dale

Sermon: *A Godly Life*

Scripture: Titus 3:1-5

The flowers will be given in loving memory of
Dr. Robert Leff by Linda C. Hamlin.

The flowers will be given in loving memory of
Robert Randolph in memory of his birthday
by Susan and David Frey.

Sunday, October 9, 2022

Missionary Moments

Rev. John Dale

Sermon: *The Gospel of Jesus*

Scripture: Romans 1:1-7

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...**



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 18 9:30a - 47

11:00a - 78

Sunday, September 25 9:30a - 41

11:00a - 61



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 may not know what our future holds,
but we know Who holds our future.*

Thank You, Lord.

In Jesus Name. Amen.

Our Prayer Needs

Please pray for Barbara and her family as she grieves the loss of her husband,
James "Jim" Donovan, III. who went to
be with the Lord Monday, September 26.

Please pray for Don Hodgkins and his family, as they grieve the loss
of his mom, Connie Hodgkins.

Nancy Adams, Frank Adams, Bob Blaser, Charles Chapman, Douglas Cook,
Ed Courier, Teddie Fitzpatrick, Trefina Fox, Gina Gebhard,
Lenny Hart, Erin Hefferman, Janet Manning, Abettina Morano,
Pat Serrentino, (hospitalized), Lisa Surles, 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

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. More details to follow. 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



Tuesdays at 6:30p

Women's Wakefield Bible Study meets from 9:30 to 11 studying the book of Philippians. Contact Judi Manola at 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

Spiritual Gifts study at 7p.

Contact: Pastor John or church office

Youth & Young Adults

For information on upcoming 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.**



The "Vision Seminar"

October 1 at 10am

A Vision Seminar will be held on Saturday at 10am in the Vestry.

Coffee, snacks and a pizza lunch will be provided.

We will gather to review Vision and Mission, the Four E's and our Vision history.

Please be prepared to share your vision and dreams for FPCC.

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 gathering is Monday, October 10, 2022, from 10am to ~12noon at Connor's Farm Corn Maze.** Meet at Connor's Farm at 10 am to enjoy the Fall Season with other church families with some fun fall activities, corn maze, and Fall snacks! 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 22nd 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

Meet Tim and Karen Mindling

Tim and Karen Mindling serve through SEND International and are former missionaries to Afghanistan. They have 3 grown children and 2 granddaughters. First Parish has supported the Mindlings for many years and they have visited our church several times. They are very good at sending quarterly letters and updates including prayer requests.

They presently live in Michigan and are working with long term and newly arrived Afghan refugees who are being settled in the Detroit area. They help families get settled in apartments, get kids in school, find health care, and navigate the financial system. They have become friends, even surrogate grandparents, when they visit and pray with old and new families.

The Mindlings also try to be a resource to many churches that want to find a way to be involved in this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ to the world that has come to our doorstep.

In the past 8-10 years Tom has had serious health problems including multiple back surgeries. He is presently having treatment for an irregular heartbeat.

They ask us to pray for Tim's health and their work sharing the message of Hope and the Light of Christ to the Afghan families.

They are wholeheartedly involved in this mission and their faith has never faulted.



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.



*Alwyn Van Cor
turns
100
on October 2
Be sure to wish
her a
Happy Birthday*

Cards may be sent to the church during her birthday month and will be delivered to her.

Please Call Today
to lend a hand.

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, OCTOBER 15 BREAKFAST & CLOTHING CLOSET

Help is needed:

Setting out clothing Thursday, Oct. 13,
from 11:15 a.m. to noon.
or the day of the event 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.



**Visit our Tech Corner
happening at the next
Community Breakfast
& Clothing Closet
Event October 15 at 9a**

If you would like some technical assistance, please stop by! We are here every month, spread the word!

Again this year, First Parish will be partnering with First Baptist in preparing for Operation Christmas Child. Last year our church families filled 117 boxes with toys and school supplies for children ages 2-14.

The collection will start on Sunday, October 30th when folded boxes (or flat if you prefer) will be available. **The last day to return the filled box will be three weeks later, November 20th.**

Samaritan's Purse suggests a "WOW" gift such as a stuffed animal, a doll or a soccer ball with pump. Smaller items might include a jump rope, toy cars, a toothbrush, a solar calculator, and pens and pencils.

It is requested that you send a \$10-dollar donation to cover shipping and other project costs. Use the postage paid envelope which is part of the "How to Pack a Shoebox" brochure which you'll find in each box.

Last request: we're looking for gently used beanie babies which kids can choose to add to their box. Drop off in church office or give to Judy Gordon.

Imagine a child who has never had a Christmas gift opening a box from you! What a blessing all around.

Thank you from Outreach



THE LION'S DEN

Wednesday Nights
6pm

Julie Bohn

Youth Leader

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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)

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

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