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# The Church Herald Newsletter

Office Hours:

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

## Stewardship Month

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service

**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon:** *God's Righteous Judgement*

**Scripture:** Romans 1:18-32

**Sunday, November 6, 2022**

**Communion Sunday**

**Rev. John T. Dale**

**Sermon:** *God's Standards*

**Scripture:** Romans 2:1-16



**The Diaconate will be  
conducting the  
MEMBERSHIP CENSUS  
during the month of November.  
*More details will follow...***



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### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 16 9:30a - 43

11:00a - 77

Sunday, October 23 9:30a - 38

11:00a - 70



*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, our eyes take in so much beauty as we look in every direction. The colors that surround us are exquisite. Thank You for these beautiful gifts from Your hand.*

*In Jesus Name. Amen.*

*We are so grateful for the life of  
Alwyn Florence (Taggart) Van Cor*

*Born on October 2, 1922 ~ Present with the Lord October 17, 2022*

## Our Prayer Needs

**Please pray for Russ Fanjoy who grieves the loss of his brother, Neil.**

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

**November 6 at 10:30a**

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

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

Please pray for our Associate Pastor Search Committee as they seek to honor the Lord as they continue to search for the one you have already selected. Guide them Lord.

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.

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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





## **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](mailto:jbmanola@gmail.com)

## **Wednesdays at 6p ALPHA**

**#tryalpha** <https://alphausa.org/try>

## **Thursdays (meets weekly)**

**At 9:15a Women's Bible study** in the Fireside Room. New Study: Spiritual Warfare  
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.  
[youth@fpccwakefield.org](mailto:youth@fpccwakefield.org)

## **Men's Breakfast Group**

**1st Saturday of the month**

**9 o'clock**

**Next one is November 5  
Come and join us.**



## **Celebrating Pastor Appreciation & Barbara Flynn Life Deaconess**



## **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, November 12 from 5-8pm.** Enjoy a night off and support the youth winter event to Camp Berea Snow Camp at the same time! Drop off your kids at the church and the Youth group will play games and have pizza with your children. You are free to have some time off on your own or with your spouse! All donations for the night will go towards the Youth's Retreat - Berea Snow Camp trip. For more info, please email [winnie.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:winnie.carpenter@gmail.com).

**Jesus knows me, this I love...**



## *The Pastor's Pen*

### **We Must Forgive**



At the September Council meeting I read from Colossians 3:12-17. In this passage, the Apostle Paul shares several admonitions to the church at Colossae that are so applicable to the church today that I was compelled to share these words with the FPCC family. If you are having difficulty forgiving others, I hope the words of this passage will speak to your heart.

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all this put-on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Col.3:12-17

Notice first who is being addressed by the Apostle; “Gods’ chosen ones.” He is admonishing God’s people, believers, concerning who they are in Christ, and what they do in Christ. The Christian is to put on, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and forbearance. The Christian here is commanded also to forgive, why, because Christ has forgiven us, Paul writes that we “must forgive.”

The passage never says that this is easy. The passage doesn’t speak of the difficulty, it simply addresses God’s people, reminding them who they are to be in Christ, and what they should do if they are angry with someone.

Paul then changes direction slightly in the remainder of the passage he encourages us to, “let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.” Notice that this appears to be a choice. Christians can choose to “put on” all those characteristics of this passage, and we can also choose to submit to the “peace of Christ.”

The last admonition deals with a thankful spirit or attitude, “and be thankful.” Let Christ “dwell in you,” “teach and admonish, sing psalms and hymns, and everything we do, do it “in the name of Christ.”

If we are in Christ, our direction is clear. We will desire to live in Christ and all that we do will conform more and more to his image. We will want to be compassionate, we will want to be forgiving, since Christ has forgiven us so much.

Pastor John





## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER & CLOTHING CLOSET

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Our church family will again be hosting a Community Thanksgiving Dinner & Clothing Closet on November 20, 2022, for those that live in Wakefield and surrounding communities. All are welcome. The Clothing Closet will be open from 1-2 p.m. and dinner will be served at 2:00 p.m. in the dining room.

We are seeking volunteers to help set up, serve our guests, clean up and deliver meals to those unable to attend. Many hands make light work!!! If you can volunteer in some way, please see Bonnie Mullen or Linell Nester. If you know of someone who could benefit from a meal and unable to attend, please let Ruthie in the office know their name and address as she will be maintaining the list of meal recipients.

We rely on monetary donations to make this dinner possible. If you would like to make a donation, it will help to defray the costs of this dinner and/or help out towards the upcoming costs of the next community dinner. Checks may be made out to FPCC with a notation "Community Dinner" in the memo line.

Thank you!

Bonnie Mullen & Linell Nester



**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!



### *Marriage Retreat*

see Courtney Hatheway with interest.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1





The Fair Committee plans to have a "Church Sponsored Artisans" table at the Christmas Fair this year. If you are an artist, woodworker, crafter, etc. please consider donating an item and sharing your talent for a great cause!  
See Beth Rollins or Courtney Hatheway with interest.

*Many hands  
make light  
the work...*



## Christmas Fair

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Gifts, baked goods, jewelry, holiday home décor,  
Christmas cards, arts and crafts, gift baskets, refreshments,  
and much more!

**First Parish Congregational Church**

One Church Street Wakefield, MA

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are again preparing to fill shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and a "Wow" "gift for needy children around the world. Suggested "Wow" gifts: a doll or stuffed animal or soccer ball with pump.

Boxes (flat or folded) will be available at a table in the vestry on Sunday, October 30 and Sunday, November 6. We will collect the full boxes each Sunday, the final day being Sunday, November 20. A brochure with all the details will be provided with each box.

We pray that your heart will be touched as you experience the happiness of sharing Christmas through a gift for a child.  
Thank you from Outreach.



Connecting: To and Through Christ.

# The Lion's Den

2022-2023

LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY AFFECTION. OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOR. -ROMANS 12:10

Julie Bohn

Youth Leader

youth@fpccwakefield.org

As we plan for the coming year, may we take to prayer what we can offer to the Lord.

Our offering is an act of worship and obedience to our loving God. The Lord looks for those who give cheerfully, and God promises to bless our giving as His mission at First Parish is carried out. Please consider giving a one-time gift or you can set up recurring donations online using this QR code or the "GIVE" link at [FPCCwakefield.org](http://FPCCwakefield.org). and thanks be to God!

May you be blessed by your generosity.

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

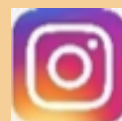


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**Sunday 7pm (Sunday morning service)**

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

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