

First Parish United Church of Christ

(Congregational)

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An Open & Affirming Church

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WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN AT 9:30AM IN JULY & AUGUST



Greetings,



Our church Yard Sale is just around the corner on Saturday, June 26th. Many of you have volunteered to help throughout and that is great news! If you haven't volunteered and wish to help out on one or all of the 3 days, please just show up and we'll put you to work!

As a reminder, on Thursday, June 24th from 6:30-8pm, we'll be setting up tables then bringing the sale items into the hall. On Friday, June 25th, we'll be getting the items sorted on the tables starting at 9am and going to around 4-5pm. Then on sale day, Saturday, June 26th, we'll be setting up canopies in the parking lot between 7-7:30am, doing the final touches before opening at 8:30am and going until 2-2:30pm when we'll slowly start packing up. Please remember, if you plan on being at church for any length of time, you'll need to bring your own food and drinks for food will not be provided as in the past.

We had conveyed earlier that we were not soliciting items for the sale but so many of you have asked, we have decided to accept whatever you have to donate! Please bring the items to the church on any of the above dates. We are in search of bags and newspaper for the sale too, so if you should have any, we'd appreciate it.



MINISTRY OF
PRAYER &
CONCERN

Edith Bowen *The Residence at Silver Square*, 100 Sterling Way, Dover, NH 03820

Betty Foley, *Wentworth Home*, 795 Central Ave, #205, Dover, NH 03820

Pat Hamel, *The Manor at Canyon Lakes*, #210, 2802 West 35th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99337-2583

Bob Philbrick, *Berwick Estates*, 75 Portland St., So. Berwick, ME 03908

--and all who are residents in long-term care and assisted living facilities in our area.

Please do send your cards and greetings.



Sherie Dinger (healing)

Barbara Dudley (health)

Betty Foley (health)

Mike Sirois (healing)

Mike Watman (health)

Eleanor Gowans (healing, broken hip)

John Flanagan (cancer situation)

Those who walk with mental health concerns, those who walk the pathway of treatment and recover from addiction.

AND ongoing prayer focus during these days:

- *For our Carroll-Strafford Association Churches.*
- *That God will bless and guide our Bridge Pastor, Rev. Dr. Thomas Hourihan and his partner, Annette Jacques.*
- *That God will bless and guide our Conference Minister, Rev. Gordan Rankin, and Associate Conference Minister, Rev. Richard Slater*
- *Faith formation ministries for all ages - for building strong faith foundations, at all ages and stages of life.*
- *Working together in community - to build community - and to implement strategies for prevention, while providing resources for treatment and recovery from substance misuse and its stigma.*
- ***Jesus said: Love God. Love Neighbor. Love Self.***
- *Those serving in the Armed Services and in support capacities around the world.*
- *Peace in our world; harmony in our relationships, hope in our active response for transformational change.*
- *The UKAMA Partnership between the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe and the NH Conference UCC.*
- *Continued invitational ministry and mission here at First Parish United Church of Christ: invite, include, involve in the good news way of Christ!*
- *For our church family and community during the COVID 19 pandemic.*



Sympathy is extended
to the families of

Karl Bye (6/6/21)

Tracy Hurley (6/9/21) Friend with Julie Hurley

May the blessing of hope and health surround their families.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sunday Worship, 10AM (In church & on Facebook & You Tube)

“For The Children” virtual page is on the church’s Facebook page every Sunday and Wednesday

Ministers: The People of the Church

Bridge Pastor: Rev. Dr. Thomas Hourihan

Faith Formation Coordinator:

Susan Vollkommer

Moderator:

Clerk:

Contracted Treasurer: Linda Gauthier

Assistant Treasurer: Richard Shepherd

Organist/Choir Director: Bette Daley

Newsletter & Calendar Editor: Debbie Hall

Remember, every church activity is an opportunity for YOU to invite, include and involve someone who you know into our shared life here at First Parish Church.

You are the face of First Parish Church!



DIACONATE

When we returned to worshipping together in the sanctuary, one of the things we really missed was singing. It was nice to hear Bette play some of our favorite hymns, but we wanted to *sing* them as well! We are so happy to announce that beginning July 4th, we will be singing again!

We have already decided that masks are optional and we are able to socialize indoors again.

Below is the list of what to expect when you come to church:

- * *Masks are now optional.*
- * *If you are sick, please stay home.*
- * Masks and hand sanitizer are available on the counter for anyone who needs them.
- * *Beginning July 4th, pews will no longer be blocked.*
- * *We will resume singing during worship service!*
- * We will have to wait for a safer time to include “passing the peace”.
- * An offering plate will be placed in the back of the sanctuary. Please add your offering when you arrive.
- * The upstairs bathrooms are available for use. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer are available in the bathrooms for your use.
- * Communion will continue to be served in individual containers and will be placed in the narthex for you to pick up on your way into the sanctuary.
- * If, at any time, the state tells us we cannot worship in the church, we will contact you by email or phone and will resume services on Facebook and YouTube only.



Do you know someone who needs some prayers? Please contact one of the Prayer Group members listed below:

Priscilla Chellis, (207) 698-5977,
Email: prchellis@comcast.net

Carol Cummings, (603) 842-5059,
Email: johnandcarol55@comcast.net

Dottie Douglas, (603) 332-6113,
Email: dottiedouglas@metrocast.net

Fran Karlik, (603) 397-5674,
Email: kinross2@comcast.net



The Wednesday afternoon and Sunday morning "For The Children" posts will continue through the fall months. My hope is to encourage children, or anyone who reads these posts, to read their Bible and continue with their daily prayers. Our building may be closed but our faith is strong. God is still speaking to us, we only need to listen.

MINISTER'S CONTACT information



Rev. Thomas Hourihan contact information.

603-433-2170 (home)

603-817-7312 (cell) (texting accessible)

thomasfhourihan@gmail.com



JULY LECTIONARY READINGS

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 4, 2021

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalm 48
Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

Seventy Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 11, 2021

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalm 24
Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 18, 2021

2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalm 89, 20-37
Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

July 25, 2021

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalm 14
2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

JULY



July 1	<i>Pete & Sue Vollkommer</i>
July 12	Carol Cummings
July 17	<i>Clay & Linda Oelkuct</i>
July 20	Elaine Goodberry
July 22	Mary Horton <i>Dave & Chris Stolpe</i>
July 23	Cynthia Jutras
July 24	Nancy Day
July 27	Jordan Brown
July 29	Pete Vollkommer

Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above

Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)



The Women's Fellowship has started to meet again in the fellowship hall at 9:00am on Tuesday mornings. It was wonderful to see everyone! We chatted about having a fair in November.

Please join us! If you need a ride, let Kathy Latchaw know at (603) 978-0785.

May God be in all our journeys.

Kathy Latchaw

TRANSITION TEAM

The Transition Team: Kathy Latchaw, Debbie Hall, Sharon Sirois, Julie Hurley, and Cynthia Jutras are working on completing the profile for our next pastor. If you are interested in reading and helping with editing what has been completed, please let one of the team members know.

This is our church and this document is going to determine our future. It is vitally important to have it reflect our needs and the person we want to move our congregation into the future.

Prayerfully submitted,

Kathy Latchaw



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176 West High St.,
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**OUR ANNUAL YARD SALE IS BACK!
SATURDAY,**

JUNE 26th 8:30am-2:30pm

Lots of treasures: toys, furniture, holidays, electronics, kitchenware, crafts, etc.!! And the Wm's Fellowship will have their themed baskets for sale!

Be advised that CDC guidelines will be followed.