

May

2015

**Worship ~ Sundays
at 10:00 A.M.**

The Chimes

Making the Right Mistake

“Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment.”

—Peter Gomes

I have a friend who is fond of pithy, slightly enigmatic sayings. One of his favorites is that “it is important to make the *right* mistake.” It is a nice nugget of wisdom. Yes, we will all make mistakes. But not all mistakes are the same.

Some people live life recklessly and hurt other people in the process. But some other people live life too cautiously. The downside of the overly cautious life is less evident, but no less real. When we take no risks or worry constantly about security, we deprive ourselves of opportunities to grow and learn. We many even stunt the potential of the people we love.

Somewhere between reckless and paranoid lies a balanced, interesting, meaningful life. If we entertain a little abandon to open our hearts to love, we might mess something up, but we might also give God a way into our being. If we risk getting hurt by trusting someone, we might get creamed—or we might be blessed and we might be a blessing to someone who had never before felt trustworthy. If we make a generous gesture, we might cringe when the transaction comes through on our bank statement, but we might also learn a new sense of freedom.

Being mean, petty, vengeful—those mistakes we should definitely try to eliminate. But taking a risk for a good purpose? Why not give it a try?

See You In Church!

--MSB

Church Supper

Saturday, May 2nd

Ham 'n beans, homemade breads,
Cole slaw, string bean casserole,
desserts and a few culinary
surprises! Adults \$ 8.00; Children
under 12, \$ 5.00.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

WHILE YOU EAT!

Musical entertainment while
you dine with *Sally Gallagher*
and *Jean Ellison*, vocalists
and *Rick Gremlitz* at the
keyboard!

Congratulations!



On the birth of *Molly Elizabeth McGarvey*, daughter of *Margaret* and *James McGarvey*, on March 28th. Grandparents are *John* and *Darcie Russell* and *Rebecca* and *John Henry*.



to *Irene and Gerry Boyle* on their 35th
wedding anniversary on April 19th
and

to *Sally and Richard Tappan* on their
46th wedding anniversary on April 19th
And

to *Herb Brown* on his 96th birthday on
May 6th and

to *Bill Merrill* on his 101st birthday on
May 7th.

There will be a celebration to honor *Bill*
in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour on
Sunday, May 10th. Please come join *Bill*
and his family on this special occasion.

Best wishes to you all from FPC!



Our *Bill Merrill* has received an
honorary degree from the
Wentworth Institute of
Technology where he attended
78 years ago! He received his
degree in machine construction
and tool design in 1937 after
finishing high school during the
Great Depression.

Congratulations to you *Bill!!*

Holiday Fair News

Our enthusiastic Holiday Fair
committee is already planning for our
Fair on November 21, 2015! This is a
wonderful church wide, community
outreach and fund raising event. There
are many ways to be involved! As you
do your spring cleaning or if you are
downsizing, please consider a donation
of specialty furniture or other items to
FPC for our Tiffany Collectibles &
Antiques Room. *Jim Prue*, who
specializes in this field, is happy to
assist anyone with items that might be
appropriate. Contact *Jim* at 749-6897,
[**jeprue@comcast.net**](mailto:jeprue@comcast.net). A letter of
donation can be provided for you to
use for Income Tax purposes.

We are looking for a few more team
members to help with publicity (are
you handy with a computer?) and to
assist *Jane Kennedy* as Vendor
Liaison. Please give prayerful
consideration to helping with these
needs.

If you would like to learn more about
our Fair or get involved with the
planning, contact *Kathy Baker* – 742-
5976, [**skmbaker@comcast.net**](mailto:skmbaker@comcast.net) or
Jane Kennedy – 749-1042,
[**janewkennedy55@comcast.net**](mailto:janewkennedy55@comcast.net).

**Moms On the Run 9th Annual
5k Race/Fun Run**
Dover High School, Dover, NH
Sunday, MAY 10th 2015 @ 8:30am
Mother's Day

Come celebrate fun, family and friends
while creating awareness for:

**End 68 Hours of
Hunger**

***During Sat/Sun Registration and
Number Pick Up there will be a donation
area available for items of need:**

**18 oz of peanut butter or 20 oz jelly
in plastic containers
granola bars & breakfast bars
*The reason for such specific
containers is to help limit the
weight carried by young children**

**To Run, register at:
momsontherun.org**

**To Volunteer, register at:
Dover@End68HoursofHunger.org**



Sunflower is the theme for attire..be
creative!

Council Comments

Welcome to the Merry Month of May at First Parish Church. Among many exciting events and activities planned for this month will be the publication of a New Church Directory by Lifetouch Family Photography. Our present directory, now six years old, is missing many vital, active members and friends and we want to remedy that. Your Council's goal is one hundred percent participation and we intend to make this process quick, easy and stress-free.

The photographs will be taken here at our church on Tuesday, May 19, from 2:00 - 9:00; Wednesday, May 20, from 2:00 - 9:00; Thursday, May 21, from 2:00 to 9:00; and Saturday, May 23, from 10:00 - 5:00. Each appointment will take twenty minutes which will include taking the picture, viewing the proofs and choosing the photo you wish to have published in the church directory. At that time you may order extra pictures if you wish. Each family or individual will be given an 8x10 portrait as well as a church directory. There is no charge for either of these items. Members of our church will be present at "photo time" to register people as they arrive.

Signing up for your scheduled photography appointment may be done in three ways. You may sign up on line from home on the First Parish Church website; you may sign up at Coffee Hour through *Kathy Daniels* or *Tiffany Brand*; or you may sign up at church on a form. If you need transportation to church we will arrange a ride for you. Someone from our church will come to your house to photograph you if you are unable to travel to church.

Our new directory will enable our congregation to put faces and names together, connect with one another and promote our ministries. The success of this project will depend on all of us participating. Being a part of this directory is a gift we will give each other and an important accomplishment for First Parish Church.

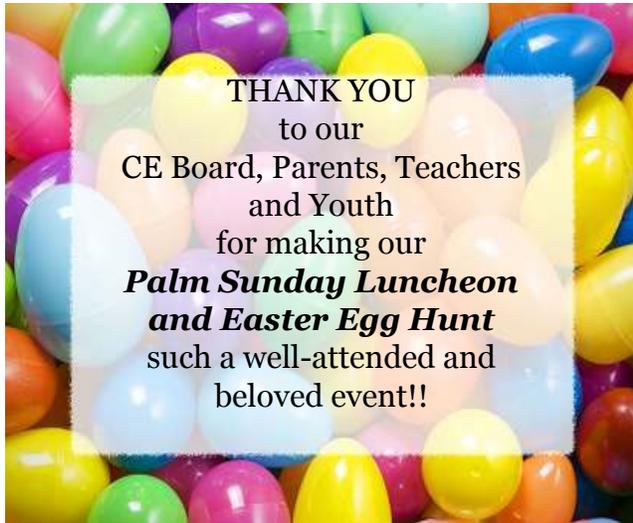
Pat Sorensen

50 Year Member ~ New Member Dinner



Our Annual Dinner celebrating those who have been members of FPC for 50 or more years and those who have recently joined the parish will be held on **Monday, May 18**, at **5:30 P.M.** in our Fellowship Hall. We will conclude before dark so folks can still be home early. Please call the Church Office to let us know you are coming, so we can plan the food.

This is an ALL CHURCH event.
PLEASE JOIN US!



THANK YOU
to our
CE Board, Parents, Teachers
and Youth
for making our
**Palm Sunday Luncheon
and Easter Egg Hunt**
such a well-attended and
beloved event!!



IMPORTANT DATES

- May 31st – Last Day of Sunday School
- June 7th – Children’s Sunday
- June 14th – Church Annual Meeting



May 24th
Special 2-hour program
**beginning @9:00 am in
Nazareth Hall**
Activities to include:
■ Preparation for Children’s Sunday



An Ark for Today’s World
Sunday, May 3
is our annual
HEIFER FAIR!

Heifer International is a global nonprofit working with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. Since 1944, Heifer has helped 10.5 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture. We will have **FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE.** Each classroom has their own ‘specialty’ for sale.

Personal Stories, the next Sharing and Listening Session in the Open and Affirming Series, will be held on Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. The focus of this session will be a panel discussion of people with first-hand knowledge of a variety of LGBT life experiences. All are invited to attend this session and participate in the discussion.

Men's Group meets Wednesday
evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parlor.

E-Chimes

To start receiving the chimes via email, please send an email to chimesfpc@gmail.com with the subject "eChimes".

E-Mail Prayer Chain

Please contact the office at 742-5664 or by email to be added to our email prayer chain.

Contact Us

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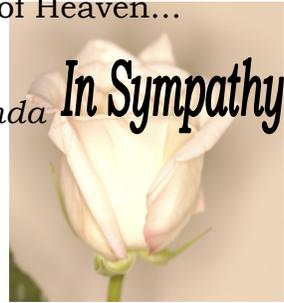
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays by 9:00AM

Chimes Deadline: The 15th of every month ~ Please email bulletin and chimes information to Joanne at firstparish@comcast.net

We mourn the loss of our dear friends, called home by God to share in the everlasting kingdom of Heaven...

Salvatore Ronda ~

father of *Sam Ronda*



Altar Flowers

April 12 in memory of *Charles Clement* given by his family

April 19 in loving memory of *Albino Rossicone* given by *Laurie and Tim Ashe*

April 26 in loving memory of *Mike Hudson* given by *Nancy Hudson*

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, please contact *Joanne* in the church office at 742-5664.



Graduates

We would like to honor our high school, college and post-graduate students in worship on June 7th. Please let the church office know who has earned a degree in your family by **May 31st**. Thank you. firstparish@comcast.net

The Marshall Family extends its deepest appreciation to all the members and friends of First Parish for their cards and expressions of sympathy at the passing of *Mara Marshall*. We are especially grateful to all those who provided meals, reception food and contributions of their time and talents towards making her celebration of life service such a wonderful event – one filled with memories that we will treasure always. Thank you!



Featuring Grammy Nominated

Lester Hirsh

FRIDAY, May 29th 7PM – 9:30PM

Performing on both Spanish six string and acoustic 12 string guitars. His styles run country, folk and classical to Flamenco and Brazilian Jazz.



Advance tickets will be available at the Church Office during normal business hours

with Monica Nagle

Extremely talented folk, blues and jazz guitarist singer - songwriter. Original Artist, author, musician, educator uses her artistry as a tool to bring together youth, professionals and community.

Join us for an intimate evening of original story and song

First Parish Church Dover, NH

Admission Donations Adults \$10 | Children under 12 \$5 | Special family price \$25

Concert proceeds benefit the Under One Roof project

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