

The Chimes



2017

Dear friends in faith,

“How do you like Dover?” someone asked me this morning. “Well, I am getting to know Dover ... so I’ll get back to you on that ... but I am loving the church!” What an active and positive congregation you are... and I am seeing just your “summer face” right now! As you can imagine, I am truly looking forward to the “fall church” that will be gathering on September 10th and later.

So... what does an interim do? Obviously I do the right work for Sunday mornings and for the program needs of the church. That goes without saying. But an interim is less about ‘plugging a hole’ (like the substitute teacher who does a little teaching around the edges of managing the classroom). Interim work is a form of coaching and encouragement to a church during its wonderful transition from one pastor to another.

What that means is that, in choosing a search and call team, the church is working on its deepest and most important questions so that the search and call team can speak confidently of the “soul” of the church and its “work” in the coming seasons.

We will keep you posted, both from the Council and the Board of Deacons, as to what to look forward to and what to expect. Personally, I hope that you will make a small pledge, in your heart, to being present for at least some of the conversations ... and offering your thoughts personally in ways that work for you. I will look forward to that!

Here’s how to reach me. I am here most weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you want to set up a time to talk, just call my cell phone. That number is 781-835-8133. My email is “revjcareygoodell@gmail.com”. You can also search for me on Facebook with this address: “pastor.dover.ucc@gmail.com” and friend me. I am going to be sharing some thoughts on my sermons from time to time and I’d love to make that available to you.

We’re off to a good start! Speaking of which... why don’t you stop in... Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Pastor Jonathan

Music Notes



Youth Choir and Joyous Ringers:

We are continuing the rehearsal plan implemented last year with these two groups designed to accommodate busy family schedules. We will rehearse each group on a rotating cycle from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Sundays. The Joyous Ringers and Youth Choir will alternate. Specifically: the Youth Choir will begin rehearsals Sunday, September 24th, at 11:00 and rehearse until 11:45. They will rehearse each Sunday through October 8th. The Joyous Ringers will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 15th and will rehearse through Sunday, December 17th.

We recognize how busy families are and we hope this rehearsal schedule will provide more opportunity for the youth of the church to participate more fully in our musical groups.

The Joyous Ringers will be directed again this year by Emily Grondin, and the Youth Choir will be directed by Carol Seely. The Joyous Ringers are open to all youth of the church from 1st grade and up. Youth Choir is open to all youth in the church. We hope to have many participate in one or both groups. Please call Carol Seely at 603-312-0771 or email her at k9vet@rcn.com with questions.

First Parish Ringers:

Have you ever thought you might like to try your hand at ringing the handbells? We welcome those who would like to try ringing but have never had the opportunity before. We would love to have you join us for the coming year. Membership is open to adults and those who are in the 8th grade or older. Experience and the ability to read music is not necessary but would be helpful. We begin our regular schedule of Sunday evenings at 5:15 p.m. on September 10th. Please call Carol Seely at 603-312-0771 or email her at k9vet@rcn.com with questions or to let Rick Gremlitz know if you will be there to give it a try!

The First Parish Choir

This choir is a group of singers, open to all ages from high schoolers to adults. Choir rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The choir sings almost every Sunday from mid-September through mid-June and for special services and events. For further information, please contact Rick Gremlitz, Director of Music, at 603-868-1196 or at rickgremlitz@yahoo.com FIRST REHEARSAL will be at the annual choir retreat on Saturday, September 9th; *FIRST SUNDAY EVENING REHEARSAL* will be Sunday, September 17th.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL

We welcomed Pastor Jonathan into our midst. As many of you already know he brings with him a true sense of the Spirit and has recognized this among us. And, thusly he has led us so far. At our most recent meeting he shared his 6 month vision of our church which is highlighted by learning, reflecting, and doing, with an emphasis on outreach.

We also welcomed new council members as we move into a new church year. Normally, summer agenda is light but we've held two meetings this summer and are focusing on key initiatives which include keeping the Fundraising Task Force alive and well and exploring new church logo options that will better identify First Parish as an Open and Affirming Church. We are also praying for the parishioners at the Maranatha UCC Church in Madbury, some of whom are frightened with the imminent threat of deportation back to Indonesia.

As Pastor Jonathan is clearly committed to church growth, the Growth Task Force will officially convene next month.

Council also keeps coffee hour on track. We will be getting creative with our monthly "captain" approach as well as appeal to all of you who like coffee hour to please lend a hand. Signing up is easy. Our Board of Wardens are the "captains" for September.

And one last plug for the CE Board. They will be hosting a church picnic immediately following service on September 17th at Henry Law Park. This is an all church event and all are welcome, not just those who have kids in our CE programs. This will be a great, informal way to meet new folks and also invite your friends who do not attend our church but may be interested in doing so.

Peace and Blessings to All!
Rich Henck, Council Chairperson

Holiday Fair News



Planning for our 2017 annual Holiday Fair really starts to get under way this month. Mark your calendars for **November 18, 2017** and plan to spend some time in fellowship with friends, helping with this church-wide fundraising and community outreach event. We need everyone in our church family to get involved! It is a wonderful way to strengthen old friendship bonds, make new ones and feel a part of our wonderful church community.

Our next Fair Committee planning meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 24th, at 11:30** in the Parlor. Anyone who would like to be involved is welcome to attend. If you would like to learn more about our Fair, please contact Kathy Baker at skmbaker@comcast.net, 742-5976 or Bethany Gould at gould5980@gmail.com, 335-1847.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Annual Meeting

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Grappone Center
70 Constitution Ave
Concord, NH 03301

*In Search of Sanctuary: Won't You
Be My Neighbor?*

The theme of this year's meeting is rooted in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), and the haunting question posed by Jesus: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" Drawing upon his experience as the founding Pastor of Living Water United Church of Christ in Philadelphia and as political director of People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO), Bishop Dwayne D. Royster will bring the Keynote Address, speaking to our theme: "In Search of Sanctuary: Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

For registrations processed **on or before Tuesday, October 10th at 11:59 pm**, when online registration officially closes, the Youth Delegate rate will be \$50/person and the Delegates & Visitors rate will be \$85.00/person.

Registrations processed **after** the close of online registration will be taken on the day of the event, at the "walk-in" rates of \$50.00 per youth delegate and \$100 for all others. For walk-in registrations, cash or check will be accepted (sorry, no credit cards). If you have any problems registering yourself, please call Cindy Bradley at 888-642-8229, ext. 1100 (Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., August 25 – October 11).

Further details and registration information may be found on the NH Conference website.

www.nhcucc.org



First Parish Church will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, September 13th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There has been a nationwide shortage of blood this summer. Please consider giving the gift of life; the life you save might just be your own! All blood types are urgently needed! You may sign-up by calling 1-800-Red-Cross, sign-up online at Redcross.org or you may simply walk in. Thank you all!

ALL CHURCH
RALLY DAY PICNIC
 To celebrate the opening day of
SUNDAY SCHOOL
September 17th @
Henry Law Park

- **All Congregation**
Apple Pie Contest &
Baked Bean Cook-off

This is a CASUAL DRESS SUNDAY.
Bring a chair or
blanket to the park!

***There will be**
NO Coffee Hour*




September - October
Sunday School Mission
END 68 HOURS OF HUNGER

*Bring in food items anytime beginning now
 through Mid-October.
 Food will be sorted and boxed up during our
Special Programming Day
 on October 8th*

Food Items Needed:

*Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars,
 Canned Soup/Stew/Chili, Canned Pasta,
 Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mayonnaise, Boxed
 Cereals, Ramen Noodles, Canned
 Tuna/Chicken, Boxed Crackers, Boxed Mac &
 Cheese, Boxed Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce,
 Instant Oatmeal*

NO GLASS CONTAINERS
 **Always get easy-open containers when
 available**



www.facebook.com/FPCDover.sundayschool



Sunday, September 17th

JOIN US for
FIRST Kids Gathering
 in Nazareth Hall @ 9:30 AM
 Let's welcome **Pastor Jonathan!**

Classes will be held during the
10:00 AM worship hour and
 classrooms will be combined as
 follows:



Preschool – 2nd Grade

Erica Helm
Sara Stewart

3rd - 5th Grade

Amy Bennington
Beth Setear
Cindy Chase

6th – 8th Grade

Matt Endrizzi
Allison Friend-Gray

Scripture: *“Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong...”. Ecclesiastes 9:11*

Sometimes it seems that the writer of Ecclesiastes had a family, a schedule, and responsibilities just like ours. No one runs faster than I do. No one works harder than I do. There are some people smarter than I am, but I’m not the dumbest person on earth. It takes some intelligence to manage a job ... and our home and budget and schedule. But whose hot water heater is going to fail and who is going to win the lottery seems pretty much up to time and chance. Whose kids will be doctors and lawyers, and whose kids will need doctors and lawyers is up for grabs, no matter how good a parent you are. Any of us could have written the book of Ecclesiastes.

We are familiar with these phrases or thoughts: “my calendar is crazy... my schedule is ridiculous... my life is out of control!” When we worship, we can also watch for signs that God may have a plan and pace for our lives. We need to know that! We need to take a “breather” Sunday morning. Perhaps the spirit of worship will help us seek God’s face and God’s pace. On Sunday morning we may catch God’s good order and distill a drop or two of peace from the spirit of worship.

Take a moment, settle your mind, and center your thoughts and your soul. Ask God to help you rehearse peace. Let this prayer sink deep into your soul on its way to God.

Prayer: *“Dear God, I have raced through an entire day and haven’t even given you so much as a thought. Forgive me. Please help me be aware of your presence so that no matter what happens tonight and tomorrow, the path will seem straight and smooth and will be full of joy. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*

adapted from Rehearsing the Soul by Terry York



Please join us for a very special coffee hour hosted by the Deacons on Sunday, September 24th when Pastor Jonathan Carey Goodell is officially welcomed into our church fellowship as Interim Minister.

Congratulations!



On the birth of *Rye Margaret Duckrow Fonda*, on July 9th. Rye is the daughter of *Chris & Serena Duckrow Fonda* and baby sister to *Sage*.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class will begin on Sunday, September 10th, at 8:50 a.m. This group has been meeting for a few years, and we find it to be a great opportunity to share and reflect on our faith using a variety of resources. We will begin this year with a group discussion of William P. Young's *The Shack*. Pick up a copy at your favorite bookseller and join us – newcomers are always welcome! Please see *Gary Munson* or *Joyce Tugel* for more information.

In Sympathy



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

Rev David Slater ~

Former Senior Minister of FPC and husband of Connie Slater

Bob Kennedy ~

Father of Gerri Vining

Helen Gordon ~

Mother of Marcia Goodnow

Thomas Evans ~

Step-father of Susan Dunker

JoAnne McCormack ~

Mother of Laura Zabkar, Jayne Rewucki & Jonathan McCormack

Edwin Henck ~

Father of Rich Henck

Gene Kelewae ~

Husband of Jan Kelewae and former long-time FPC member

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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

Church Supper



Saturday, October 7th

Come and enjoy a feast at our first church supper of the season!

All for just \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 or under.

Served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Ham 'n beans, homemade breads, coleslaw, string bean casserole, desserts and a few culinary surprises!

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT WHILE YOU EAT!



Return Service Requested

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The First Parish Church Congregational
The United Church of Christ
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