



The Chimes

**Worship
Services:**

**Sundays
at 10AM
&
5:30PM**

**The In Between Time
“What’s Your Spiritual
Type?”**

In her book, *Discover Your Spiritual Type: A Guide to Individual and Congregational Growth* (Alban Institute, 1995), Corinne Ware offers a framework for individuals and groups to name and understand their spiritual experience and preferences. Ware identifies four basic types of spiritual experience:

Head Spirituality: A person of this spirituality type is most comfortable learning through the written or spoken word and grappling with content. They tend to like serious Bible study, good sermons, and theological discussion. They want to be challenged and to learn something during worship.

Heart Spirituality: A person of this spirituality type values depth of feeling and seeks to experience God in the moment. This person often finds God through in depth relationships with other people and in small groups. They want to be moved by the music, prayers, or the sermon during worship.

Mystic Spirituality: A person of this spirituality type desires to engage in a deep sort of knowing and is more likely to listen for God than to speak to God. They find contemplative prayer, nature, and reflective Scripture study to be places where they meet God. They want to experience the mysterious, transcendent God during worship and especially appreciate the Lord’s Supper and silence.

Kingdom Spirituality: A person of this spirituality type is an active visionary with a faith that transforms persons and society. They tend to be involved in social justice causes and experience God most clearly when they are doing God’s work in the world. They want to experience God’s motivating power and justice during worship and find a word that will equip them for the week ahead.

Do any of these types resonate with you more than others? Or do you find yourself fitting several of them or perhaps you are drawn to all depending upon your life circumstances? You may be able to think of one or more people at First Parish who reflect each type. You may also recognize that FPC has a dominant “way of being faithful” that leans toward one or more of these characterizations. Sometimes that shifts back and forth over time.

Does it matter what “type” of person or church you are? No. And yes! No, spirituality type doesn’t matter because God calls all kinds of people to follow as disciples and to participate in God’s reign.

But spirituality type does matter in that each type comes with its comforts and challenges. Knowing something about yourself and your church can make it easier to understand why we are drawn to certain areas of church life, and why we might find other areas to be anxiety-producing. Understanding more about

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our spiritual “style” and preferences can help us to understand our ministry hopes, expectations, and priorities and make wise choices about the ways we contribute to life in the body of Christ.

If we recognize that we are each created uniquely, it makes sense that we have different ways we express our spirituality and experience the Holy. Some prefer group prayer while others prefer small group or private prayer. Some want “hands on” projects that make a difference in the here and now while others want to look deeply into the mystery of life and always see beyond the present. All are legitimate approaches to the life of faith.

Thinking programmatically, some spirituality types will prefer weighty study groups, some social ministry projects, some a support group, and others a series on Christian meditation. Offering a diversity of program and worship opportunities serves the variety of personalities present in the congregation.

First Corinthians 12 reminds us of the importance of both the individuality and the unity we share as members of the body of Christ. By acknowledging and affirming our differences and living out an active spirituality, we gain a glimpse of that “still more excellent way”—God’s love that binds us all in community.

Faithfully,

Norman

Deacon's Bench

Change represents a challenge to all of us. During this time of transition, our church is not immune to serious impediments to moving forward. Conflicts, both old and new have surfaced in our midst, along with frustration, hurt, and anger that many feel present a clear picture of a church in crisis.

Since we are a Christian community, many feel that we shouldn’t have conflicts, but, in fact, we do. Since we are a Christian community, many feel that we should automatically have the skills to deal with conflict effectively, but, in fact, we do not.

Your board of deacons is planning a series of events and professional training this fall to strengthen and renew our church. The purpose of this program is to help us to help ourselves. The deacons have strongly endorsed the work of Nancy Brown and Rev Dr William Brown, husband and wife who team together as NPB & Associates of Hopkinton, NH. The Browns have met with both the Diaconate and the Council and come highly recommended as a team that can assist our church.

The first phase of the work will involve training our church leaders to manage change, help our members and friends develop a stronger sense of belonging, improve communication, problem solve, and transform conflict into growth.

The second phase will invite all church members to participate in a session that will share the characteristics of a healthy congregation, focus on the dynamics of belonging, increase understanding of conflict and healthy approaches to resolution, and develop covenants around being in community. All of this work is designed to “equip the saints” for spiritual lives in which we all share a vitality and passion for our mission of living the gospel.

The Brown’s will serve as facilitators for these sessions and will use their expertise and experience to guide our work, but ultimately, the work to move us closer to a dynamic community of faith will be ours to do. As with all worthwhile endeavors, this project has costs in both human capital and in dollars and cents. The expenses are not part of our annual budget and thus, must be raised separately.

The Diaconate and Council have agreed upon a fund raising plan to address this expense. Your participation in fund raising efforts is needed and a congregational letter will be sent soon with details. We ask to please be prepared to respond affirmatively. Please continue to keep our beloved church and our leaders in your prayers.

Stewardship Moment

“WHAZZUUP?”

Ah yes, the famous greeting coined several years ago by one of the TV advertising campaigns. It seems like an appropriate beginning for this month’s Stewardship article. Or perhaps “Ramblings and Rantings” is more appropriate.

- The Stewardship Committee is busy developing a “Narrative Budget” format for use in the fall campaign. It is intended to be a more user friendly way of understanding of how the money is raised and spent at FPC. This may be helpful for those of us who are not comfortable with or have difficulty understanding the traditional accounting spreadsheet format. And we hope that it will give more “life” to the way we show our activities at FPC.
- We’re expecting that this year’s Stewardship Campaign will incorporate additional, user friendly choices for giving to FPC. Included would be options to utilize Electronic Fund Transfers from a bank account (presumably one of your own), credit and debit cards, or Online Internet donations using FPC’s Web Site.
- Recently Kathy Daniels asked for brief “job descriptions” that could be utilized by the Nominating Committee as they seek out volunteers to serve on FPC’s various committees and boards. While preparing a list of the Stewardship Committees’ primary responsibilities, I thought of the personality traits necessary to say “Yes” when asked to serve. My initial thoughts included:
 1. At an early age, wanted to be a tax or bill collector instead of a highly regarded health care worker, educator, or athlete.
 2. Enjoys being a “pain in the neck”. Role models include telephone solicitors and TV infomercial producers (It chops, shreds, dices and even goes to church regularly!).

3. Immune from being shunned by others, particularly during annual pledge campaign season.

Eventually rational thought prevailed. Important characteristic for service on the committee include:

1. Strong commitment to the Mission and Values of FPC.
2. Understand that a key element of the Christian faith is meaningful sharing of our time and talents (Walk the walk, vs. talk the talk).
3. Being willing to move beyond our own personal “comfort zone” while engaged in fund raising activities at FPC.

Like the Marine’s, “we can use a few good men and women”. Will you answer the call?

Bill Bauman

For the Stewardship Committee

Interested in praying before church this summer? During this time of transition our church needs to be bathed in prayer. Any who are interested may join the pastors in the parlor at 9:15 am or 5pm for a time of meditation and prayer. We’ll begin with a poem or a passage of scripture to center our thoughts and then offer petitions or sit in silence, whatever is most comfortable. Come see what might happen!

Worship Attendance

Sunday: 7/4/10	AM: 105	PM: 22
Sunday: 7/11/10	AM: 123	PM: 39
Sunday: 7/18/10	AM: 96	PM: 12
Sunday: 7/25/10	AM: 104	PM: 21

Transition Team Happenings

The Transition Team's work is guided by the Alban Institute's *Temporary Shepherds: A Congregational Handbook for Interim Ministry* (Roger Nicholson, Ed., 1998). *Temporary Shepherds* lifts up the blessings of sharing the 'interim discoveries and the fruits of genuine collegiality that serve as support and affirmation.' Nicholson notes that interim ministry has evolved over the past two decades, as clergy and laity have learned what it means for a congregation to be between installed pastors.

As a congregation, we have an important and exciting task: to prepare the way for our next settled pastor. The Transition Team is planning two opportunities for your continued contribution to this process. In the next few months, you will be invited to "Cottage Meetings", which will be held in parishioners' homes. The purpose of the meetings is to gather information about our congregation's strengths, hopes, and wishes for our future. The Transition Team will gather this data in a form that can be integrated into our strategic plan. You will also be invited to complete a Pastoral Search Inventory. We are pleased that this form is now available in an online format, which will save us considerable time and expense. We will also make sure that those who are unable to complete the electronic form are provided with someone who can be a "computer helper" or receive a paper copy.

"Bewildered though we may be by the way things are changing, we are not without faith that God is re-shaping the church in ways we cannot yet see. A new form of the local church may already be emerging out of the yet powerful and creative bodies of Christ's people as we know today.

It is our faith that the church is God's creation, and what God means it to be in the future will be made plain. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, God says, 'Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?' (Isa. 43:19, RSV)" (*Temporary Shepherds*, p. xi)

Please join us in these steps along the way – together, and with God's blessings, all things are possible!

Faithfully,

Your Transition Team

Music Committee News

The Music Committee will sponsor
2 concerts in August.

On Saturday, August 7th at 7 PM *Katelyn Emerson* will perform an Organ Concert. *Katelyn* is a very talented recent High School graduate, who has been playing our organ and also accompanying for our evening Worship Service during her high school years. This will be her final concert before leaving for school this fall to major in organ performance at Oberlin College in OH.

On Saturday, August 21st at 7 PM *Kimberly Oppelt* will perform a Vocal Concert. This will also be a "farewell" concert for her as she will be leaving the area to pursue further study and to audition for opera singing in NYC.

Admission to both concerts will be by donation. Plan to take some time during these warm summer nights for some musical enjoyment!



Nominating Committee

What is your Passion?

What is my Passion? What do I want from my church? How is God calling me? Where would my gifts be best expressed at First Parish?

These are just a few questions that the Nominating committee asks you to contemplate and pray about over the summer. Next Sunday, stay for coffee after service and look into our “mirror” in Fellowship Hall. Take a moment, say a prayer and see what reflects back to you. Ask yourself, “What is my passion?” and see what happens.

It is without question that our church is moving in new directions. Moving forward takes ideas, talents and time. What is your gift? Are you a leader, an organizer, a thinker, a doer? Employing our God given gifts is nourishing to our soul. Ministering with others, is rewarding. Doing your part to help shapes our church.

Next month, we will ask you to complete a revised ABC list (A list of many areas of the church where you could serve). You may remember this from when you joined FPC. This list will include all areas of our church from baking, musical talent, or serving on a committee, places to express and nurture your gifts.

Take another look into the “mirror.” Peruse the opportunities presented that are available. Don't see anything? Feel free to add your interest. Let these ministry's breathe through you and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Let us all take part, none too small, in shaping our church into all God wants it to be.

Contact any member of the Nominating Committee with questions or feedback. We look forward to hearing from you. Kathy Daniels, Chair (742-3481); Tiffany Brand, (749-9932) and Terry Dargan 749-9650.

Peace,
Kathy Daniels
Chairperson



First Parish is a Stephen Ministru Church

For more information,
contact one of the
Stephen Leaders:

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Carol Davenport, 742-9817
Beth Martindale, 742-2419
Margie Edmunds, 742-7631
Rev. Jessica McArdle, 742-5664

In Sympathy



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

Viola Roberts

mother of Sherrill McIntosh

Debra

Eileen Drake's niece

Rene Sublette

mother of Shannon Jacques

Priscilla Hunt

longtime member

Caroline Hookway

Gordon Quimby's aunt

Children, Youth & Family



August

**Sunday School Teachers!
An Evening Devoted to YOU!!!
Wednesday, August 11th at 7pm**

Our teachers help make First Parish Sunday School what it is. You are the person who may well be making a real difference in a toddler, young child, preteen or teenager's life. You are the vital connection for parents and their children in the church. And because of all these things and more, there is an upcoming event set-aside just for you.

Wednesday, August 11th, the first of two gatherings will be offered. We'll talk on how to make your Sunday school teachings more effective in terms of your class time, more rewarding for you and your students AND some time-tested tips on how to make the lesson preparation more manageable.

To best prepare for our time together, an email questionnaire will be sent to you prior to Aug. 11th session. The questionnaire will ask you specific questions pertaining to the curriculum, as well as other questions to better understand your unique teaching environment.

After our session, there will be time set aside for an in-depth review of specific curriculum concerns and/or challenges. Additional time will be set aside as needed, so that every educator is confident that they are getting the support and resources they need.



FPC Church Family Retreat!
At Horton Center
August 27-29th

Please send in your deposit of \$50 by August 1st to hold your spot! Relax and enjoy the company of your FPC friends and make new friends!
For more info please contact Donna Evans at hondagirl1967@msn.com

SAVE THE DATE!

1st Day of
Sunday School
& Annual Church
Picnic

**September 12th
8:45 am & 11:00 am**

Get Off to a Good Start!!

**Come to the Sunday School Registration
& Ice Cream Social**

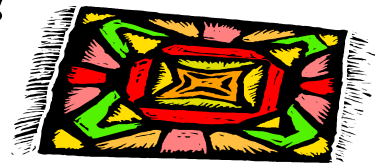
Wednesday, August 25 at 6pm

Get off to a good start this year! Meet your child's upcoming Sunday School teacher, talk with the staff, check out the curriculum and enjoy a delicious Ice Cream Sundae all in the same evening. Put your mind at ease even before the calendar turns to September and other activities. By getting your child enrolled early, you will have begun the important work of preparing them for a formative and rewarding year of Christian education.

This year some parents suggested holding a raffle as a way of making this annual registration event all the more festive. Some exciting possibilities were suggested including tickets, prizes and gifts. As we get closer to the date, we'll keep you posted.

A very special THANK YOU goes to the Christian Education Board for supporting this event AND providing all the fixings for the Ice Cream Sundae Making!

Help!



We need a **LARGE** area rug for our new and improved Worship Center in Nazareth Hall.

Please call Donna Evans at church, 742-5664 x13 or e-mail me at hondagirl1967@msn.com

Adult Education Offerings for the Coming Year

The Christian Education Board is polling the congregation to see what kinds of offerings would appeal to congregants. Below are listed a range of possible offerings that could be taught by our pastors or outside speakers. We ask that you circle 5 of the offerings that capture your interest and fill out the rest of the survey below so that we can best meet the needs and interests of adult learners in our church. Turn these into the office or place them in the offering plate. Thank you!

- The Gospel of Matthew (15 sessions)
- The Gospel of Mark (15 sessions)
- The Gospel of Luke (15 sessions)
- The Book of Genesis (10 sessions)
- The Book of Second Samuel (9 sessions)
- The Book of Isaiah (10 sessions)
- Psalms (10 sessions)
- The Ten Commandments (11 sessions)
- Healing in Grief (10 sessions)
- Unselfish Prayer (5 sessions)
- Christian Faith and Power (5 sessions)
- Liberating Discipleship (5 sessions)
- Kingdom of God (6 sessions)
- Christian Community: Eating & Drinking Our Way to the Kingdom (5 sessions)
- Spiritual Gifts (4 sessions)
- Cultural Diversity and Inclusion (8 ses.)
- Faith & the Spirits of Politics (5 ses.)
- A Brief History of Christianity (6 ses.)
- Jesus: The New Way (video series with N.T. Wright) (6 sessions)
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer & the Cost of Discipleship (videos) (2 sessions)
- Christianity 101 (6 sessions)
- Survey of the Bible (10 sessions)
- Theology 101 (7 sessions)
- Love & Logic: Parenting for the 21st Century (4 sessions)
- An Altar in the World: Spiritual Practices for Daily Living (6-8 sessions)
- Prayers of the Old Test. (4-6 sessions)
- Managing Your Money (2-3 sessions)
- Couples Communication (4 sessions)
- Understanding the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict (1-2 sessions)
- Understanding Islam (1-2 sessions)
- _____ Other

What time would be best for you to attend an adult ed. Offering?

- 9am before worship
- 11:30 after worship
- Monday pm
- Saturday am (occasional worship/retreat)
- before 5:30pm worship
- after 5:30pm worship

What length would you like the offerings to be?

- 2-4 weeks
- 4-6 weeks
- 8-10 weeks
- Quarterly courses

Would you be interested in meeting in a Small group at someone's home?

- Yes
- No
- Weekly
- Monthly

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



Thank You!

Dear First Parish Friends,
Warmest thanks to all of you for the concern and care you have given our family during the recent months. The outpouring of prayers, flowers, cards and calls encouraged us. The delicious meals, so lovingly prepared, sustained us. Your helping hands reminded us daily that we are all held in the palm of God's hand. Bless you all.

The Geather, Robichaud, and Sorensen Families

Thank you Sunday School ~ We are grateful that you included the Dover Friendly Kitchen in your generous giving. Your gift will cover all expenses for more than one whole meal and provide a needed meal and friendly welcome to area residents in need.

Thanks so much, *Sally Path*, Treasurer
Dover Friendly Kitchen

Dear First Parish Church,
Thank you for helping to support the 1st annual Father's Day 5K for the Avis Goodwin Community Health Center. We had a successful fundraiser with over 417 registered runners and walkers and raised \$9,500 for the under and uninsured patients that we serve (over 8,000 a year). Your support in spreading the word made a difference.

Thank you, *Renee Allen*

Dear Friends,
Many thanks for the lovely flowers. I enjoyed them very much. My eye surgery went very well with no unpleasant side effects. Particular thanks to Jane and Bill Kennedy. It was nice having some company to chat with.

Sincerely, *Dot Hooper*

Historical Committee

***Save the Date: Saturday 9am-noon,
September 25, 2010
"377 Years of First Parish
Places and Faces"**

The FPC Historical Committee is planning a bus tour of some of the sites our Church holds near and dear: from our first location on Spur Road, to the Historical Meeting House on Dover Point Road, to our current location and the many markers in Pine Hill Cemetery. Narration and materials will help bring our past to life for those who want to remember and those who want to discover and learn. A sign up sheet will be posted toward the end of the summer. We invite our new members especially as this is a fun way to learn the history of our beloved Church.

Coming in September!



First Parish Church Sew & Serve! Come join us for fellowship and community service as we sew pillowcases for local organizations. Any skill level is welcome. The third Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm. Septembers date is the 15th.

This is a National Challenge!
Contact Kris Palazzo (749-4412),
Susan Chase (868-1937)
or Judy Edwards (749-2130) if you
have any questions or would like to
donate materials.

*Rev. Bendroth will be away on
vacation from August 3rd – 11th*

August Sermon Schedule

August 1, 2010

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

"A Lot of Junk"

Rev. Bendroth preaching

August 8, 2010

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Rev. McArdle preaching

August 15, 2010

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Rev. McArdle preaching

August 22, 2010

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrew 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Rev. Bendroth preaching

August 29, 2010

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16

Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Rev. Bendroth preaching

E-Mail Prayer Chain

Please contact Kathy Daniels at 742-3481 or shesababe@hotmail.com to be added to our email prayer chain.

2010 First Parish Holiday Fair!

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 20th. It's the most wonderful time of the year! What better way to support First Parish than by spending a day, (or two), with friends and people of the community at our annual Craft Fair. We really need support so if you can donate time, crafts, bakery items, or something else that would be fantastic. We have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, so come and join us! If you have any questions, please free to call Sharon Tehada at 207-384-0186. Thank You!

Baptisms

The next baptism will take place on Sunday, September 26th at the 10am and 5:30pm worship services. There will be a baptism class held on Monday, September 13th at 6pm. Please call the church office at 742-5664 to sign-up and for any other questions.

Kitchen Shelves

Please stop by the Kitchen at the church and look at all the items on the shelves. They may be yours! Items not claimed by **August 15th** will be given to good will. Thank you.

Altar Flowers

July 4 in loving memory of *Gil Davenport* from *Carol* and the girls.

July 11 in loving memory of *Bernice Chisholm* by her brother, *Roland Hofemann*.

July 18 in loving memory of *Jenny Woodward* from sister *Joy McGregor*, daughter, *Marilyn* and granddaughters *Marnie & Megan*.

July 25 in loving memory of *Paul B. Allen* by all his family.



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Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesdays at 9:00AM

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

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The United Church of Christ
The First Parish Church Congregational
The Chimes

Summer worship times:

Sunday at 10am & 5:30pm

This is a change from previous years.

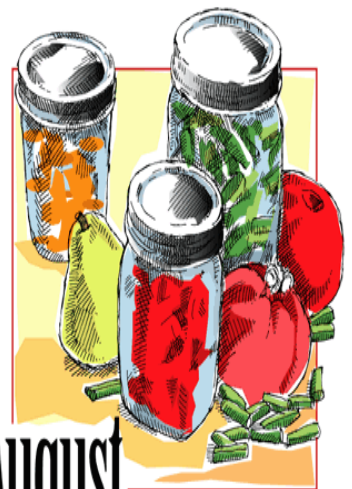
Office hours for summer:

(July & August)

Mon-Fri 9am to noon ~ Please call ahead to make sure someone is available to help you.

E-Chimes

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



August