

# The Chimes



**SEPTEMBER  
2010**

**Worship  
Services:**

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

## **The In Between Time “Understanding the Intergenerational Church”**

In many churches today conflicts erupt around worship styles, financial priorities, and the nature of mission. It often divides along generational lines. Dr. Gary L. McIntosh of Talbot Theological School describes three different camps in this struggle. There are the “Builders,” those whose formative years were the 1920s, ‘30s, and ‘40s. Then there are the “Baby Boomers” born between 1946 and 1960 and last there are the “Baby Busters” or “Generation X’ers” who run from third grade to their mid-20s.

Dr. McIntosh observes three distinct sets of religious needs and expectations on how these find satisfaction in meaningful worship experiences for each generation. For the Builders, he observes, commitment to Christ means commitment to the church. People in that generation tends to be more program-oriented, give money to mission organizations, want Bible study led by the pastor, are loyal to the institution, and minister out of a sense of duty which often finds expression by serving on committees.

For Baby Boomers, commitment to Christ equals commitment to relationships. They tend to want ministry that is more people-oriented

prefer to give money to people rather than organizations, favor “hands on” missions in their own communities rather than go overseas, want practical Bible study and prayer-share groups, are loyal to people, and minister more for personal satisfaction.

For Gen X’ers commitment to Christ equals commitment to the community. This social group tends to be community-oriented, gives money to causes, and wants issue-oriented Bible study and prayer/share groups. They are loyal to causes, and minister to confront issues.

While these tendencies do not describe everyone in these age groups, they do give us a fair reading on some of the major differences in the religious “style” of the generations. In worship, those born before 1940 tend to like and expect quietness in church, love to sing the old hymns, want expository sermons, prefer more formal prayers said by the pastor, like the organ and/or piano, and are used to low audience participation. Friendliness is a very important value as well.

Baby Boomers prefer a more informal service with talking and socializing before worship. While they like to sing hymns they sometimes find them archaic in language, imagery and concern. They also enjoy both upbeat and worshipful choruses or praise songs that are accompanied by guitars, keyboard, and drums. Boomers want to hear practical, “how to” sermons, enjoy hearing various people pray, like higher congregational participation, and value anonymity when new. They want a religious experience when they come to church, not just an aesthetic one.

Baby Busters also enjoy informal worship with talking and praise songs. They would also like to add a jazz ensemble or other “non-traditional” instruments. They too prefer to remain anonymous and hear various people pray and lead the service. Where they are different from the other two groups is that they prefer “issue-oriented” sermons and want

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less audience participation. Gen X'ers (and now Gen Y'ers) are skeptical and don't want to believe because they were taught a certain way or because their parents believed that way. They want an experience with God first hand in worship.

So what do we do with this information? First of all, each generation needs to realize that the other is not just being stubborn about change or that they don't appreciate tradition. Rather, each generation is shaped by cultural and political events and sets of values, which uniquely inform them. Builders lived through the Depression and World War II whereas Baby Boomers were shaped by Vietnam, the civil rights movement, and a growing economy. Today Gen X'ers live with a variable economy and can't count on a job after graduation from college. Their first political memory is the taking of hostages in Iran and the Persian Gulf War. 9/11 was today's generation's first memory.

Older members had a higher birth rate, have a high view of marriage and a low divorce rate. Boomers marry later; have a low birth rate, and a low view of marriage with a high divorce rate. For Busters, the pendulum is swinging back more to the center. While we can't jump out of our generational skins, at least we can try to understand and appreciate where the other is coming from.

Second, our identity in Christ, not our common tastes, unites us. New Testament churches were made up of people of different ages, genders, races, and socio-economic levels who came together because of their common faith in Christ. Christ gave them their identity and, consequently, their unity. In an era of marketing niches – of builders, boomers, and busters – we have grown accustomed to having things our way. But do we really need single taste congregations? What would happen if people with different musical tastes and preferences in worship got along because of their common commitment to Christ?

Third, we need each other. The younger generation needs the memory and wisdom of the older generation. We need to celebrate the strength of our best traditions and let others go

that have outlived their usefulness or no longer carry the same meaning. The older generation needs the vitality and energy of the new generation. They need to graciously yield positions of authority and ways of doing things to the next generation. Let them make the same mistakes you did. The younger generation needs to appreciate that a certain predictability gives other folks a level of comfort and security when they are experiencing loss or change in every other area of their lives.

I remember standing on a bluff in Harper's Ferry, VA, overlooking where the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers joined. There was a lot of turbulence where those two mighty rivers met. But downstream, it smoothed out again and flowed in peace. The same thing is happening in our churches today. A number of streams are coming together causing turbulence and unrest. Increasingly, new members to our church are from non-Congregational back-grounds and have young families.

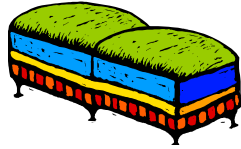
We are becoming more like a community church with a diversity of tastes, experiences, and expectation of the church and the minister. The model of ministry that worked in the 60s and 70s no longer works in the early 21st century. Pastors need to be more missionary minded and entrepreneurial than their predecessors. We are increasingly living in a post-Christian culture and people are not inclined to come to church. I have a friend who turned around a church that was almost dead in Revere, MA. "Business as usual, done well," he says, "will no longer work." Churches need to be innovative and flexible to meet the demands of a new century even as they cherish the best of the past.

On Sunday, September 19, after worship in the parlor, I invite you all to attend an Adult Education Forum where I will explore these themes more deeply so that we can better understand and appreciate one another and think about practical ways to be a church for every generation.

Faithfully in Christ,  
Norman B. Bendroth  
Sr. Interim Minister



## Deacon's Bench



God has blessed us once again with the wonderful days of summer. Summer gives us the opportunity to spend time with family and friends as well as sit and listen to the waves of the ocean and pray to the Lord for guidance.

Your Diaconate prays that you have been blessed once again this summer. For those who have lost loved ones during this time we also pray that God will give you peace.

As the fall approaches, First Parish Church once again is alive and growing. We are starting Sunday School, adult education and many other classes and ministries. There are plenty of opportunities here at First Parish Church for your spiritual life to flourish. The Diaconate prays that you will find your "Passion" and let it flourish.

The Special Appeal 2010 to fund Youth Ministry and Leadership Training has collected \$8,262 as of this writing. Thank you so much for your continued support for both of these important programs. Leadership Training will occur on October 16 and 30. This first phase of training is for those currently serving on a board or committee. Phase 2 of the training will be for the entire congregation and will occur later this fall.

At the monthly Diaconate meetings we have discussed many topics devoted to the spiritual life of the church. During the September Diaconate meeting there will be a discussion about the evening service. If you have any thoughts or concerns about the evening service, please see a Deacon so your voice will be heard at the meeting. If there are any other topics that you would like the Diaconate to discuss please bring them to a Deacon. The topic will be discussed at a future meeting or referred to the appropriate committee (Wardens, etc.).

## ***FPC announces: Family Picnic Day***

The Christian Education Board is cordially inviting ALL our church families' young and old, to our annual Family Picnic Day held on Sunday, September 12th from 11-2pm at Henry Law Park right after the morning worship service. This is also the first day of Sunday School! So kids, (you too mom and dad!) remember to wear something playful that day. In inclement weather we will hold the picnic in the Fellowship Hall.

What a fun way to start off the school year! Our annual Family Picnic Day has always been a joyful event. This year is no exception. We have planned an afternoon filled with games and prizes, rain or shine.

This is a perfect venue to meet and greet our newest families, making new friends in the process, catch up with old friends we haven't seen all summer and indulge in some down home conversation inspired by the charming scenery; with a playground and fun-filled games for the energetic youth and a relaxing artistic view for the young at heart.

The Christian Education Board will be providing the entertainment, prizes, sandwiches, desserts, paper supplies and drinks. We are asking all families to BYO: cold salad dish to share; chairs/umbrellas; blankets; sunscreen; sense of humor energy!  
***Please label all dishes containing NUTS!***  
Sign up sheet in hallway across from office!

We the Christian Education Board are honored to serve you, your children and your family. We hope you will join us, relax and take advantage of God's beauty and presence.

In His Name,  
*Heather Di Mambro* and  
*Jenn Hanscom*  
CE Youth Group Sub-Committee

## Transition Team Happenings

Fall at First Parish Church is always an exciting time of opportunity and renewal and this year promises to be no exception. Programs and activities for adults and youth are on the calendar and the Transition Team is eager to move forward with you toward the goal of welcoming our settled ministers.

This month each member of our congregation will have the opportunity to complete a Pastoral Search Inventory. We encourage all members, who are able, to take the survey on line. There will be “computer helpers” available at the church to provide you with assistance if needed or hard copies for those of you who are not comfortable with the online process.

Keep your eyes on the Transition Team bulletin board, located in Fellowship Hall, for updates on our congregation’s progress. Look for the “Foot Step” mural, appearing soon in our atrium and narthex, which chronicles the steps taken by the Transition Team as we walk in faith toward our future. Soon another set of footsteps will join those as the Search Committee is selected by the Diaconate and begins its task.

Recognizing how many vital opportunities for fellowship and growth are planned for the fall, the Transition Team will schedule the cottage meetings after Advent in the new year. We look forward to worshipping, working and praying with you on this journey.

Faithfully,

*Your Transition Team*

*The United Church of Christ* daily devotional. Go to <http://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/> to sign up. Daily inspirational thoughts, messages, and insights!



## Safer Spaces Committee

First Parish is committed to creating and maintaining a worship and fellowship community where all members, friends, staff, and volunteers may share their spiritual journey together in an atmosphere that minimizes the potential for physical injury/harm and is free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. To this end the Safer Spaces Committee was established and is charged with the oversight of all matters relating to these areas of concern.

The Committee has worked with the FPC Council to develop related policy statements and procedures. A FPC Safer Spaces Handbook has been developed and copies are located in the Church Office, Senior Minister and Associate Minister Offices, Christian Education and Youth Group Office, and with appropriate committee chairs. The policies and procedures included in this handbook apply to all activities which take place within the building and properties of First Parish Church, as well as program, activities, or events scheduled as part of the ministry of this church which take place elsewhere. The policies and procedures apply to all members, friends, volunteers, or employees of the church.

All individuals who work with children and youth in church-related activities must complete a background check and reference form. The Safer Spaces Committee and the FPC Christian Education Board work together to conduct this process. In addition, training is required for all individuals who will work with children/youth. A schedule of training sessions for the coming year will be announced shortly.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of us.

Peace – Karen Graham, Nan Nutt, Bruce Whitney (FPC Safer Spaces Committee)

## Nominating Committee

“OMGG, Oh My Gifts, God!!”

Last month, we asked, “What is your Passion?”. We hope you took time to reflect on the gifts you can share at FPC. Our church is filled with many areas that could use your life experiences, your time and more importantly your gift of ministry. Finding your place can be tricky especially if you don't know many people or where to turn. It could even be scary. Are you up for the challenge? If you have been on other committees before and have wondered about learning about other opportunities here is the chance to get more information. We are here to help and truly feel you will not be disappointed. With God by our side leading and guiding, only great things can lay ahead of your journey.

We invite you to our Mission Fair on October 17th after church services. Here will have members from various committees in attendance to give you insight about the committees they joined, the work they do, why they answered the call and how the experience has brought them closer to God. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, learn about the experience of joining a committee or a ministry. Tiffany, Terry and I will also be there to introduce ourselves to you, get to know you and hear from you what your passions are.

We invite **all** to come spread the word of our Church. If you are currently on or have served on a committee or other ministry please come. Share your experience with others.

In this month's Chimes you will find enclosed an ABC list of many areas where you could serve. Please take a moment to complete this and return to FPC or to Kathy Daniels at [shesababe@hotmail.com](mailto:shesababe@hotmail.com). Don't see anything that interests you? Add it to the list. Many of you have completed one of these when you joined First Parish. As a means to keep the ABC list updated, please take 5 minutes to complete it, even if you have done so in the past.

Peace,

Kathy Daniels,

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## Historical Committee

The Historical Committee has decided to postpone its Historical Site Bus Tour intended for September 25th. We feel our Church has several other activities in the fall months that should take precedence at this time. We hope to reschedule in the spring when the schedule is less hectic.

Dottie Donovan, Chair  
FPC Historical Committee

## Men's Group Rally Day!

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The FPC Men's Group will host our own "Rally" on Wednesday September 15 starting at 7PM in the Parlor and concluding at La Festa. Our newly elected leader Sam is ready with another great series of discussions. All Men are welcome to attend so if you've never been, or just haven't been in a while we look forward to your presence.

First Parish is a

Stephen Ministry Church



For more information,  
contact one of the  
Stephen Leaders:

Mary Norris, 742-6587

Carol Davenport, 742-9817

Beth Martindale, 742-2419

Margie Edmunds, 742-7631

Rev. Jessica McArdle, 742-5664

## Worship Attendance

Sunday:	8/1/10	AM: 103	PM: 22
Sunday:	8/8/10	AM: 81	PM: 26
Sunday:	8/15/10	AM: 107	PM: 21
Sunday:	8/22/10	AM: 129	PM: 21



# Music Notes



**The Senior Choir** is open to all ages from high school through to adults. Choir rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 7:00- 8:30 p.m., beginning this year on September 19. The choir begins each year with a retreat, which will be held on September 10 and 11. The choir sings for nearly every Sunday morning worship service, from September through June. The choir sings a range of music from sacred, classical, to contemporary. New members are always welcome in this unique group who enjoy singing together. For further information, please contact Rick Gremlitz, Director of Music, at (603) 868-1196 or at [rickgremlitz@yahoo.com](mailto:rickgremlitz@yahoo.com)

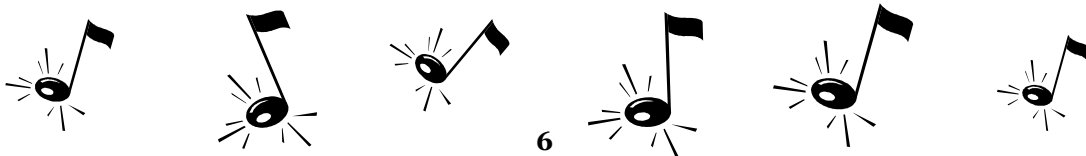
**The First Parish Ringers** is an intergenerational group of handbell ringers. This group is open to all Sr. High School students through adults. Rehearsal are Sunday evenings from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This group rings in church once a month and on special occasions. New members are welcome. It is helpful if you are able to read music. For more information, please contact Carol Seely at [k9vet@rcn.com](mailto:k9vet@rcn.com).

**The Joyous Ringers** is a youth handbell group open to all youth Grades Four through Eight. This group meets once a week on Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and rings in church every six weeks. New members are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to become more involved with the music program of First Parish Church. For more information, please contact Carol Seely at [k9vet@rcn.com](mailto:k9vet@rcn.com).

**The Choir Chimes** is a youth choir that rings choir chimes and is open to all youth Grades One through Three. This group meets once a week on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and rings in church every six weeks. New members are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to become more involved with the music program of First Parish Church. For more information, please contact Carol Seely at [k9vet@rcn.com](mailto:k9vet@rcn.com).

**Youth Music Program** will continue to be a part of the Sunday School program this year. Children will sing as a part of their weekly Sunday School worship service, and also during the weekly E Club, working under the direction of Adam McDougall and Carol Seely. The Youth singers will be a part of the Sunday morning worship in the sanctuary several times throughout the year.

**Sunday Night Worship Ensemble** meets at 4:30 on Sundays to go over the music for that evenings worship. If you would like to join us, please contact Lisa at 742-5664 or [firstparish@comcast.net](mailto:firstparish@comcast.net). We encourage any one that likes to sing praises to the Lord to join us. We especially LOVE having "special music" be it vocal or instrumental. Come and join us!





# Children, Youth & Family



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

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day of**

**Sunday School**

**& Annual Church Picnic**

As we anticipate the start of Rally Sunday, we are looking forward to welcoming back those families that have been away during the summer, as well as moving into a brand new church year! We have so many exciting plans and are eagerly awaiting the start of this year's church programming.

As with previous months, enhancements are being made to enrich the Sunday school worship experience. The worship area will now be in the "round" including two large area rugs for children to sit and enjoy our time together. The bulletin is being enhanced, music is already being put in place for the fall and Christmas season and a thematic thread will be woven throughout all our activities – providing continuity between the 8:45am Worship and Sunday school lessons.

Come and join us at 8:45am on September 12th, Rally Sunday! We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you back into the First Parish Church home!



## **Youth Group News**

The 2010-11 Youth Program begins Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30-5:30pm

Youth Group HAS NEW HOURS....beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Group begins at 3:30 and concludes at 5:30p.m. Don't miss out on build your own ice cream sundaes on registration night Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00p.m. Register for Sunday School and Youth Group....come have FUN with us!

## **Confirmation 2010-11**

Confirmands and parents please join us on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for an orientation meeting. Pizza will be served.

RSVP to [bethmartindale@comcast.net](mailto:bethmartindale@comcast.net).

This will be an introduction to the 2010-11 Confirmation program, requirements and q & a.

## **FPC, UCC Youth & Leader Team to attend Princeton Theological Seminary Pathways Seminar in September**

Seven youth leaders and three youth will attend the Youth Ministry Seminar in September in Danvers, Mass. This is an informative Adult and Youth education and training workshops on topics such as: *"Intoxicated: Ministry with youth under the influence of social technology"*, *"Young People are Fully Human"* and *"The perfect storm: the Congregation on the Margin"*.

The youth worship topics are:

*Understanding and Leading Christian Spiritual Practice, Recreation: The Theology of Recreation, and Plenary: Exploring the path of My Life and Faith."*

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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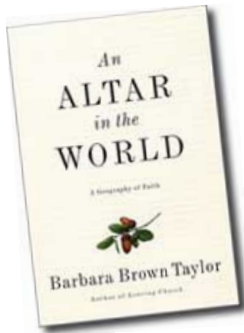
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## **More Adult Education Opportunities**



Several exciting opportunities for deepening your faith and building community with fellow travelers will once again be available this fall. Revs. Bendroth and McArdle will be leading a reading/discussion book *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Taylor calls her book a field guide to spiritual practices: “My life depends on ignoring all touted distinctions between the secular and the sacred, the physical and the spiritual, the body and the soul. What is saving my life now is becoming more fully human, trusting that there is no way to God, apart from real life in the real world.”

Taylor is an Episcopal priest, professor of religion at [Piedmont College](#), Demorest, Ga., and also teaches spirituality at [Columbia Theological Seminary](#), Decatur, Ga.

She presents formal and informal spiritual practices that will help deepen our humanity and broaden our connection with others. Along the way, she shares many colorful vignettes and ponders the experiences of some well-known biblical characters. In addition to keeping the Sabbath, walking meditation and prayer, she covers blessings, living with purpose and encountering others in community.

The study will begin on Monday, September 20 at 7 pm in the parlor. You can order a copy from Amazon.com or sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium and we'll order them in bulk at \$10.20 each.

### **Sunday Morning Adult Study**

While the children are in Sunday school, adults meet with Rev. Bendroth in their own classroom for study and discussion. Last year we studied the Book of Acts; this fall we are beginning a series on *Characters of the Bible*. What do Abraham, David, Ruth, and Priscilla have to say to us today as we try to live the Gospel in our generation? We will also be taking a vote as we move forward to see what other topics we might like to explore. Don't just drop your child off for church school or come to church at the last minute, feed your own soul and make some new friends!

### **Adult Forum: Sunday, September 19, 11:30 am in The Parlor**

***Understanding the Intergenerational Congregation***~ Ever wonder why grown-ups talk past each other when discussing money, mission or worship? It's often because of generational differences. Each generation was shaped by global events and cultural shifts that formed their world view which they bring to church. There is a richness in having a congregation filled with folks from young to old; come discover how to make it richer as we grow in understanding of one another's needs and expectations of church and how we enhance one another.

**Rev. Gary Schulte**, New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ, Conference Minister and President, will be with us on **Sunday, September 26**. Gary will be preaching at both services and will lead an adult forum on what's happening in the New Hampshire Conference, the United Church of Christ, and what to expect during the search process. Come support our conference and conference minister.



### **Newcomer Classes**

Interested in learning more about FPC? Come join us  
Sunday, October 3 at 11:30 am  
Tuesday, October 5 at 7 pm  
Sunday, October 17 at 11:30 am and  
Tuesday, November 12 at 7 pm.  
New Members will be received on  
Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Kristen Palazzo  
 respectfully requests the honor  
 of your presence at the marriage  
 of her daughter  
 Ashley Nicole  
 to  
 Sean William Thoel  
 son of  
 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Thoel  
 on September 4, 2010  
 3:00 in the afternoon  
 First Parish Church, Congregational  
 Dover, New Hampshire

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## Neighbors in Need

**The Annual Neighbors in Need Offering** will be taken on *Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>*. NIN is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

## Life Line Screenings

First Parish is pleased to offer a preventive health event. *Life Line Screening*, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on **Thursday, October 7, 2010**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$139. The screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.  
 Call 1-888-653-6441 for more info.

## Volunteer Help Needed

Our longtime sexton, *Sharon Hilton*, is currently recovering from hip surgery. We all wish Sharon well and a speedy recovery. In her absence we are looking for any volunteer help we can in order to keep our beloved church in spectacular shape! If you are interested in helping out by cleaning a portion of the church every week during Sharon's absence, please contact Jane or Lisa in the church office at 742-5664. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Looking for someone to bring my mom** TO the Sunday evening 5:30pm service from Barrington. She will have a ride home.  
 If anyone is able to help, please contact Elaine Case at 664-9138 or email [amitysinger@metrocast.net](mailto:amitysinger@metrocast.net). Thank you.

## September Sermon Schedule

**September 5, 2010**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Communion*

Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33

*“A New Identity”*

*Rev. McArdle* preaching

**September 12, 2010**

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15:1-10

*“A Sheep, A Coin and a Boy”*

*Rev. Bendroth* preaching

**September 19, 2010**

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1; Psalm 79: 1-9

1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13

*“Profit and Loss”*

*Rev. Bendroth* preaching

**September 26, 2010**

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16: 19-31

*Conference Minister Rev. Gary Schulte* preaching



## In Sympathy

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

**Richard Staples**

longtime member

**Jeanne David**

Sam David's wife

**Helen Phipps**

longtime member

## 2010 First Parish Holiday Fair!

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> at the 10am and 5:30pm worship services. There will be a baptism class held on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please call the church office at 742-5664 to sign-up and for any other questions.

## E-Mail Prayer Chain

Please contact Kathy Daniels at 742-3481 or [shesababe@hotmail.com](mailto:shesababe@hotmail.com) to be added to our email prayer chain.

## Altar Flowers

**August 1** in loving memory of *Frank & Mae Hooper* and nephew *Eric Johnson* from *Dorothea Hooper*.

**August 8** in memory of loved ones and in honor of our First Parish Church family from *Gene & Donna Sgrignuoli*.

**August 15** in thanksgiving for the bounties that God gives to us.

**August 21** in loving memory of my sister *“Auntie B”* and my *“forever buddy” Hughie* from *Lorraine Keazer & children*.

**August 29** in celebration for the life of my beloved *Wayne Perreault* by *Bonnie Peterman*.



# *Sunday School Rally Day and Family Picnic!*

Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday School begins at 8:45  
Worship at 10am & 5:30pm  
Family Picnic at  
Henry Law Park at 11am!  
Come and enjoy the fun!  
(more info inside)

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