



The Chimes 2011

Worship Services:
Sundays at
10AM & 5:30PM

Lines from Lynes
“A Partnership
in Ministry”

“I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your partnership in ministry from the first day until now.” Letter to the Philippians 1:3 (Moffat translation)

So writes Paul to his friends in Christ in Philippi. He and Barnabas had established this community of disciples of Christ during one of his missionary journeys and now imprisoned in Rome he writes this warm letter of thanksgiving for their partnership in ministry and their caring concern for him.

Well, as I write this, I have served as your Senior Bridge Minister (now that’s a title, isn’t it!) for only two weeks, but in that short time I have been so warmly welcomed that I could very well have penned those words above from Paul – only they would be about my new partners in ministry at FPC.

In my first Sunday in worship with you, I offered a definition of the Church of Jesus Christ which guides my work as Pastor and Teacher.

The Church of Jesus Christ might be described as a worship-centered, prayer-based, Spirit-guided, learning-inspired, love-flowing, faith-forming, mission-engaging, peace-promoting, justice-seeking, and grace-incarnating multi-racial, multi-cultural communion of disciples of Christ, accessible to all. Grounded in faith, covenanted in love, sustained by grace, and nurtured by hope, it seeks to be a faithful servant of God’s mission in the world.

Not all of you were able to be present for worship that Sunday, so I thought it would be helpful to include this in my first “Lines from Lynes” in the Chimes. In the months ahead – and we don’t know how many that will be -- I will strive to be a faithful and joyful servant for that mission of our beloved Church of Jesus Christ and a faithful and joyful Pastor and Teacher for FPC.

Agape. Jack

This mission, visioning and welcoming statement for our church has been officially adopted. The process of developing this statement began last year with significant congregational input from a Saturday morning meeting held in Nazareth hall that was hosted by the transition team. The transition team then worked over a period of months and developed this statement based on that congregational input. Both our Board of Deacons and the Church Council have endorsed its adoption:

First Parish Church, Congregational, United Church of Christ of Dover, New Hampshire is a faith community, led by the Holy Spirit and gathered to worship, learn and grow in Christ. We are committed to:

- *servicing God by serving others in our community, nation and world*
- *providing worship, music and educational experiences that are meaningful to all generations and ages*
- *seeking unity as we embrace tradition and innovation*
- *celebrating our diversities as we support one another in both challenging and bountiful times*
- *bringing our faith to bear on our daily lives*

We know that God is still speaking and we joyfully invite you to join us as we listen for God’s message of peace, justice and reconciliation.



Deacon's Bench



The Deacons send you Spring greetings. Spring is the season of new beginnings. A time when we find hope after a long winter. A time of rebirth and renewal. No matter how dark the winter has been, the circle of life moves forward in its relentless pursuit of new growth. We can begin again even if things have not gone as we planned.

We do not need to stay where we are. For Spring to come we need the miracle of God.

In *Charles Ringma's* book, "Dare To Journey With *Henri Nouwen*" he says "that we alone cannot achieve our own dreams.....we need the gift of patience. We need the grace of perseverance. We need to work hard to make things happen, but more urgently, we need God's guidance, sustenance, and help."

As we move forward as a community in the days and weeks ahead, let us do so with new energy, new vision, and a new sense of calling, and a letting go of the old in order to embrace the new.

When we look towards new life, it helps us to let go of the pain or the difficulties that may block our path. With joyful hearts we will move into grace. We will listen for the call of God to inspire us and be with us over the long haul of our journey. God will not let us down. The door is always open. What we must do is walk through and take a step into His New Day Dawning!

Take good care and find much peace,

From all the Deacons

Usher Training

After worship on May 15th
for all Usher Captains.



Facts About Stephen Ministry at FPC

Deeper Compassion for Those Who Hurt
and Relief for Pastors

When Dr. Line arrived at Sierra Presbyterian Church in Nevada City, California, this past spring as associate pastor for adult spiritual development and care, she welcomed the opportunity to attend the Stephen Series Leader's Training Course in Ontario. Today she serves as Referrals Coordinator.

"As a pastor I know that there is no way I can give people the kind of care they need and deserve with a congregation of more than 600 members. Stephen Ministry is a vital part of the care our congregation provides.

"Because of my experience as a care receiver, I have more compassion and understanding for the fear a person can experience with a diagnosis of cancer or another debilitating disease," Dr. Line said. "My ministry is more effective because I've been through these experiences and made it through to the other side. The church must have a way to extend God's loving compassion and grace without exhausting the pastoral staff. Stephen Ministry does a great job of equipping gifted laypeople of the church to extend that care."

Please contact Beth Martindale 742-2419, Carol Davenport 742-9817, or Mary Norris 742-6587 if you would like more information about First Parish Church's Stephen Ministry program.



Warden's Schedule Spring Clean-up Day

Yes, Spring REALLY is coming and our annual "*Spring Clean-Up Day*" is just around the corner. SATURDAY, MAY 7th starting around 9:00 AM ; plan to join us for some good, clean (& sometimes "bubbly") fun! ALL HANDS ARE WELCOME! We have lots to do and there's something for everyone: general cleaning, window washing, sweeping, kitchen clean-up...even "doorknob polishing!" Spend the whole morning, or help out for an hour or two. Please come and lend a hand to keep our beloved church home bright and beautiful! - Refreshments will be served! Questions? Contact: Bove Hansen Phone: (603) 397-5808 Email: bowe.hansen@unh.edu

Sunday Morning Adult Education

9:05-9:40am

Our Sunday Morning Adult Education group meets each Sunday in May in the classroom just to the left at the rear of Nazareth Hall. The group decided to discuss the topic "The Dynamic Movement from Forgiveness to Reconciliation." Dimensions of this movement will be topics for each of our sessions in May and the first Sunday in June -- forgiveness and forgetting; forgiveness and revenge/retribution; forgiveness and repentance; forgiveness and accountability; forgiveness as the first, but not the only step toward reconciliation; forgiveness as liberation; forgiveness and the emotional experiences that often accompany the hurt, pain, and suffering, and the attempt to move forward from it, both for the one wronged/harmed and the one causing the harm/wrong. Come join us!

Music Notes



Kimberley Oppelt, Lyric Soprano, will present a concert in our sanctuary on Saturday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. Kimberley has sung in the past at both our morning and evening services and is preparing to make a recording for submission to opera companies. Her concert at First Parish will be a combination of opera arias, contemporary music and songs of Broadway composer Kurt Weill. Admission to the concert will be by donation at the door. Kimberley is a gifted vocal artist and this will be an opportunity to experience a music career in the making.

Summer Church Camp 2011

The Outdoor Ministries Board of the New Hampshire Conference has launched its new website at www.hortoncenter.org. Summer schedules are up along with lots of information. Take a look at our website and start planning your summer adventures today.

Can you help? We need volunteers to meet at the Dover Post Office at 9am (be provided) to help the letter carriers and Dover Food pantry workers as they unload all the donations that so generously come in.

Meet Our "Bridge" Senior Minister

The *Rev. Dr. John W. Lynes* joined our partnership in ministry as our Bridge Senior Minister. "Jack" will maintain regular office hours, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00-1:00, and Tuesday, 9:00-10:00, 12:00-1:00 (staff Meetings on Tuesday 10:30-Noon). You are invited to stop in for a visit. If you prefer an appointment, or would like a home visit, please call Jack at the Church Office (603-742-5664) or on his cell phone (207-337-4294). He would like to get to know as many of you as possible!

FPC Holiday Fair!



What's more fun than Christmas events with your friends? The Christmas season may seem a long way away but it's not too soon for FPC to start planning for the Christmas fair. Our fair is not only a fund raiser it is a way to share our building and our community spirit with others. The fair brings hundreds of people to our church. We are looking for a Co-chair, a publicity coordinator, a co-chair for raffle table, Tiffany room help, and many other positions. The more volunteers we can get, the more fun it is and the less work for each person. Sign up NOW with: Margie Buckingham 603-343-2631 kraftvone@comcast.net, or Norma Willard 603-742-4878 normawillard@comcast.net. Whatever energy, time, and/or talent you have will be greatly appreciated.

Graduates

We would like to honor our high school, college and post-graduate students in worship on June 12th. Please let the church office know who has earned a degree in your family by June 3rd. (firstparish@comcast.net)

Post Office Food Drive ~ May 7th

Children, Youth & Family



Sunday School

Worship Schedule



- May 1st - "Road to Emmaus"
- May 8th - "Resurrection Accounts"
- May 15th - "Ascension"
- May 22nd - "Pentecost"
- May 29th - *No Sunday School/EClub*

Acolytes



- May 1st - Zack & Patrick Helm
- May 8th - Samantha Glidden & Cassie Di Mambro
- May 15th - Stephen Geuther & William Marchesi
- May 22nd - Goulds
- May 29th - Julia Mathieu

Heifer Fair is coming!

May 15th!



An Ark for Today's World

Heifer International is a global non-profit 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 a **HUGE** bake sale which all parents of Sunday School kids are asked to bake for. Each classroom has their own 'specialty' for sale.

This month we have a guest teaching us how to make a fun and easy treat to give to *mom*. We also will learn and help in our very own **Food Pantry!!!** Do you have a gift or hobby that you would like to share with the children of FPC? It's only 15-20 minutes downstairs during enrichment. Please contact me at hondagirl1967@msn.com to get on the schedule. We would LOVE to have you!

Youth Ministry



OUR LAST YOUTH GROUP DATE IS MAY 1ST.

We will hike Blue Job Mountain in Rochester and have a picnic at the top of the mountain! We will leave First Parish at 12:00p.m. Please bring a lunch, water and have sunscreen and good climbing shoes. The trail is about 1.5 miles. This is for all youth group grades 5 through 12. RSVP to Beth via email

bethmartindale@comcast.net by

Friday April 29th so that transportation arrangements can be made. Parents are welcome too!

YOUTH LEADER EVALUATION session will be held Saturday *May 14th* at 4:00p.m. at the Ashe's in Somersworth.

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

First Parish Youth will help with landscaping and yard work at the Dover Children's Home in May. Date to be announced soon.

CONFIRMATION DATES IN MAY

- May 1st ~ Hike Blue Job Mt. 12pm
- May 15th ~ Class 11: 30am
- May 18th ~ Confirmation/Mentor dinner hosted by parents 6:30pm
- May 22nd ~ Confirmation Sunday!

E-Club Treats!



In Sympathy

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

Tom Carlson ~ Krista Maltais' dad

Wallace Martin ~ Jackie Williams dad

Ronald Bennington ~ Doug's dad

Charity Amos Gray ~ Jon & Kara's grandmother



Worship Attendance

Sunday:	3/27/11	AM: 157	PM: 38
Sunday:	4/3/11	AM: 184	PM: 22
Sunday:	4/10/11	AM: 232	PM: 22
Sunday:	4/17/11	AM: 232	PM: 28

Altar Flowers

April 3 in loving memory of *David David*, by *Marion, Larry & Cindy David*.

April 10 in loving memory of *Frank & Mae Hooper* and nephew *Eric Johnson* by *Dorothea Hooper*.

April 17 in loving memory of *Charles Clement* by his family.

Easter, April 24 Memorial Easter Plants
If you would like to purchase altar flowers, please contact Jane or Lisa in the church office at 742-5664.

In-Reach

Do you have the gift of hospitality and caring for others? There are opportunities to prepare meals for those who have lost loved ones or who have just returned from a stay in a hospital. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Donna Sgrignuoli at 742-3946 or email her at: gdsgrignuoli@comcast.net.

E-Mail

Prayer Chain

Please contact the office at 742-5664 or firstparish@comcast.net to be added to our email prayer chain.

E-Chimes

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



Sunday Night Worship

For the months of June, July and August the Sunday night worship will be held only on the *1st and 3rd* Sundays of the month.



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Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesdays by 9:00AM

Chimes Deadline:

The 15th of every month ~

Please email bulletin and chimes information to Lisa in firstparish@comcast.net

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Walk and Talk

Would you like to join with others for a "Walk and Talk" group on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.? With good weather ahead it would be fun to have a walking group to chat and stroll through the month of May and June. The walks could continue through the summer if the group decides to do so. Athletic shoes and an hour to walk would be the only requirement to join in the evening. It would be at "the group's pace" depending on the needs of the group. If you are interested, sign up at the bulletin board across from the office; or call Jane Kennedy at 749-1042 or email her at janeWKennedy55@comcast.net.

Historical Committee

News!



Save the Date:

May 21, 2011 ~ Saturday 9 am – 12 noon
“378 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 handouts 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 at church in mid April. We invite our new members especially as this is a great way to learn the history of our beloved Church. Space will be limited so make sure you watch for updates in the weekly bulletins. The tour is estimated to take about 2 hours and will be followed by a light luncheon in Fellowship Hall. This will be a fun event and we look forward to seeing you there.

First Parish Church Historical Committee: Committee Chair: *Dottie Donovan*;
Committee Members: *Ann Reid, Paul Smith, Finn McElroy*; Archivist: *Jeannie Goodwin*; Historian: *Diane Fiske*