

Steeple Chat

The weekly update from your church



In our **ONLINE Church** this Sunday, **February 28, 2021** **The Second Sunday in Lent**



SECOND SUNDAY
in
LENT

10:00 a.m.

ONLINE Service

Prelude Music begins at 9:50 a.m.

Message by Pastor

Paige Besse-Rankin

Genesis 17:1-7; Mark 8:31-38

**Children's Message by
Pastor Paige**

A Lenten God Moment

**Please click this link to join the
webinar service**

online: <https://zoom.us/j/825890693>

OR: phone in using this number:

1 929 205 6099.

When asked, use our Webinar ID: 825 890 693.

OUR Ministry of Music

The First Parish Virtual Choir:

Here I Am, Lord

Text and Music by Daniel L. Schutte

Arranged by Ovid Young

Rick Gremlitz, director

Jeannie Goodwin, piano

Emily Grondin. video production and editing

**Our Zoom Fellowship time follows the service; please see
details below.**

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Sunday
School
THIS
Sunday
am!

Virtual Sunday School:

*Our Sunday School is based
on the Living Arts program.*

Our current Sunday School plan:

- Sunday school will open at 9:30
am with worship music
- 9:35 am Opening Prayer
- Followed by the lesson where we
will *break out into 2 rooms: older
youth & younger youth for 10
minutes.*
- We will close together with a
catch-up & announcements
- Once a month we will talk about
our Art Projects
- We will try to finish as close to
9:55 am as possible. Families if you
need to leave before Worship we
understand.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Zoom Fellowship Hour

Following our Sunday service.

Fellowship hour will officially begin 5 minutes after the end of the Postlude. In order to get there, you have to sign out from worship and use the link found below or in the Sunday morning email to get into the Fellowship meeting.

Please note: the Fellowship Zoom link is not available until the conclusion of the Postlude and the service Zoom has been closed.

Zoom Fellowship link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82849698877?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82849698877?pwd=N3FyR3BxUmZ3bXVkbUdjRmJ6NzV4UT09)

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Meeting ID: 828 4969 8877 - Passcode: 886063



Our Prayer List is published weekly as a link here in Steeple Chat.

If you have prayer concerns that should be included in our weekly listings, please contact the church office at 742-5664 or by email at: firstparish@comcast.net.



For the latest Prayer List, click here:

[Prayer List.](#)

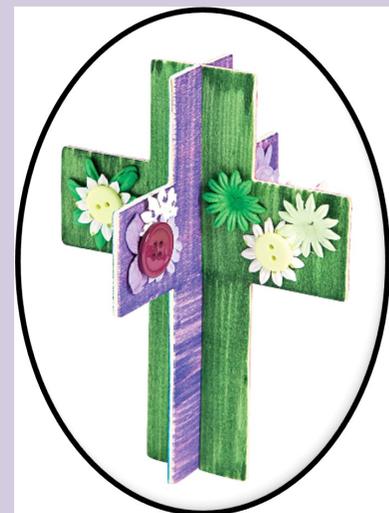


A Mindful Lent...

Lenten home packets

Through the season of Lent this year, we have scriptures that point at signs that God has offered us of God's commitment to care, forgive, and be in relationship with humanity. And as we consider these ancient signs, we will also be mindful of ways we see God at work in our midst today! We will be watching for "God-moments". We invite you to create a worship center at home – a small display that might include a cross, a candle, and other tokens of the season. We have created a packet of resources to help with this and to support spiritual practices. You can pick up the packet at church or have it mailed to you but signing up here:

<https://fpcdover.breezechms.com/form/89c5a0>



Faith Practices Workshops



Faith
Practices
Workshops

“Are you giving something up for Lent?” is a very common question based on the ancient faith practice of fasting to deepen one’s connection with God. Fasting is far from the only Faith Practice used by Christians to deepen their spirituality. Thursday evenings in Lent, we will be exploring a number of faith practices

Each session will stand alone, so join us for 1 or all 5! To receive class materials, register at <https://fpcdover.breezechms.com/form/89c5a0>

March 4—Playing & Living Joyfully

March 11—Giving and Receiving Hospitality

March 18—Living Stewardship

March 25—Discovering Gifts for Ministry

Zoom for *Faith Practices* – Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMvdOCrrz4qEtClMQZ5QWjpHpS_FZVjipvr/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvrDgjGdWQsBGDRpwEAljCXenzmCVfj7d-kDLUOXViVQnmHvJxDZRFJtLZ](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMvdOCrrz4qEtClMQZ5QWjpHpS_FZVjipvr/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvrDgjGdWQsBGDRpwEAljCXenzmCVfj7d-kDLUOXViVQnmHvJxDZRFJtLZ)

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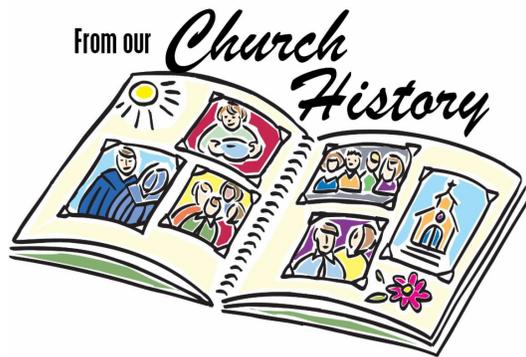
An Invitation from the Stewardship Team:

In these days when we can’t be together personally, we’re all looking for ways to connect with those we care about. With this in mind, the Stewardship Committee at FPC would like to create a daily devotional booklet for the upcoming stewardship season with reflections written by our church family. We are hoping that you would be willing, or perhaps even excited, to contribute to the booklet.

We are looking for a reflection on what stewardship means to you. The recommended format is a title, a scripture verse, a brief paragraph of reflection, and then a short prayer, but you can play with this format to make it work for you. Lines from poetry that particularly move you, or artwork that can be easily reproduced are also welcome, provided you say something about why you feel this fits. We want this booklet to be a true reflection of people from our congregation.



If you feel inspired to help with this project, please go to the signup page at <https://signup.com/go/puirYQv>. There you will find seeds for thought and writing prompts for which you can sign up. If you have other ideas, there's also an option to select "Other".



First Parish Church to be featured in Dover's 400th Anniversary Historical Lecture Series

Our church historian, Diane Fiske, has been invited to speak, along with Professor Meghan Howey of UNH, about the beginnings of Dover, our church, and the recent archaeology dig at our historic church site on

Dover Point. This lecture series chronicles Dover's significant past, Lectures are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Diane and Meghan's virtual presentation, "Tales from the Dirt" will be held on Tuesday March 9 at 7:00 pm. Anyone may register to attend this online presentation

Register at: www.dover400.org.

From the FPC Team for Racial Justice & Healing;

Many of you were not able to attend the Community Service for Martin Luther King Day. The event was hosted by the Dover Area Religious Leaders (DARLA). In celebration of Black History month we invite you to watch the one hour MLK Service 2021.

Please click onto this link [MLK Service 2021 - DARLA.mp4 \(basecamp.com\)](#)



Adult Study Group Gathers on Zoom:

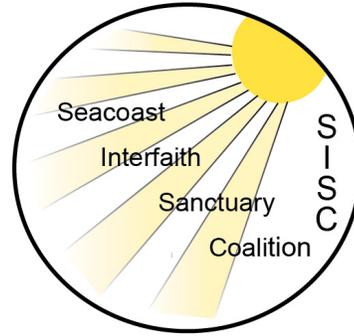
Gary Munson is leading the Adult class via Zoom. See details here:

The group meets virtually on Zoom weekly **Thursdays at 10:00 AM.**

To participate, please email the facilitator Gary Munson at munson.post@gmail.com. Gary will add you to the session invitation and study materials emails. You're welcome to attend as many of the sessions as you can make!

The Dover Friends Meetinghouse extends a cordial invitation to all in the Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition community:

Dover Friends Meeting's first ever Celebration of Sanctuary Concert, will take place virtually on Saturday, March 13, 2021, 7:30 PM to 9 PM. Please plan to join us and help us to spread the word.



The event is free and all are welcome, but registration is required.

[Register here.](#)



**Lunch Time Devotions:
Tuesdays and Thursdays at
12:00 noon**

We offer devotions on Tuesdays and Thursday each week. This is open for everyone on a drop-in basis. Come when you feel like it! What will you find when you

join us? We spend a few moments greeting each other and catching up, we hear a scripture reading and a brief reflection on that reading. Then we listen to a song. We share people and situations we want to lift up in prayer and finally we pray together. Please join us Tuesdays and/or Thursdays and ground your day in prayer. You can find us here:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92409379536?
pwd=RUxZaFFBK3JOUWplRTRLaWFBaVRkQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92409379536?pwd=RUxZaFFBK3JOUWplRTRLaWFBaVRkQT09)

Dial: 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 924 0937 9536

Password: 835028

Help Wanted!

This "Help Wanted" Column is a regular feature in Steeple Chat. We will post Immediate, Future, and Outside in our Community Needs at First Parish Church on a weekly basis.

If you are searching for opportunities to serve in the community or you have found yourself wanting to connect or reconnect with First Parish Church we would appreciate your help.



Please contact Ingrid Roeder, Program Director & Volunteer Coordinator to see where you're feeling called. IngridFPCDover@gmail.com
Thank you very much. We look forward to hearing from you.

Future Needs:

Capital Projects Team
Find it at The First Thrift Store
Cochecho Challenge Race Team

Outside in the Community Opportunities:

CAP is training volunteers for the Warming Shelter



YOUR OFFERINGS
For those who are able, we strongly invite ongoing sharing of pledges and offerings. Offerings may be made from through the church webpage here:

[Donate](#); or by mail, or through electronic giving.

An additional option for giving to your church is through the QR Code box reproduced here.

To use: Hold your iPhone or iPad camera up to the QR Code box and a link should appear on your screen. Click on that link which will take you to the FPC donate area.



VIDEO Recordings of ONLINE Sunday Services

During this time of live-streamed services, we record the video (and audio) of our Sunday online services. These recordings are now available as mp4 video files through our Basecamp software program.

If you do not already have access to Basecamp, you may register by filling in the registration form posted on the Breeze program. Here is the link to sign-up:
<https://fpcdover.breezechms.com/form/55811a>





Find it at the First Thrift Shop:

Due to the pandemic, the Thrift Shop is CLOSED TEMPORARILY until further notice. PLEASE hold any further donations until we re-open.

First Parish is a **Stephen Ministry Church** that provides weekly individual and confidential spiritual care for those in need. Please contact one of the following to get connected: Judy Edwards, 603-978-4789 or Dave Dickson, 603-781-9791.

First Parish Church is Open and Affirming,

welcoming all to participate fully in the life of our church family, its ministries, fellowship, leadership, rites and sacraments, regardless of ability, race, ethnicity, social or economic situation, sexual orientation or gender identity.

ALL are Welcome Here!

See you ONLINE!

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