

Steeple Chat

The weekly update from your church



In our Church this Sunday, August 7, 2022 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

ONE SERVICE---AND YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES:

**We are having in-person worship services in the sanctuary
on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

**For those who prefer online worship, we offer the service
live through Zoom. (see link below)**



**Message by Rev Paige Besse-Rankin
Stepping Out in Faith
*Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16***

**Children's Message
Rev Paige Besse-Rankin**

**Music Ministry:
Solo by *Steve Hall*
Bonnie Marshall, piano
Emily Grondin, violin**

***The Lord is My Shepherd*- Music and additional text
by *Sally DeFord***

Organ Prelude and Postlude by *Marty Thyng*

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.

Zoom Fellowship Time follows our Sunday service

Fellowship time will officially begin 5 minutes after the end of the Postlude, and will be combined with the in-person outdoor refreshment time. That way, the folks attending in person will be able to interact with those Zooming into Fellowship time.



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 time.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88547541022?
pwd=dORsNmZtclp1UmZITkE2WnhOSSs5dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88547541022?pwd=dORsNmZtclp1UmZITkE2WnhOSSs5dz09)

Meeting ID: 885 4754 1022

Passcode: 870497

[Click Here for Church Calendar](#)

Hybrid Sunday School

Children's Sunday School begins on
Sunday September 18th

9-9:15 am - Meet in the Fellowship Hall for Opening prayer and Music

9:15-9:45 am - Sunday school

10:00-10:20 am- Worship with your family + Children's Message

10:20 am - Return to the Fellowship Hall for Games and Art Activities.

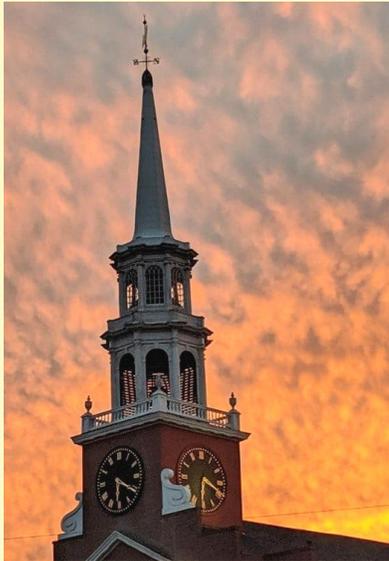


A virtual/ZOOM option will be offered as well.

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this week:**

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It

Takes a Village

The Christian Education Committee has a desire to recruit a variety of adults to teach Sunday school so that there would be a multigenerational approach to teaching.

It is an opportunity for a greater interaction between adults and children in the church.

It is a minimum of a 2 week commitment but we're hoping for people to sign up for a month of teaching (Average of 3 Sundays a month).

And you do not have to have Sunday school aged children in order to teach.

The lesson plans in our curriculum **Seasons of the Spirit** are clear and easy to follow. And always remember, support will be provided to prospective teachers anytime.

Please fill out the form on the following Breeze link if you are interested - Thank you!

<https://fpcdover.breezechms.com/form/3549e0>

Mosaic Theology

For one of our camp projects at Horton Center Senior High Camp, we took a big wire spool and put a mosaic on the top of it to turn it into a table for use on the camp porch. In the mosaic are embedded 17 names of God selected by campers and included in many ways in the design. It was a joy to teach

REV PAIGE'S CORNER



such an epic craft project and many – who were in their final year at Sr High camp because of graduation, talked about how much it meant to be making something they could leave for the camp. (They all signed their names on the bottom.)

The mosaic is made from both professional tiles and broken pieces of dishes. As we finished up the project, I talked with them about my sense that God works to take the broken pieces of our lives and transform them into art and beauty – much the same as a mosaic.

(And of course I picked through the damaged plates in the thrift shop after this week's accident for future mosaic supplies!)

Next time you are at Horton Center, look for our table and search out all the names for God selected by our campers. Blessings.

Rev Paige



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

So that we may keep the list current, please let us know of any additions, edits, or deletions to the Prayer List.

Please notify Kayla in the church office :
firstparish@comcast.net or 603-742-5664
Thank you.

For the latest Prayer List, click here:

[**Prayer List**](#)



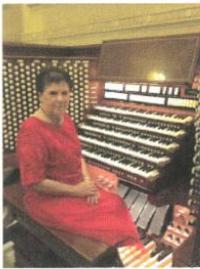
KEYBOARD EXTRAVAGANZA!!

6 keyboards, 5 hands, and 6 feet!



FIRST PARISH CHURCH
218 Central Ave
Dover, NH
Sunday, August 28
6:00pm

Featuring
world-renowned organist
MARK THALLANDER
with Marty Thyng and Rick Gremitz
on the majestic First Parish organ,
concert grand piano,
and digital keyboard.



This concert is performed in tribute to the late
Dr Joyce Jones,
virtuoso concert artist and master organ teacher.
Before her recent untimely death,
Dr Jones was donating her talents
throughout the country
in support of children's food insufficiency programs.
She was planning a concert to benefit *Grab & Go.*

Admission by donation at the door.
All proceeds will support *Grab and Go,*
a summer program providing essential food
for Dover children and teens.



Graveside Service for Bill Willey

It was the wish of our long-time member, Bill Willey, not to have full funeral services. There will be a brief graveside service and military honors at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery on Monday, August 8 at 11 am. Those who wish to be present should arrive at the cemetery at 10:40 to line up in front of the Administration building. The cemetery is at 110 Daniel Webster Hwy in Boscawen NH. There is a memorial page up and a guest book where photos and comments can be shared on the



Car Accident in Car Entering Thrift Shop/Food Pantry

On Tuesday afternoon, an elderly driver lost control of his car and it crashed into the parish house through the windows and almost fully into the building. Police and Fire responders were on the scene almost immediately. Food Pantry Clients and volunteers were in the building at the time and were surprised by the loud crash. However racks of clothing pushed to that side of the room seem to have sheltered everyone from the flying glass and building debris. No one in the building was hurt. The driver walked to the ambulance and was taken to the hospital for care.



Working with first responders and our UCC Insurance Board reps, the car was towed from the building. The building was assessed for safety – first the electrical circuits disrupted by the crash and then for structural integrity. Tenants of the apartments upstairs – all out of the building at the time of the crash – were allowed to return to their apartments late in the afternoon. After an electrician inspected the situation, electricity was turned back on – a particular relief for the food pantry that has a number of freezers of food in the building. A company that responds to these sorts of building issues was on site within a couple of hours to close up the whole in the building with plywood and to clean up all the glass and debris on the sidewalk.

Chair of Wardens, Sandi Potter and maintenance volunteer, Ed Fuller, have been working with the insurance company and contractors to begin the assessment of damage and clean up process. The Food Pantry will likely operate out of the church building for the end of this week. The Thrift store will be closed for this week. We hope to



have the building open for AA on Sunday night and for activities to begin to resume next week as we prepare for repairs. We are very thankful that injuries were not more substantial, building damage seems manageable, and we have such a strong crew of leaders and volunteers to respond to the unexpected.

Thank You To...

- Carol Davenport
- Vickie Chase
- Margaret McDaniel
- Priscilla Johnston Rouff

Thank you for our beautiful alter flowers in the month of July. We appreciate each and every one of you.



COVID-19 Guidelines for Worship Service

Since the church is following the CDC Covid guidelines, the deacons noted we are in the “Green”. It was decided to make the entire facility mask free, including the sanctuary for services. People may wear masks but are not required to do so.



Should the CDC guidelines go to “Yellow”, masks would be recommended, especially for those with health risks. We would possibly return to masks in the sanctuary. Should we go to “Red”, masks would again be required in the building



Open and Affirming Team being Convened

Although the congregation voted to become Open and Affirming several years ago, we have not had a team working to continue to address those commitments. There is interested in getting a working group together. If you are interested, please speak with or email Rev Paige at pastorpaigebr@gmail.com.

The Fair Is Coming! The Fair is Coming!

We are very happy to announce that our annual First Parish Church Holiday Fair will

be held **Saturday, November 19th**. It's never too early to start thinking about how you'd like to contribute to this special event. If you are reaping the benefits of an abundant summer harvest, now's the time to be thinking about what you might be able to contribute (canning, crafts, plants, etc).



FAIR PLANNING

We will hold a Holiday Fair planning meeting on Sunday, August 14, after the worship service. In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

Questions? Contact Joe Stieglitz or Joyce Tugel, Fair Coordinators.

Now Hiring for Maintenance Position

Our staff is working hard at finding the right fit for our new position. If you know of a non-member who is looking for a part-time job with a warm and welcoming team, send them our way. They can apply in person with the office Monday-Friday from 10 AM to 5:30 PM or online through Indeed or church email firstarish@comcast.net.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Join Our Flower Delivery Team

Join the Flower Delivery Team! This job brings our altar flowers to cheer and celebrate people in our church community.

If we could get 4 or 5 people to deliver, it would be a once a month opportunity to give out the flowers. If this sounds like a fun job for you contact the office at (603) 742-5664 or email firstparish@comcast.net

Lunch Time Devotions: Tuesdays and Thursdays each week 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>



Dial: 1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
Meeting ID: 924 0937 9536
Password: 835028

Thrift Store

The Thrift Store is open on:
THURSDAYS 1-4 PM
SATURDAYS 10 AM-1 PM

The Thrift Store is seeking volunteers for Friday hours in the future. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Thrift Shop volunteers on Thursday or Saturday, or contact Ingrid at IngridFPCDover@gmail.com



Thrift Shop donations are being accepted during regular hours.



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:

The Thrift Shop is open Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 p.m. Donations are welcome during hours of operation.

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 IN-PERSON or ONLINE!

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United Church of Christ

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