

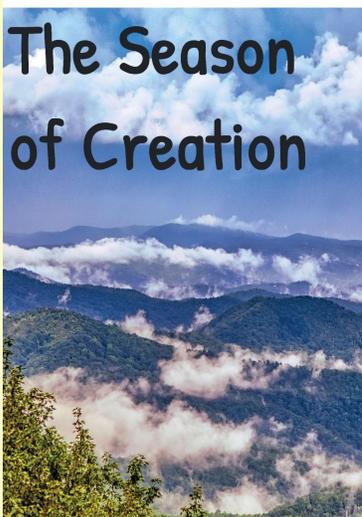
Steeple Chat

The weekly update from your church



**In our Church this Sunday,
September 19, 2021
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
IN-PERSON and ONLINE SERVICE**

The Season of Creation



10:00 a.m.

ONE SERVICE---AND YOU HAVE TWO CHOICES:

We have returned to in-person worship services in the sanctuary on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

For those not ready to return to in-person worship at this time, we will continue to offer the service through Zoom. (see link below)

Message by Rev Paige Besse-Rankin
Welcoming the Vulnerable
Psalm 19:1-6; Mark 9: 30-37

Music Ministry
The First Parish Chorale:
God's Glory Fills the Heavens (based on Psalm 19)
Words: Carl Daw, 1989;
Music: Franz Joseph Haydn from *The Creation*

Click here to view the Order of Service Bulletin:
[Order of Service 9-19-2021](#)

**Please click this link to join the webinar service
online: <https://zoom.us/j/825890693>**

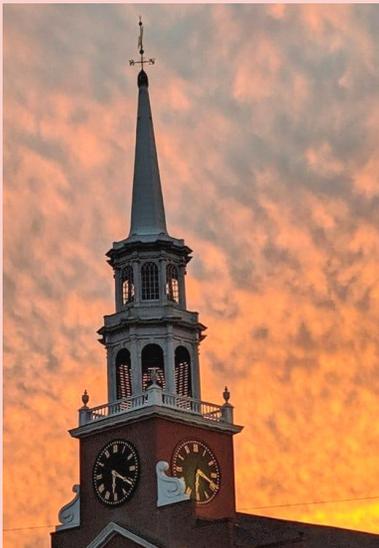
**OR: phone in using this number:
1 929 205 6099.**

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

There will be no Zoom Fellowship Time this Sunday due to the Special Meeting following our worship service.

In Steeple Chat this week:

- *Sunday Worship
- *Sunday School
- *Special Meeting
- *Our Prayer List
- *Pastor Paige's
Corner
- *Altar Flowers
- *Holiday Fair
Meeting
- *Neighbors in Need
 - *Food Depot
 - *Vaccine Van
- *Church Supper
- *Sunday School
Teachers
- *St John's Invitation
 - *Lunchtime
Devotions
- *Your Offerings
- *Recordings Sign-up
 - *Thrift Shop
- *Stephen Ministry
available
- *ONA Covenant



Hello Youth, Parents, Teachers & CE!

Virtual Sunday School
begins this Sunday
September 19th at 9:00 am

**This is our weekly Zoom
Meeting link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86062035844?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86062035844?pwd=M25TeThYNmtDZ2FGVDVoM3loZFVlZz09)

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Meeting ID: 860 6203 5844

Passcode: 137101

If you are interested in teaching Sunday school please contact Ingrid Roeder, Program Director & Volunteer Coordinator IngridFPCDover@gmail.com or 406.407.4371

Congregational Meeting



CALL TO SPECIAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the members of First Parish Church this Sunday, September 19, 2021, immediately following the morning worship service in the sanctuary. The meeting will also convene simultaneously via Zoom, using the worship service link.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review and accept the Treasurer's Report for fiscal year 2020-2021.

You may review a pdf copy of the Treasurer's Report by clicking here: [Treasurer's Report FY 2020-2021](#)

Please remain on the church service Zoom link and the meeting will begin shortly after the service concludes.

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.

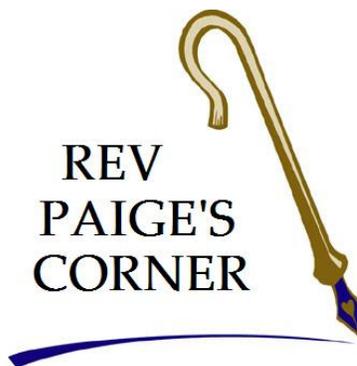
Please notify Linda in the church office :
firstparish@comcast.net or 742-5664
(Monday through Thursday)

Thank you.



For the latest Prayer List, click here: [Prayer List.](#)

REV PAIGE'S CORNER



Bulb Planting

My mother gave me some money for my birthday, but really she had a plan for how I should spend that money. She encouraged me to go and buy spring bulbs – tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and such. Now I love these flowers and they mark the end of winter with great beauty. But the planting season for them is not the time of year when I think about wanting to see them, so I have missed getting them in the ground since we moved in a few years ago. These bulbs go in the ground in the fall. So as I dug around in the dirt this week sticking these ugly dead looking things in the ground, I found myself anticipating and imagining what it will be like when they come up and bloom next spring. Planting bulbs is

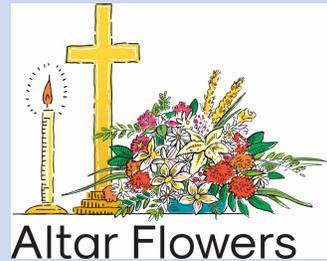
an act of delayed gratification, of course. It will be 7 months or so before I see the results. When I was done with my planting, little looked different in my gardens. But.... But I know something is different. I know tulips and daffodils will come after the winter. And that brings me joy and hope.

There are times that our work together in the church feels like planting bulbs. When we presented Bibles to 4 of our students in worship, that felt like planting a bulb for future beauty. Preaching can feel that way – though one is never quite sure what will take root. Offering help to someone struggling with poverty can feel like bulb planting. Writing my pledge check each month feels like planting a bulb. Much of what we do as people of faith is about taking action in hope.

Blessings, *Pastor Paige*

There are some Sundays in the coming weeks that we do not have altar flowers planned.

If you would be interested in dedicating flowers, please call Linda in the church office (742-5664) for further details.



FAIR PLANNING

HOLIDAY FAIR PLANNING MEETING:

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Join our enthusiastic team to brainstorm ideas for our 2021 Holiday Fair. Since there will be a congregational meeting on Sept 19th after worship, our Fair planning meeting will

take place via Zoom at 1:00 PM.

Also a reminder: 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 for our Nov 20th Holiday Fair (canning, crafts, plants, etc)!

Here's the link for our Holiday Fair planning meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86725416437?pwd=NINPamU5NU1vZHdwQW5tOWV2bUtrQT09>

Meeting ID: 867 2541 6437

Passcode: 853194

Neighbors In Need Offering – October 2

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on the first Sunday of October, supports the UCC's ministries

of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national



Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Food Depot Update

Thanks to all of you who donated so generously this summer. These donations have helped feed the Dover Community through our cooperation with Grab and Go, but primarily with CAP, Community Action Partnerships. We welcome all non-perishable donations. Our plan is to highlight two of the categories of donations for the next few weeks.



This week we will focus on Fruits and Vegetables as well as Health and Beauty Aids. Fruits and Vegetables Health and Beauty Aids Canned fruits Mouth care items Snack fruit cups Bar and hand soap Canned vegetables Hand sanitizer Individual containers of vegetables, Razors single serving size Feminine products, Dried fruits, particularly feminine pads bags and individual portions Skin lotion Shampoo Nail care items Tissues Toilet paper Deodorant Thank you for your non-perishable donations, and please remember to check the 'Use by' dates. Thank you.

Your offerings may be placed in the food donations bins conveniently located at the parking lot Atrium entrance. Thanks for helping to feed our community.

NH MOBILE VACCINE VAN

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
218 CENTRAL AVE., DOVER, NH
MONDAY, SEPT. 20
8 AM TO NOON



- ALL THREE FDA VACCINES OFFERED!
- NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!
- FREE, FREE, FREE!
- ALL ARE WELCOME: AGES 12 AND UP

***PARENTAL CONSENT FOR CHILDREN AGES 12-17



Church Supper Fundraisers are Back!

Mark your calendars for October 9:

Drive through pick-up times 4:30, 5:00 and 5:30

Menu:

Roast Pork and Gravy, Smashed Red Potato

Fresh Green Beans, Oven Roasted Butternut

Squash, Apple Crisp

\$15 Per Dinner

Watch for sign up links and more information in

next weeks' *Steeple Chat*.

VOLUNTEERS please sign up at the following *Breeze* link:

<https://fpcdover.breezechms.com/form/fa5015>

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

The Christian Education Committee is in search of those who are passionate about teaching our children.



If you are interested in teaching Sunday school, please contact Ingrid Roeder, Program Director & Volunteer Coordinator
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An Invitation from St Johns:

*Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom:
Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship*
October 11, 25 & November 1, 8
7:00-9:00 PM; St. John's United Methodist Church in Dover

Join our United Methodist neighbors for a study called *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living into the Church's Moral Witness through Radical Discipleship* on October 11, 25 and November 1, 8.

It will be held from 7-9 PM at St. John's United Methodist Church (28 Cataract Avenue, Dover, NH) in our Hartford Hall.

We are inviting people from the United Methodist churches in Rochester, Portsmouth, Eliot, Kittery to join us.

Participation is limited to 20 people. Please sign-up contacting Judy Strate (judy_strate@yahoo.com or 603-396-8589).

You can purchase the book, *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom* by Darryl W. Stephens, on Amazon or the United Methodist Women's website. Read the first chapter before the first meeting.

Please join us for this study (which I taught for Mission U) to examine together how we are called as a church to moral witness.

Jana Marie Whitten, on behalf of St. John's Racial Justice Team



**Lunch Time Devotions:
Tuesday and Thursday next
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



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 ONLINE!

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