First Church Messenger

First Church was gathered in 1685 **June 2021**

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Mother Theresa

I'd like to begin my article with a quiz.

1. Who are the five wealthiest people in the world?
2. Name the last five Super Bowl and/or World Series winners.
3. Can you name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize?

How did you do? I suspect it wasn't as easy as we may have thought. The point is, none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday…and these are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. Nevertheless, the applause dies, awards tarnish and achievements are soon forgotten.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one.

1. Who are a few teachers who aided your journey through school?
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.

I trust this was an easier exercise. Truth is that the people who make a difference in our lives are NOT the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who cared; who did "small things with great love."

The Bible, too, remembers "small things done with great love." I love the story of the boy who shared his barley loaves and two fishes with Jesus that was the first offering in faith that fed the multitudes. His name was not mentioned but his kind heart has been an example for generations to follow. And who can forget the woman who brought her tears to wash and her hair to dry the feet of Jesus. The expensive perfume of the alabaster jar filled the room, along with the sweet fragrance of her love. Jesus prophesized that her gesture would never be forgotten. In this great, big, hurting world, we may feel overwhelmed and unsure how our lives can make a difference. The Good News is that anything done in love (great or small) will be the difference maker.

Here's an exercise that is sure to warm our hearts and revive our souls. Prayerfully pause and contemplate for a moment: "Who are the people who have touched your life by doing a small thing with great love?" A smile is certain to come upon our faces as we recall an unforgettable moment of God's love extended to us through others. This is the wellspring of gratitude and the best way to acknowledge such gifts is to share them with others. So no matter the scale of our troubles or tasks, we have the power in faith to make an oversized impact with great love.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Andy

The Return of Al Fresco Office Hours

Starting on Wednesday, June 2, Andy G. will be holding outside "office hours" at the Riverwalk Café, from 10:00 until noon. This will be an opportunity for you to drop by, have a cup of coffee or tea, and chat. This will be a non-scheduled time, so the conversation will include whoever shows up. Also these opportunities are strictly "al fresco," so if it is rainy or uncomfortably cold, he won't be there. Of course, Andy G. is also available for regular (scheduled) office hours, inside or out, on Wednesdays.

November 12-13 Save the Dates!

The First Church holiday craft fair is scheduled for November 12, 4-7 PM and November 13, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM. Crafters will be meeting at 4:00 PM in the dining room on Wednesdays, June 16, July 14, August 18, and September 15, as well as October dates, tbd.

Handmade crafts, the scrumptious

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First Church of Nashua
United Church of Christ
1 Concord St., Nashua, NH 03064

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:00 AM
10:00 AM: Livestreamed

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Rev. Dr. Andrew Gilman, Interim Associate Minister
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The Bulletin Board

All Boards meet virtually on Monday, June 7.

Baptism - Any adult desiring to be baptized or to have their child baptized is asked to call the church office to schedule an appointment with one of the pastors.

Hospitalizations - If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office.

Help Keep our Records Current. If you have a change of name, address, phone number or email address please let the church office know.

Membership - For information about becoming a member of our faith community, please call the church office.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for new members. Contact Karen Bianchi, 603-897-0788 or kbianchister@gmail.com, for more information about getting involved with the group.

Visit our website at www.tfcucc.org to view all the activities and events going on at First Church. If you would like to receive notification that the newsletter has been posted, sign up at the bottom of the "newsletter" page. If you wish to go paperless, please notify Sue Englander to have your name removed from the mailing list.

Bible, Friends, and Coffee

The Bible, Friends, and Coffee Bible Study returns on Monday, June 7. The study will meet for 3 weeks on **June 7, 14 and 21**, from 9:30-11:00 AM. We will meet outside in the courtyard (weather permitting) or in the Ladies' Parlor, just off of Fellowship Hall. Rev. Andy Armstrong and LeeAnne Steenhoek will facilitate the discussion group. No sign-up is required. If you have a Bible, bring it; if not, one will be supplied for you.

Help Keep your Giving Current

Our financial giving remains crucial to maintain our ministry, to support the spiritual health of the church family, and continue our Outreach to mission partners in and around Nashua. Please mail in your offering, set up automatic deposits through the First Church, set up automatic payment with your bank, or consider e-giving though our website at https://tfcucc.org/give/.

The First Church offers convenient e-giving options for pledges and other giving. Scan this QR code to view one of the giving options available.

If you would like more information or have questions about any of the giving options listed above, please contact Dianne Smigliani in the church office.

Newsletter DEADLine

THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, AUGUST 9.

PLEASE SEND ITEMS TO SUE ENGLANDER. THANK YOU.

June 2021

06/03 LaVonne Brown
06/04 Jacob Crosby
06/10 Jane Bowles
06/11 Julie Crossland
06/17 Bev Spencer
06/18 Pat Darrin
06/19 Hetty Andrews
06/20 Patricia Cooper
06/21 Bea Dillaby
06/23 Kay Porter
06/25 Beve Tucker
06/30 Judy Kusekoski

July

07/01 Floice Lund
07/02 Lynn Hock
07/07 Nancy Borski
07/08 Joan Ford
07/08 Carol Kreick
07/11 Richard Mohrmann
07/18 Merle Buck
07/20 Lloyd Butler
07/24 Mike Winton
07/30 Glenn Bowles

August

08/02 Beth Bartlett
08/04 Linda Lemaire
08/11 John Bartlett
08/12 Robie Denner
08/16 Fred Jean
08/20 Karen Stewart
08/22 Dan Holden
08/23 Carol Decker
08/23 Tom O'Hare
08/23 Miriam Warwick
08/26 Phillip Smalley, Sr
08/27 Donna Skinner
08/31 Dennis Webster

HUGS ARE US

Right after Easter this year, I drove to my sister's home in Syracuse, New York to attend our Aunt Rose's Celebration of Life. And it was just that, a real celebration. Because I had not seen Maggie and her family (or our aunt) for nearly two years I decided that if they welcomed it I was going to hug them. As we say in our family, "Hugs are us!" Besides, we were all vaccinated.

Gosh, it felt wonderful. We were relaxed about masking too. In a matter of forty-eight hours I bet Maggie and I hugged each other six or seven times. We hugged upon my arrival. We spontaneously hugged throughout my visit. And we concluded with one super elongated hug. You know…the kind where you twist back and forth and pat each other's backs like you're burping a baby. I didn't listen to the radio the whole way home choosing instead to reflect on each delightful aspect of that visit, especially the touching. Even today, I can easily recall the feel of each and every one of our embraces.

Hugs are good for the soul. They release what are often called the "feel good" hormones, like dopamine and serotonin. Once the hormones are released into our bodies we experience feelings of happiness, relaxation, improved mood, and lower levels of depression. Remember the Prodigal Son's reception home in the gospel of Luke? While he was walking toward the family compound his father recognized him then ran to embrace him (Lk. 15:20). God wants us to know that our inability to freely touch one another this whole year has been hard on Heaven too.

Not long after my return home I saw a friend I hadn't seen for a while. We were both waiting in a Starbuck's Coffee pick-up line. We hadn't recognized each other because of our masks but when I heard someone call out *Wendy Sue* I realized that beautiful long gray braid I was admiring was hers. Gingerly I tapped her on the shoulder, stepped back, and pulled down my mask saying, "It's me!" We took our coffees outside and stood against the windowed walls, catching up on living life this past year during COVID. Again, it was fantabulous! At the end of our time together I said, "I'm vaccinated…would you like to hug?" Immediately she smiled and we did one of those twister hugs. While we were doing it we heard a woman going into the store call out, "Yes!!! Hugs!!! Let's hear it for hugs!!!" One study found that couples holding hands for 10 minutes followed by a 20-second hug showed greater reductions in blood pressure levels and heart rate than romantic partners who sat in silence for 10 minutes and 20 seconds. ... Hugs reduce fears. Hugs also help reduce anxiety.

My final hugging confession comes from much closer to home. One Friday, a couple of weeks ago, I stopped into the Title One offices, housed in The Walker Building directly downstairs of our church offices. After a lovely catch-up conversation with the Director Cynthia Proulx she asked me if I wanted to see something beautiful. We walked into one of the classrooms off of Nauss Hall where two teachers and seven four-year-old children sat in a circle on the floor. All were masked, as were we. "This is the first day we have had children back into the building since last March." said Cynthia. "These children have attended our on-line classes for months but today is the first day they have been in their school environment." Cynthia introduced me to the children. Suddenly one of those masked munchkins stood up and came toward me. *She's going to hug me*, I thought. *Is this okay? I'll follow the teacher's lead*.

One by one, seven tiny bearded cherubs came forward to hug me. I leaned into it, hugging back as deeply and presently as I could. I remember holding each one of them tight and patting them on their little backs. Each girl and boy said their name aloud as they hugged me. By far, it was the delight of my day. Gosh, it was beautiful.

You know the verse in Isaiah 52:7 that says, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news…" I'd like to say, "How beautiful are those who bring the blessing of hugs. Hugs are us!"

Rev. Jami

News from Prudential

The First Church Prudential Committee meets monthly to oversee all the different committees and sub-committees of First Church. Roughly 19 people are on this Committee and provide input to all kinds of reports, updates and concern. This month's meeting covered things like Tower repair updates, by-law updates, budget matters, Safe Church reopening guidelines and our Trust Fund. We meet the first Monday of each month and go over last month, current month and future month's events and actions. Chair is John Henning and Co-Chair is Caryl Sullivan. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either of them and they will get back to you. Find their contact information in the church directory or call the church office.

Strategic Planning Committee Update

A group of five members have joined together to plan First Church's direction for the next 3-5 years. Our intention is to work out our strengths, weaknesses, areas of opportunities and concerns, ending with developing goals that the church can work on. We are very interested in hearing from you, our congregation, with your thoughts as to where we are going and should be going. Please reach out to anyone on our team with your ideas: Rev. Andy, Carol Kreick, Carol Baldwin, Joe Glajch, Chris Guild and Caryl Sullivan (Leader).

Tower Update

Progress on the Tower continues to move forward. The 23 windows have been reinstalled. All the window sashes are being rebuilt and painted. Our chief tower expert, Curt Potter, took a window frame and scraped away the paint to reveal 4 paint jobs. Based on the layering of the paint, we can see in the photo and see the time in history when the colors were applied. The Team has chosen to go with the darkest grey which we believe is closest to the original color.
We are planning on lighting up the windows from the inside so that in the evening, you will be able to see the light shining through and the beautiful stained glass from quite a distance. Next up is repair to the interior tower. This is all brick work that, while repairs have been done over the years, is virtually original going back to 1893. That work will start in September. We will be starting a fund raising campaign in early winter 2021 but if you are interested in contributing now, we are accepting donations. Checks can be made out to First Church with the words "Tower Project" in the memo line. To read more about the Tower work, please go to:
https://tfcucc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/TowerBrochure-26Mar21.pdf.

Leaded glass window installed in its frame.

Grounds Clean-up

Many thanks to the crew of 16 First Church folks who helped clean up the church grounds on May 15: Joe Glajch, Bob and Karen Bianchi, Denise and Steve Buck, James Dlubac, Andy Armstrong, Bev Belus, Don Shippey, Mica Buck, Doug Brenner, Bonnie Schommer, Dennis Parker, Dawn Bosserman, Curt Potter and Bruce Lund. We appreciate your time and effort. The grounds look great!

NSKS Backpack Program 2021

The Outreach Committee invites you to help fill 70 backpacks for the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter's "Backpacks for Back to School" program. We are asking for monetary donations again this year (due to the variability of the virus) and also, bulk buying enables us to fill more backpacks. We hope to match the $2400 raised last year. A subcommittee from Outreach will purchase the supplies.

Please send in a check for whatever amount you wish to the church by July 25th. **Be sure to write "NSKS Backpack Program" in the memo line please.**
Many thanks to MaryBeth and Joe Glajch who have donated the backpacks again this year.

If you would like to fill the backpacks with us on Monday, August 2nd at 6:00 PM in the dining room, please contact Jocelyn Henning.

If you would like to fill a backpack on your own, you may bring it to the NSKS, between August 2-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. If you would like to help them pack at the NSKS anytime between August 9-20, contact Carol Weeks at 889-7770, x121 or carol@nsks.org.
If you have any questions, contact Jocelyn Henning or the church office.
Thank you for your continuing generosity!

We at Home Health & Hospice Care (HHHC) are deeply grateful to the First Church of Nashua for hosting our biannual Evening of Remembrance service on Tuesday, May 11. We couldn't have had a better team of people to work with! Our gratitude to Sue Englander and Joseph Olefirowicz for helping in the logistical preparation, to Rev. Dr. Andrew Armstrong for the warm welcome, to our incredible technical and camera team of Craig Neth, Don Smith-Weiss, and Lee Hauenstein, and to Bill and Kathie McIntyre for their support throughout the entire process and event. This service is a time for us to reflect, remember and honor the people whom we have served and who have died over a 6 month period in our community – nearly 400 individuals. It is a meaningful reconnecting of bereaved family members and friends, HHHC staff and volunteers. And, particularly this year amidst the pandemic, it has seemed more important than ever to gather safely as we can and support each other. It was a challenge to find a space that could enable us to host a professionally produced livestream service. Had the First Church not partnered with us in this effort, the service would simply not have happened this Spring. Your commitment to community and your generosity of space and technical expertise allowed us to share a beautiful service and honor our loved ones well. And there was a silver lining to this new online frontier - it allowed family members both near and far to connect and participate. Just a week past the live service, it has already been viewed nearly 700 times.
Thank you for being such a valuable community partner and helping in this endeavor!

Sincerely,
The HHHC Hospice Team

Save the Date!

Greater Nashua Area Crop Walk

Sunday, October 24, 2021

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bake sale, excellent silent auction, yummy Friday night supper, and Saturday lunch will all be offered. Socializing and holiday gift buying are encouraged as long as virus numbers continue to decline.

There will be no "New to You" section so please donate your gently used Christmas items to other organizations.

If you would like to help make craft items, have ideas, or would like to volunteer at the fair, please contact Jocelyn Henning or Sandy Gribbin. If you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Rebecca Small. Any questions about the bake sale, contact Beth Bartlett. Call Sue at the church office for emails and phone numbers- or find them in the church directory!

ALL proceeds go to the Ministers' Discretionary Fund. Thank you for being so generous with your time, donations, talents and support.

WWS to Gather for a Picnic at Greeley Park Sunday, June 13

On Sunday June 13, at noon, **Women's Wisdom and Spirituality** will celebrate our final gathering of the church year at Greeley Park! All women are welcomed. Please bring your own lunch, a comfy chair or blanket, and a mask. We'll meet under the tree near the gazebo on the south-west side of Concord St. Plan for 1.5 hours for a time of fellowship, reflection on our study of the *Bad Girls of the Bible*, a discussion about what to study come fall, and a send-off guided meditation. Rain date is Sunday June 20, but pray for good weather for the 13th. Contact Rev. Jami with any questions.

Lil' Free Farmstand
Outreach Opportunity

Attention gardeners and non-gardeners alike! There is an opportunity to share your vegetable garden surplus with those in our local community who are without easy access to healthy, affordable fresh produce is on the horizon!

Grow Nashua, a community gardening organization focused on creating food sustainability in greater Nashua, opened its first Lil' Free Farmstand last summer hosted by the UU Church of Nashua. Last years Lil' Free Farmstand was so successful that two additional Lil' Free Farmstands will be offered this summer in Nashua.

The produce for these farmstands is provided by local vegetable growers, faith community members and the Hillsborough County Gleaners. To help meet the needs of our community this summer, Grow Nashua has initiated a "Gardeners that Give" program to encourage our community gardeners to consider "growing a row" of vegetables for donation or to donate their surplus vegetables to these farmstands.

Sturdy shelf-stable veggies are great options i.e. tomatoes, squash, potatoes, onions, garlic, peppers, eggplant, carrots, green beans, cucumbers, & zucchini. If you aren't a gardener, you might consider purchasing some farm fresh vegetables for donation to this community outreach program.

The UU Church Lil' Free Farmstand plans to operate on Sundays beginning June 27th from 12:00noon to dusk. Vegetable donations may be dropped off between 9:00 AM and noon on Sundays. Any vegetables not taken are donated to the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Updates will noted in the Sunday bulletin.

Thank you for considering this community outreach as you make preparations for your summer garden. Please visit www.grownashua.org/share to learn much more about this program or contact Diane Fontas with any questions (contact information in church directory or available in church office).

First Church Cyclists 2021 Schedule

Londonderry Rail Trail	**6.2 miles**	**Londonderry, NH**	**Sunday, May 16**
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail	**13.6 miles**	**Cross Point, Chelmsford, MA**	**Sunday, June 13**
Derry/Windham/Salem	**? miles**	**Manning St., Derry, NH**	**Sunday, June 27**
Minuteman Bikeway	**20.6 miles**	**Depot Park, Bedford, MA**	**Sunday, July 11**
Nashua River Rail Trail	**24 miles**	**Gilson Rd. at Countryside Drive, Nashua, NH**	**Sunday, July 25**
Common Pathway	**13 miles**	**Peterborough, NH**	**Sunday, August 8**
Assabet River Rail Trail	**8.6 miles**	**Wilkins St., Hudson, MA.**	**Sunday, August 22**
Goffstown Rail Trail	**11 miles**	**Fisher Cats Stadium, Manchester, NH**	**Sunday, September 12**
Charles River Bike Path	**22.9 miles**	**Museum of Science, Boston, MA**	**Sunday, September 26**
Reformatory/Narrow Gauge Trails	**14 miles**	**Depot Park, Bedford, MA**	**Sunday, October 3**

All rides begin at 2:00 PM. Rain date is the following Sunday.

The group invites anyone, regardless of age or ability to join them for fun, fresh air, and fellowship. Contact Ray Baldwin (contact the church office or see the church directory for his number) with any questions.

Notes from the Chancel

Music at First's COVID Timeline

In these unusual times. the Music Ministry still remained running on most cylinders behind the scenes! Here is a snapshot of what was happening each month…

MARCH 2020

- All Choirs go out of Session.
- Staff Singers become main presence for "taped" services.
- Four-hour Saturday tapings of "multi-shot" worship services begin.
- Final two concerts of "Fridays at First" canceled.

APRIL 2020

- Virtual seasonal Devotions and Studies offered online.
- All members of the various choirs called or e-mailed personally from their Minister of Music.
- Research started regarding continued use of sanctuary space and new safety precautions developed.
- Staff Singer (vocal) quartet maintained their live presence in all worship services.
- Easter Sunday with Brass in Chancel and Staff Singers on risers away from Chancel.
- Remainder of FIRST MUSIC 2019-2020 season canceled.

MAY 2020

FIRST MUSIC Concert Series planning for following season begins to pivot to smaller programs but the same number of 11 offerings.

JUNE 2020

- Music Committee meets in dining room for annual Committee Retreat; boxed lunches and distancing provided.
- Summer Music Schedule develops for worship services through Labor Day.
- Quartet of Men from Church sing for Father's Day.

JULY 2020

- Soloists from within the Church's music ministry offered music in worship live, for weekly tapings during the summer season through Labor Day.
- Planning for a full season of choirs for the Fall begins, with the unknowns of "when" things will resume, but the same need for full worship planning through June 2021.
- Organ interior sections behind pulpit touched up with black masking paint to unify same look behind all grilles.

AUGUST 2020

- FIRST MUSIC Concert Series 2020-2021 season moves opener to November, to anticipate later "re-openings"
- Music and Infrastructure orders for following program season.

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 10AM indoor service begins new live stream and radio broadcast format.
- FRIENDS OF FIRST MUSIC Campaign begins for the coming concert Season.
- Music Committee meetings resume on Zoom.

OCTOBER 2020

- 8:30 & 10AM services resume indoors.
- Adult hand bells convened briefly, were in worship twice and then went again on hiatus. (Exposure risks of members at work).

NOVEMBER 2020

- FIRST MUSIC opens with first of eleven in-person programs for 2020-2021 Season.
- FRIENDS fund entire eleven concerts and promotional costs for the season.
- Orchestra planning for Christmas at First solidified.

DECEMBER 2020

- Minister of Music begins online Master of Arts track in Pastoral Theology. *(Part-time for next three years).*
- Three "Fridays at First" organ concerts at Noontime.
- Reduced choral (9 people) and orchestra (10 people) project for Advent IV with Bach *Cantata 147.* (Fifth FM Program).
- Four in-person services for Christmas Eve with various soloists and then Staff Singers at the 11PM service.
- Organ has installed thirteen temperature and humidity Bluetooth sensors for needed study and continued monitoring for optimal maintenance.

JANUARY 2021

Second closure with the "second surge" – Weekly live streamed and Radio broadcast worship continues with Staff Singers.

FEBRUARY 2021

- In-person services on Ash Wednesday; Single 10AM Service in person resumes on Sundays.
- Sixth FIRST MUSIC Concert hosted.
- New Organ Maintenance vendor secured with Greene Organ Company.

MARCH 2021

- In-person Music Committee work resumes in dining room, with "hybrid" attendance option in place.
- Three "Fridays at First" organ concerts at Noontime.
- DECIBELLS resumes in-person rehearsals and worship.
- Adult and children's choirs polled for their "soft re-starts"
- New bell table performance cloth secured for expanded Covid set-up.
- Chime Maintenance set-up for Tower Chime in summer.

APRIL 2021

- Maundy Thursday – Pergolesi *Stabat Mater* with two soloists and string quintet.
- Easter Sunday occurred with orchestral and vocal/choral elements and premiere of Floice R. Lund choral work.
- Music Committee meets "hybrid" from dining room.
- FIRST FOLK resumes rehearsals and worship.
- Tenth FIRST MUSIC Concert hosted with substitute ensemble for original artist. Largest attendance yet for the season with 90 distanced patrons.

MAY 2021

- In-person Music Committee meeting in dining room.
- JOYFUL NOISE resumes rehearsals.
- CHANCEL CHOIR resumes rehearsals
- Elizabeth Shirley Award for Service to Music Ministry presented to Ed and Suzanne Boyd.
- Closing Concert of 11 in-person concerts ends 2020-2021 FIRST MUSIC season.
- Planning for 2021-2022 FIRST MUSIC Season begins with initial artist dates and contacts set.
- First instance of three nights a week of in-person choir rehearsals (four ensembles) in fourteen months.
- "Singer's masks" added to vocal choirs for increased numbers of singers present.
- Checkerboard concept for riser and Chancel use enacted.

JUNE 2021 (coming)

- Closing Communion service of the season with the Chancel Choir.
- Men's Choir rehearses for participation in Father's Day service.
- Music Committee retreat again in the dining room mid-month.
- Planning Meeting on the horizon for Church Staff for the July 2021 through June 2022 period!

Soli Deo Gloria!

Come on boys, and join the band!

After a "solo quartet" last season, it is time to see if we can gather, safely, and put a few offerings together for the 9:00 AM worship on Father's Day, June 20.

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on **June 1 at 7:00 PM**. Location of rehearsal to be determined after knowing how many will participate. Bring your mask and your (*rusty*) voices and we will find a way to praise God together in song!

Music & Choirs in Worship

June 2021

Sunday, June 6
2nd Sunday after Pentecost/ Communion Sunday
8:30 & 10:00
Chancel Choir

Sunday, June 13
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 10:00
Joseph Olefirowicz, baritone

Sunday, June 20
4th Sunday after Pentecost/ Father's Day
9:00 Men's Choir

Sunday, June 27
5th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 Summer Soloist

2021 High School Graduates

Hollis Brookline High School
Cayden Plummer:
Northeastern University

Nashua North High School
Lily Brooks:
University of Toronto
Nick Drew:
Colorado University Boulder

Nashua South High School
Abby Adasczik:
New England College

Pinkerton Academy
Lily Daniels:
University of Tampa

Soughegan High School
Genevieve Steenhoek:
Keene State University

2021 College Graduates

Kate Amrein: Worcester Polytech Institute, BS in Chemical Engineering with Biological Concentration

Rebecca Dopp: Salve Regina University (RI), BS in Elementary Education, BS in Special Education. She will be pursuing a teaching position in Rhode Island.

Chase Daniels: Pace University (NYC), BA in Arts & Entertainment Management through the Lubin School of Business

Kyle Manlogon: University of New Hampshire, BS in Accounting and Finance from the Peter T. Paul School of Business and Economics. He is graduating with high honors and is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, international honor society for collegiate schools of business. Kyle has a position at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston, MA in the assurance department.

Travis Martin: University of New Hampshire, BS in Athletic Training. He will continue at Ohio State University for a Master's in kinesiology.

Keanna Smigliani: Gordon College (Wenham, MA), B.A. in International Affairs & Peace and Conflict Studies with a track in Trauma Studies, Minor in French.

Foundations of Christian Formation

Congratulations to our 2021 Confirmands!

Congratulations to Allie Columbus, James Dlubac, Ivan Dodge, Owen Dodge and Sabrina Moore who were confirmed on Sunday, May 23rd.

Coming up in Christian Formation:

Parent to Parent, Tot to Teen

The next gathering will be held on Thursday, June 3 at 8:00 PM. Contact LeeAnne for the link.

Scholarships to be Awarded on June 13

The First Church service scholarships and continuing education grants will be awarded during the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, June 13.
Join us as we congratulate the recipients.

Lamb of God Story Time

Join us for Lamb of God Story Time and Activity on **June 13 at 11:30 AM** for families with young children in our courtyard. There is no expectation that you go to worship before our family time. There are spots for 6 families in our courtyard. Sign up online today!

The Riverwalk with God series continues on Thursdays, June 10, 17, 24: 6:00 -7:30 PM (note the change of time) in the Fireside Room.

Spiritual practices grow us in our spiritual journey in this 6-session series for mature 12's-adult. We will learn to think about how God works in our lives and do spiritual practices such as labyrinths, letters to and from God, responding to God's word through art and percussion. Each session stands on its own but attending more than one session or the entire series is best. For more information, contact LeeAnne Steenhoek, lsteenhoek@tfcucc.org.

New Confirmation Class of 2022

All current 8th and 9th graders and their parents are encouraged to join us on **Sunday, June 6 at 11:30 AM** in the dining room to learn about the Confirmation Program for 2021-22.

Please set aside the weekends of **August 6-8 and October 1-3.** We have some exciting news to share!

Vacation Bible School JULY 26-30, 2021

Calling all Volunteers!
Contact LeeAnne to let her know you're available to help, or for more information!

Horton Center All-Church Retreat Friday-Sunday, August 27-29, 2021

The retreat is back for 2021!

Held at the camp and retreat center, owned and operated by the New Hampshire Conference of the UCC on Pine Mt. in Gorham, NH, this weekend is open to everyone - adults, children, singles, couples, families. It is all about fun - hiking, swimming, visiting, reading, relaxing and enjoying the peace and beauty of northern New Hampshire in the late summer. This is a great way to spend time with and get to know other First Church members, especially if you are new to the community. Join the others who find this a wonderful way to end the summer.

For more information, and to sign up, call the church office, 882-4861, Joe Glajch, or LeeAnne Steenhoek.

HORTON CENTER

RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Save the date!

Watch for more information throughout the summer.

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One Service at 9:00 AM:
In person Worship & Livestreamed

Starting on Wednesday, June 2, 10:00 AM – Noon. See page 1 for more information.

WWS to Gather for a Picnic at Greeley Park Sunday, June 13
See page 5 for all the details.

Happy Father's Day!

Mondays, June 7, 14 and 21, from 9:30-11:00 AM. See page 2 for more information.

River Walk with God
Thursdays,
June 10, 17 and 24
6:00-7:30 PM

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First Church Cyclists are back on the trails! Join them for fresh air, exercise – and ice cream! See page 6 for the schedule.