First Church Messenger

First Church was gathered in 1685 October 2022

Update on Mission to La Romana Dominican Republic

As I write this article, news outlets are reporting the Hurricane Fiona is devastating many of the Caribbean's island nations. First Church is planning to send another mission team to partner with The Good Shepherd Hospital network to provide public health and spiritual support to Haitians living in the sugar cane fields throughout the DR. Right now, over a million Dominicans are without power. I am certain that the long term impact of Fiona will worsen public health of their most vulnerable communities.

If you feel called to join this effort in mission, you can learn more at http://www.wamsucc.org/services-la-romana-main.html. There are other ways to help. In addition to your prayers, we're gathering a variety of supplies to take with us. In a future Messenger you'll see a list of items we'll be collecting in the coming months.

Please direct any of your questions to Rev. Andy or Beth Raymond.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Andy

All Church Forum: "To Change the World"

Upheaval and uncertainty define our present age. We see this in the political tension that captures the headlines, but its sources are much deeper. Culture drives our politics and religion influences our culture. Join Rev. Andy as he explores how earnest efforts rooted in our churches "to change the world" have contributed to our current state of affairs. Further, he'll suggest biblical guidance for our way forward. This forum will take place on October 25 at 7:00 PM in the dining room. Sign up online or at the welcome center.

Do you know where to find information such as:
Announcements
Winter Storm Cancellations
Events & Activities
Previous weeks Livestreams

We post all of this and more on our ***First Church Facebook Page*** https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchNashua)
Homepage of our Website (tfcucc.org),
Weekly e-News (contact Dianne S in the main office and let her know to add you to the list)
First Church Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkrroWLiTS0usEqWipuOOpg

Go ahead and check out our website and give us a "like" on Facebook or Subscribe to our Youtube Channel!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Schedule for 2022-2023 Program Year

Greetings to all in our congregation and friends of The First Church!

After carefully observing attendance trends for several years on certain holiday weekends, we are choosing **select Sundays** this season, to offer **one 10:00 AM service**, while also keeping the 8:30 AM Sunday service in the regular rotation. This decision was made in the interest of the various volunteer teams *(Ushers, Choirs, Deacons)* and we believe is a good step towards keeping our volunteer forces more viable with scheduling.

We are providing in this Newsletter, a full program year worship schedule through *Father's Day*, as **a convenient one-pager** to hang on your refrigerator or elsewhere. As *Christmas Day* and *New Year's Day* both fall on Sundays this season, they were natural choices for a single service. We are adding to that: *Columbus/Indigenous People's Day* weekend and *Memorial Day* weekend to this roster of 10:00 AM only, joining the *Annual Meeting* day (February 12, 2023) which has been a single service for a number of years.

Changes to the "usual two-service 8:30/10:00 rotation" are indicated in RED for ease in finding changes to schedule and planning. With blessings from your Ministry team, may we all have a joyous, productive and worshipful 2022/2023 program year together at The First Church!

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

Rev. Dr. Andrew W. Armstrong, Sr. Minister
Rev. Jami D. Boyle, Associate Minister
Rev. Nancy Haynes, Interim Assoc. Minister
Joseph R. Olefirowicz, CAGO, Minister of Music
Dianne Smigliani, Business & Marketing Manager
Sue Englander, Secretary/Receptionist
Steve Buck, Sexton

Pastors Emeriti:
Rev. James S. Chaloner
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey C. Evans

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9am-noon & 1-4pm

Telephone: 603-882-4861
Website: www.tfcucc.org

The Bulletin Board

All Boards meet on Monday, October 3 at 7:00 PM.

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.

Bible, Friends and Coffee meets on Mondays (except for holidays) at 9:30 AM in the ladies parlor. Rev. Andy and Rev. Nancy facilitate the study and they will review the lectionary text for the upcoming Sunday (which by the way helps your ministers prepare for the Sunday sermon!) If you have a Bible, please bring it; if not, one will be supplied for you. No sign-up is required.

Coffee with Rev. Nancy - Join Rev. Nancy at Riverwalk Café every Tuesday from 2:00-3:00 PM for coffee and conversation. No need to sign up; just stop by!

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 - The next orientation is coming up on Sunday, October 2 with the joining date of October 16. For more information and to register, 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.

The Visitation Team meets the second Tuesday of each month in room 10 from 2:00-3:30 PM. The group will meet on October 4, November 8 and December 13. The Visitation Team is looking for new members. Contact Rev. Jami who can tell you all about this fun and engaging ministry.

Visit our website at ww.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.
Find us on Facebook at:
https://www.facebook.com/tfc

Wednesday Morning Men's Study meets on Wednesdays, at 8:00 AM in the Ladies' Parlor. This season the group will study Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. Join Rev. Andy for a weekly one-hour devotion and discussion rooted in the Wisdom Literature of the Bible. Unlike most Old Testament books, these books do not relate scenes from Israel's history. Instead, these sayings, songs, and poems show us how to understand and deal with everyday problems through the lens of faith. One need not have knowledge of the Bible to join in. The fellowship we have is as important as what we learn. Also, each study stands on its own, so you can join in as you're able.

THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 10.
PLEASE SEND ITEMS TO SUE ENGLANDER. THANK YOU.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to: Julia Manlogon on the death of her mother, Ruth Mitchell, on September 11; James Tamposi on the death of his wife, Shirley, on September 17; Dale Neth on the death of her father, Dale Cates, on September 20.

Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to: Samantha and Tom Willington on the birth of Zoe Bea on August 25. Grandparents are Roy and Sandra Rumbaugh; Scott and Lauren Murphy on the birth of Mabel Lee on August 27. Grandparents are Beth and Jim Murphy.

2022

10/07	Lois Ayer
10/08	Pat Lamont
10/11	Sylvia Balcom
10/13	Fred McManus
10/14	Barbara Stone
10/15	Curt Potter
10/16	Jack Atkinson
10/19	Jane Fulton
10/24	Rick Weber
10/24	Jean Carlson
10/28	Donald Shippey
10/30	Lyn Micklovich
10/31	Roland Petersen

Gratitude

Stewardship Reflection:
By
Susan Testa

"What's the magic word?" "What do you say?" How many times have parents said – and children heard – those questions? It's ingrained in us from the moment we say our first word – be polite! But are saying "thank you" and being thankful the same thing?

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy

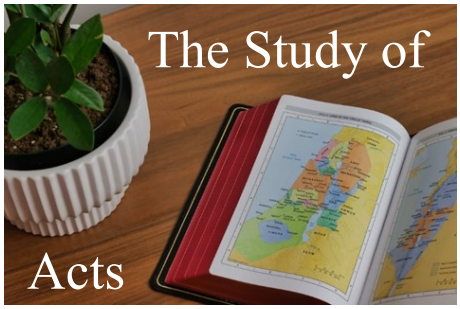
True thankfulness is an emotion that seems to prompt an action of appreciation or gratitude. We frequently show this gratitude in simple ways. A child may give Grandma a quick hug. We may leave a gratuity for the teenager who served us our ice cream at Haywards or bake some brownies for the neighbor who watered our plants when we were away on vacation. These are small acts of appreciation for little kindnesses that have been shown to us.

In a recent local newscast, I heard the story of a mom from Hingham, Mass. who was blessed with the rescue of her 11-year-old son and his babysitter from their burning home. The house was destroyed in the fire but the first responders and other strangers had saved what was most precious to her. How do you show your gratitude for such a wonderful gift? Being financially stable herself, she needed no assistance to rebuild. Hearing of another family with 8 children who were left homeless by a fire in their house, she initiated a "Go-Fund-Me" account with a generous contribution and sent all the proceeds that were raised to this family in need. It was an appropriate expression of gratitude for such a huge act of grace.

In the September Stewardship Reflection, Erin Almeda reminded us of the grace God shows us every day of our lives. It's nothing we can earn. It's freely given. What could possibly be a sufficient expression of gratitude for such a magnificent blessing? In truth, there is nothing nor does He expect anything in return for this grace. But we can chose to live out our covenant with Him by giving generously of our time, talents and treasures where we are able and where there is need.

Psalm54:6 " I will sacrifice a freewill offering to You. I will praise Your name, Lord, for it is good."

Coming next month – a reflection on Generosity!



If you have never studied of the Book of Acts, then you don't know what you are missing. Some people think church history is a bit, shall I say, tedious. But that is far from the truth. For example; did you know the disciples *cast lots* in order to discern who was to replace Judas as one of their disciples? That's right. In order to avoid contention, the disciples threw dice to determine Matthias would be Judas' replacement (Acts 1:23-26.) Perhaps this is why in the Catholic church of my upbringing we had *Monte Carlo Night* as a church fund raiser, complete with Black Jack and Roulette. I say this because throwing dice or casting lots sounds a lot like gambling to me. That said, Proverbs 16:33 says, "They may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall." (NLT)

Here's another interesting fact in the Book of Acts, the Holy Spirit strikes dead not one but two people for lying! Chapter five of Acts tells the story of Ananias and Sapphria, a couple who sold their field claiming to give all of the proceeds to the Church but they actually kept some back for themselves. As a result of lying to Peter, and more importantly to God, both die immediately. BOOM, down they go (5:5-10.) This reminds me of Gary Lambert's June 26th sermon title, "Don't Mess with the Holy Spirit." Imagine how different politics would be today if we had the fear of being struck dead for lying.

We all know lots of biblical stories that originate in the Book of Acts—Pentecost, no doubt, being number one. But there are oodles of stories in this twenty-seven chaptered text,
like the first Christian martyr, Stephen, who was stoned to death at the feet of Saul. And Saul who gets renamed Paul after his *Come to Jesus* moment on the road to Damascus. Blinded by the light as it were.

If you've read the Book of Acts, I want to encourage you to re-read it because it's easy to get confused about where these stories originate. It's good for us all to know our church history better, including me. I'd like to recommend that you read the book in a Children's Bible. We have oodles of them waiting for you in our church library. I say this mostly because of the illustrations that go along with these biblical stories, a much more fun way to learn about church development. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Women's Wisdom and Spirituality is studying Acts this fall. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, in the dining room beginning at noon. The one exception is November 13, as we'll meet in the Fireside Room. The dates: September 25, October 9 & 23, November 13 & 27 and December 11. All are welcome. No need to have participated in WWS before. Email Rev. Jami with any questions.
God bless, *Rev Jami*

First Church Deacons… In this article we introduce you to Bev Belus, who answers the question: "What does being a Deacon mean to you?"

Bev writes: Being a Deacon at First Church is, for me, being a part of a two-way bridge of service between the congregation and our ministers. We proclaim in the United Church of Christ, that "God is still speaking" in our spiritual journeys (where in the end there is only Love.) This being true, we as Deacons speak through multiple means of service to the diverse needs of the congregation, and by affirming the "Good News" of Christ through our loving, "extravagant welcomes."

Adult Winter Retreat "Your Life as Pilgrimage"

The Adult Winter Retreat will be held the weekend of January 27-29, 2023 at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford Pool, Maine. This retreat is the perfect time for reflection, relaxation, prayer, worship, and fellowship.

This year, Rev. Andy will lead us in a discussion on pilgrimage in our heritage then help us contemplate our journey. In addition, we'll have the opportunity to write up our own pilgrim journey in the form of a spiritual biography.

The cost for the weekend is $260.00 per person and includes meals. Scholarships are available. Deposits are due by November 1. Please register with Sue Englander in the church office.

Thankfulness Tree is back, sponsored this year by Stewardship!

What are the God given graces that are filling your heart with gratitude this season? Jot them down on one of our colorful leaves and hang them on our tree (located in Fellowship Hall). Let's create a display of gratitude for the abundance of grace that blesses our church family!

Holiday Fair & Silent Auction Coming in November

It's that time of year again! Only a few more weeks until the Holiday Fair & Silent Auction!!

The Silent Auction will be held in person this year. After a 2-year hiatus, we are bringing back the Friday evening hours!

Friday, November 4th from 4pm – 7pm
Saturday, November 5th from 9am – 2pm

Our crafters have been working hard this past year. Come shop and find a gift for someone, or for yourself! Don't forget the goodies at the bake sale! The Silent Auction winners will be notified.

There will also be a Friday dinner (4:30pm – 6:30pm) and a Saturday lunch (11:00am – 1:30pm). So, save your appetites!

All monies raised will be donated to the Ministers Discretionary Fund.

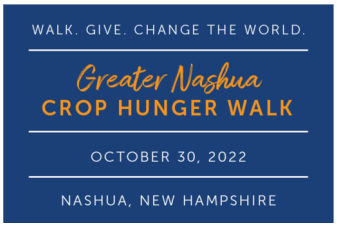
Calling All Bakers

Part of the First Church Holiday Fair is the bake sale which has always been enormously successful due to the overwhelming participation of our First Church Family of Bakers.

Please sign up after church at the welcome desk or contact Patti Mullin or Karen Menchion to let us know of your willingness to help. We need bakers and workers.

We look forward to this fun event! And to all the treats!

Note: The City of Nashua has asked we not sell custard pies or pies with meringue.



First Church Team Looking for Walkers and Pledgers

Pledge envelopes for walkers are available at the First Church Welcome Center along with information for those who want to support our walkers with pledges.

You may also pledge support for our team online by going to Greater Nashua CROP Hunger Walk and clicking Donate at the top of the page.

Enter our team name First Church Nashua (UCC) Walkers.
Add your generous donation.

Please help us help families struggling with hunger.

The walk will take place beginning and ending at Temple Beth Abraham, 4 Raymond Street in Nashua. Registration is from 12:00 to 1:00 PM with opening ceremonies at 1:00 and stepping out at 1:30 PM. Registration and celebration are in the TBA tent to keep us safe.

Did you know?

As we embark on Stewardship season 2022, there are systems in place to ensure the confidentiality of your pledges and giving.

If you wish to further assure that your donations in the offering plate are confidential, please enclose your check in an envelope and exclude your name from the outside of the envelope. Blank envelopes are available in the pew racks and if you use our Church Offering Envelopes, your envelope number lets us know who you are!

We thank you for your pledging and giving!

Please contact Dianne in the church office if you have any questions.

Thanksgiving Baskets and White Dove/Silver Dove Programs 2022

This year has made me think once again "outside the box" and I have been doing a lot of thinking about how we can do these very special and especially needed outreach programs this year.

This worked very well last year and we will do it for at least one more year to assure having enough families participate. We will not do sign-ups following church services, but I will ask anyone who is interested in participating in either the Thanksgiving Basket program or the White Dove/Silver Dove program - or both - to contact me (my information is in the directory). This will give me an idea as to how many families we can accommodate. We will again being doing gift cards for both programs as we did last year.

As time goes on, I will be contacting those who have taken part unless you get to me first and will give you all the information and deadline dates.

I'll need you to "roll with the punches" with me hopefully for one more year.

Blessings to you all.
Carol Butler

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED

WE WELCOME ANY DONATIONS OF ANY DENOMINATION TO THIS GREAT EVENT

SEND YOUR CHECK (made out to The First Church Nashua) to The First Church Nashua, 1 Concord Street, Nashua, NH 03064.

The 2022 Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" Offering Focuses on Economic Justice

NIN is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Justice and Witness Ministries use two-thirds to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations and support various justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will collect the offering on Sunday, October 2 or you may donate at any time at:https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/neighbors-in-need/

Foundations of Christian Formation

Make A Difference (MAD)

The Junior High Students of MAD wish to express their thanks and gratitude to the Church Family. Your support, donations and words of encouragement "Made A Difference" to your Jr. High Students. With you they were able to raise an exciting amount of $1,337.70, all going to help the victims from tornado devastation.

You are helping our students now put into actions what they learned in Sunday School.

We are thankful, grateful & blessed. Notes from a few students….

"Thank you so much for donating. We really appreciated what you guys donated, overall we raised $1,337.70. Thank you so much for your support."

"Thank you people of First Church of Nashua for donating an outstanding $1,337.70, to help cities and towns destroyed by storms and tornados. Your help is appreciated beyond measure."

"Thank you for your donations to the storm relief, we raised a total of $1,337.70!"

Make a Difference Events

With Rally Day done the Jr. High is gearing up for a new year. We look forward to working with you on a new project along with classroom activities.

In September, the group picked apples and made apple crisp. On September 25, we sold out of 97 containers of the crisp!
Look for more crisp to be on sale on Sunday, October 2. Thank you for your generous purchases and support! The proceeds will go to End 68 Hours of Hunger and to the Mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Sunday, October 2:
Discuss a new project:
The Spirit in current events

Sunday, October 9:
Game day - Name that Apostle & more

Sunday, October 16:
What! Jesus had siblings!

Sunday, October 23:
Pack the Halloween boxes for the young folks away at college

Holly Columbus &
Ruth Wilson

Youth Group

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join the group. The next meeting is on Sunday, October 23 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room. Contact Holly Columbus or the church office with any questions.

Nursery News

The nursery is open during the 10:00 worship service and our dedicated volunteers are on hand to care for infants through age 2.

If you are new to First Church, you will find the nursery directly under the sanctuary. Parents are asked to stop at the sign-in counter where you will be greeted by one of the coordinators. They will explain the process for dropping off and picking up your child.

Bible Sunday

Students in grade 3 will receive their Bible on Sunday, October 30 during the 10:00 worship service.

Confirmation Sunday, October 30

The Rite of Confirmation will be held during the 10:00 service. Join us as we celebrate their accomplishment.

Sunday School Registration

If you are new to First Church, you will find Sunday school registration forms online, at the Christian Formation Center, welcome desk or by calling the church office, (603) 882-4861. Please register each child online confirming that your most recent email, cell phone and address are current even if you think we have them.

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday school classes for children age 3-grade 8 meet each Sunday, September 11 through June 12 with the exception of December 18-January 1, Easter Sunday and Memorial Day weekend when there is NO Sunday School.

11:15 AM

- All classes end.
- Children in Grade 2 and under are dismissed when a parent picks them up at their classrooms.
- Children in Grades 3-8 should know exactly where to meet their parents after class.
- If worship ends before 11:15, please enjoy coffee and fellowship before coming to the Walker Building so that classes are not disturbed.

After 11:15 AM

- If parents are unavoidably delayed after worship, teachers may bring children to the Sunday school office. If your children are not in the classroom, come to the Patricia C. Harris Christian Education Office on the second floor of the Walker Building.
- If you know you will be late, please arrange for another responsible adult to meet your child and let the teacher know who that person is.

Any questions or comments may be directed to Rev. Nancy or the church office.

More Christian Formation News on page 8.

Notes from the Chancel

JUBELLATION Re-STARTS

We are very excited to restart our Grade 4 through 8 hand bell choir, JUBELLATION. The ensemble will be led by veteran Decibells member and dedicated hand bell enthusiast, Rhonda O'Keefe. Rehearsals are on a set schedule on Sundays, 11:25-11:55am in the Balcom Room, which is on the second floor of the church building. Rehearsal and worship schedules are on a set rotation for the year, for ease in planning for our busy families!

CHAPEL CHIMERS & JOYFUL NOISE IN SESSION

Our Children's Music Coordinator, Rebecca Crivello, is signing-up our youngest music enthusiasts to join one of two ensembles she leads: CHAPEL CHIMERS (Pre-K through Grade 2) and JOYFUL NOISE (Grade 3 through 7), with each choir meeting Sunday mornings at 9:15 (Chimers) or 11:25 (Joyful) respectively. Please contact the Music Office for further information, and as with other choirs, these too have a set schedule to assist in long term planning for our families.

FIRST SCHOLA Re-STARTS

Music at First would like to try to re-start our Grade 8 through 12 FIRST SCHOLA choir for our young women of the church community. Rehearsals will start on Tuesday evenings 5-6PM, starting Tuesday October 4. Please contact Joseph, our Minister of Music at (603) 882-4861 x15 or jolefirowicz@tfcucc.com for more information and schedules.

OPENING CONCERT ON OCTOBER 21

We are thrilled to welcome award-winning concert organist SCOTT MONTGOMERY to our season opener for the FIRST MUSIC CONCERT SERIES. Please join us for the **FREE program**, on **FRIDAY, October 21 – at 7:30PM**. This music outreach to our city and region is made possible through the generosity of the Friends of First Music.
See the concert poster in this newsletter.

FRIENDS OF FIRST MUSIC Update

We thank those who have contributed so far to the annual campaign! However, the overall fundraising campaign this season is off to a little bit of a slow start, and we are several thousand dollars under our fundraising goal to keep our Series free of charge to all. Please consider making a generous donation to the FRIENDS OF FIRST MUSIC, by writing a check to FIRST MUSIC and sending to the church office. Contact the Music Office for more information at (603) 882-4861 x15. – ***Bringing the Joy of Music to the Gate City***, now for our **15th (!) season**, is all up to YOU!

NEW FIRST FOLK ACCOMPANIST

We welcome to our Music at First team, a new First Folk Accompanist. Joy Iaquinta has joined our team and has been working with First Folk already since the end of September. Joy is a seasoned theatrical music director and church musician and we are thrilled to welcome her to our ministry family!

MUSIC COMMITTEE CHOIR REPS

For the **members and parents of our music ministry**, the Music Committee thought it was time to offer a committee "face" to each choir, as a liaison directly to those in the church, entrusted with caring for our music ministry. In addition to the leadership already provided by your Minister of Music, this new concept offers an additional chance to perhaps share an idea or thought with a member of YOUR music committee. As well, the plan is to expand the duties of this committee member to assist with recruiting for each choir in our ministry.

We will not publish email and phone information here of committee members below, but each choir will receive contact information to "their" Music Committee rep, and we hope this opens even more channels of communication within the ministry. For this program season of 22/23, the following committee folks are working with the following ensembles:

Chancel Choir
Eric Myers

Chapel Chimers
Heather Hochuli

Decibells and Jubellation
Cyndy Carlson

First Folk
Linda Marquis

First Schola
Natasha Drew

Joyful Noise
Eric Ruthenberg

Tower Chimes
Ellie Freeman

THANK YOU TO SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

As your Minister of Music, I'd like to take a moment to thank the Scholarship Committee and the Congregation for their generosity in offering me a continuing education grant for my Master of Arts studies in Pastoral Theology with the Saint Joseph College of Maine. This grant will help greatly in paying for the track of study, which is about three years, part-time. So thank you again to the Scholarship Committee for their generosity and to the congregation for their Stewardship in donating to such a great way for continuing education!

MASTER'S UPDATE

We are halfway through! – As of this Newsletter, 6 out of 12 of the courses in the Master of Arts track are complete, and a 4.0 grade point (96% degree average) is being maintained. So far studies in *Theology of the Church*, *Theology of the Sacraments*, *Old Testament*, *Pastoral Counseling, Ministry with the Aging, Sick and Dying* and *Moral Theology* have laid their foundation.

Each one is very enriching to strengthen the foundations of ministry laid here at The First Church, since June 2008, as your Minister of Music. Each course is a 12-week intensive which needs about 12-16 hours a week of academic work in the online program. New Testament is on the docket for this fall, at the time of this Newsletter's publication. *(Through a surprising long-term shift in annual semester timing from the college, this class ends with a final paper due ON Sunday, December 25. Merry Christmas indeed!)*

Music & Choirs
in Worship

Sunday, October 2
17th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 10:00 Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 9
18th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 Timothy Skinner, clarinet

Sunday, October 16
19th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 10:00 First Folk

Sunday, October 23
20th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Decibells
10:00 Chancel Choir
Decibells

Sunday, October 30
21st Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Chancel Choir
10:00 Chancel Choir
First Schola

Women's Association Plan Trip to Parker's Maple Barn
Saturday, October 15, 2022

All church women are invited to brunch at Parker's on Saturday, October 15. Gather at the church parking lot at 9:00 AM for carpooling.

Contact Carol Butler or Bea Dillaby for further information. Sign up at the welcome center.

Halloween Packages

The Make A Difference Class will pack Halloween packages for our young people who are away at college. We are collecting donations of wrapped candy (monetary donations also welcome to defray mailing costs) in the coming weeks. Please leave the candy in the marked bins by October 23.

Parents, please send in your child's new college address! Call the church office or email Sue at senglander@tfcucc.org with your children's current address by October 16.

More Christian Formation News

Upcoming Activity Dates and Missions For First Church Youth and Family in 2022-2023

- Christmas Pageant: December 11
- Pretzel Sunday: March 12
- Youth Sunday: March 26
- Senior Recognition: Sunday May 8
- Children's Day: June 4

Intergenerational Worship, Programs and Missions encouraged at First Church

While youth are encouraged to participate in programs specifically designed for them, our greatest hope is that our youth will join with their families and friends in participating in church-wide worship, missions and fellowship events.

We encourage all youth:

- to serve in our Christian Formation programs by assisting teachers in our children's classes, work in the nursery, and lead Vacation Bible School activities.
- to join or assist with our choirs and various musical ensembles.

Once Confirmed, we encourage youth to teach Sunday School, join and serve First Church's various boards, committees and ministry teams.

FIRST MUSIC
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CONCERT SERIES 2022 – 23 SEASON

SEASON XV

CELEBRATING 15 SEASONS of
BRINGING the JOY of MUSIC
to the GATE CITY

POPS FOR PIPES XII

SCOTT MONTGOMERY organ

FRIDAY

OCT 21

7:30

IN THE EVENING

FREE ADMISSION

ALL ARE WELCOME

THE FIRST CHURCH

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2022

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship

8:30am – In-Person Worship
10:00am- In-Person Worship, Livestream & Radio Broadcast, Sunday School, Childcare

Choirs

TUE: 6:00pm – First Folk
WED: 6:45pm – Chancel Choir
THU: 7:00pm – Decibells

Small Groups

MON OCT 3, 17, 24, 31: 9:30am – Bible, Friends & Coffee
WED: 8:00am – Men's Group

Other Groups

SAT OCT 1, 8: 11:00am - Sisters in Sobriety, Nauss Hall
SAT OCT 15, 22, 29: 11:30am – Sister in Sobriety, dining room

MONTHLY EVENTS

MON OCT 3: 6:00pm Safe Church
MON OCT 3: 7:00pm –All Boards
TUE OCT 4: 3:00pm – Hunt Communion
WED OCT 5: 12:00pm - Nashua Area Interfaith Council
SUN OCT 9, 23: 12:00pm – Women's Wisdom & Spirituality, dining room
TUE OCT 10: 2:00pm - Visitation Meeting
TUE OCT 11: 7:00pm - Thank You Project, room 10
SAT OCT 15: 10:00am – DAR, room 10
TUE OCT 18: 4:00pm –First Church at Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
WED Oct 19: 4:00pm – Craft Group, dining room
THU OCT 20: 12:00pm – Chamber of Commerce, dining room
TUE OCT 25: 2:00pm – Huntington Service
FRI OCT 28: 4:00pm – Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUN OCT 2: Membership Orientation, Room 15
SAT OCT 15: NH Conference Annual Meeting, Grappone Conference Center, Concord
SAT OCT 15: Women's Association, Fall Trip to Parker's
SUN OCT 16: New Members Join
MON OCT 17: 12-5:00pm – Golf Tournament, Nashua Country Club
FRI OCT 21: 8:00pm- First Music Concert
FRI OCT 28: 7:00pm – Movie Night
SUN OCT 30: 10:00am – Rite of Confirmation
SUN OCT 30: Crop Walk

THE FIRST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Program Year 2022 – 2023

Changes to the "usual two-service 8:30/10:00 rotation" are indicated in RED for ease in finding changes to schedule and planning.

9/11	-	8:30	10:00	*Rally Sunday*
9/18	-	8:30	10:00	
9/25	-	8:30	10:00	
10/2	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
10/9	-	10:00 ONLY		*Columbus/Indigenous*
10/16	-	8:30	10:00	
10/23	-	8:30	10:00	
10/30	-	8:30	10:00	
11/6	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
11/13	-	8:30	10:00	
11/20	-	8:30	10:00	
11/27	-	8:30	10:00	
12/4	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
12/11	-	8:30	10:00	*Pageant @ 10*
12/18	-	9:00	11:00	*Christmas at First*
12/24	-	5PM;	7PM;	11PM *Christmas Eve*
12/25	-	10:00 ONLY		*Christmas Day*
1/1	-	10:00 ONLY		Communion – *NY Day*
1/8	-	8:30	10:00	
1/15	-	8:30	10:00	
1/22	-	8:30	10:00	
1/29	-	8:30	10:00	
2/5	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
2/12	-	10:00 ONLY		*Annual Meeting*
2/19	-	8:30	10:00	
2/22	-	7:30PM		*Ash Wednesday*
2/26	-	8:30	10:00	*Youth Sunday*
3/5	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
3/12	-	8:30	10:00	
3/19	-	8:30	10:00	
3/26	-	8:30	10:00	
4/2	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
4/6	-	7:30PM		*Maundy Thursday*
4/9	-	9:00	11:00	*Easter*
4/16	-	8:30	10:00	
4/23	-	8:30	10:00	
4/30	-	8:30	10:00	
5/7	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
5/14	-	8:30	10:00	
5/21	-	8:30	10:00	*Confirmation*
5/28	-	10:00 ONLY		*Memorial Day*
6/4	-	8:30	10:00	Communion
6/11	-	8:30	10:00	*Children's Sunday*
6/18	-	9:00 ONLY*		*Summer sched starts*

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Crop Walk
Sunday, October 30
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Movie Night
Friday, October 28 - 7:00 PM

Rev. Jami invites you to come watch this documentary chronicling the life and work of spiritual teacher and yogi, Ram Dass (1931-2019), named so after a spiritual awakening in India in the late 1960's. Formerly known as Dr. Richard Alpert, eminent Harvard psychologist, Alpert worked with fellow professor Timothy Leary conducting the controversial Harvard Psilocybin Project. This film represents Ram Dass' teaching and life as a bridge between Eastern and Western philosophies.

This is a 2019 production that runs 1 hour and 21 minutes. The movie will be shown in the dining room. Snacks will be provided. Bring some to share!

Halloween Care Packages for our College Students

Please leave donations of wrapped candy in the marked buckets by October 23. See page 8 for more information.