



STEEPLE CHAT

*the weekly updates from
your church*

July 12, 2024

**In our Church this Sunday Morning
July 14, 2024**

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**All our Sunday services are in-person in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.
For those who prefer online worship, you can join us live through Zoom.
(please see link below)**



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Message by Pastor Dana Mann

Matthew 7: 7-8, 24-27; Galatians 5: 1, 13-15, 21

Music Ministry

Guest musicians:

Mark Thallander, Wendy Hagarty, Ted Hagarty

Please click this link to join the service online via

Zoom: <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: please note a pause!

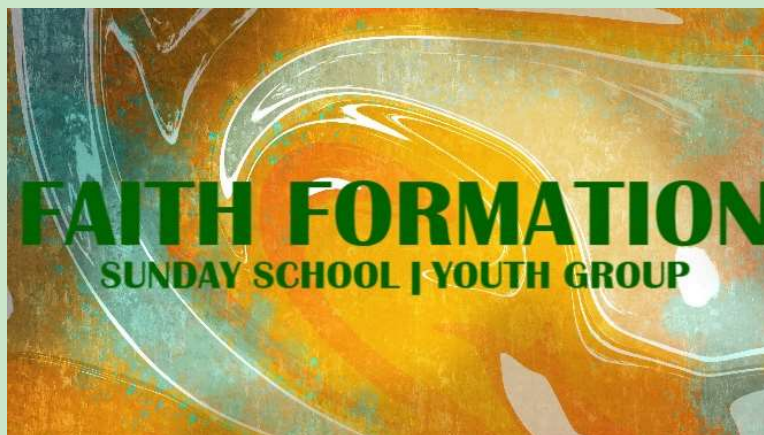
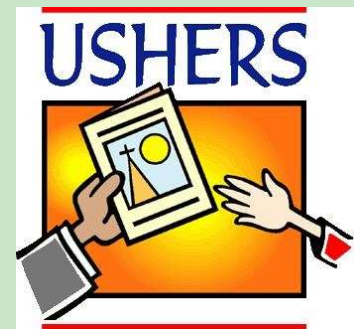
In recent weeks, we've seen a decline in participation in the post-Worship Zoom Fellowship. The Deacons recognize the need for a fellowship connection with church members who participate by Zoom, and also acknowledge the interest of church members to have an opportunity to connect with the "Zoom Fellowship" folks.

The Deacons have made the decision to suspend the post- Worship Zoom fellowship for the summer while we think about ways to provide a fellowship opportunity for those at home, for those who wish to connect with those at home, and for other church members who might be interested in an additional fellowship opportunity.

The Deacons will be back with some thoughts on a Zoom fellowship in the early fall. If you're interested in a Zoom Fellowship opportunity or have an idea about Zoom Fellowship, please contact the one of the Deacon Co-Chairs - Betsy Carroll and Janet Schulte by leaving a message for them at the church office.

We have an immediate need for individuals who would like to usher on Sunday mornings. Training and review of the role will be provided. Please contact a member of the Board of Deacons if you are able to sign up for a Sunday to provide this service to the congregation.

Betsy Carroll and Janet Schulte are co-chairs of the Board of Deacons.



Happy Summer Everyone!

This is so exciting! Beginning this Sunday July 14th following their special time in worship, children (ages 5-13 years) are invited into the fellowship hall for the **Summer Children's Gathering** series.

This Summer Series will take place on two Sundays in July and two Sundays in August.

The Theme will be: God's Beloved Garden

Please save the following dates:

Sunday July 14th - God's Love Takes Root and Grows in Me, *Psalm 24:1-2 + Psalm 8*

Sunday July 21st - God's Love Takes Root and Grows in Me, *Mark 4:26-29*

Sunday August 11th - We Live Together in God's Love, *John 15:5*

Sunday August 18th - We Live Together in God's Love, *John 15:12*

The children are welcome to bring their friends too!

We look forward to seeing you!

Blessings + Peace -

Ingrid Roeder, Program Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR THIS WEEK!

Tuesday, July 16th-Friday, July 19th

9am-12 noon

As always, Pastor Dana can be reached:

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(cell) 917-202-3738



Thrift Shop Updates

The Thrift Shop has found itself the recipient of many wonderful donations over the past couple of weeks. Thank you to all who are curating nearly new collections of summer clothing!

Because we have a rather large inventory, the shop is going to continue our Bag Sale throughout the month of July. Stuff a plastic grocery bag with clothing and buy the contents for \$6.00. It's a bargain and it helps both the thrift shop's bottom line and those who come in to buy clothing.



Shop volunteers are still looking for more people who might like to spend a shift helping customers or sorting through donations. We are also looking for people willing to drive donations that we aren't accepting to Savers. We know it is a busy time of year for people, but this volunteer job is a pleasure, and it can be done when you are able to come in. Shop

hours continue to be Thursdays 1:00-7:00 PM, Fridays 1:00-4:00 PM and Saturdays 10:00AM-1:00 PM. Stop by and check us out!

Contact Sandy O'Neill if you have questions: sandy_oneill@comcast.net

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It's Grab and Go time...

It is estimated that 20% of New Hampshire's children are food insecure, they don't have enough nutritious food or might not even know where their next meal is coming from. One out of every five kids is hungry. **Grab and Go, a program of the Dover Cooperative Ministries**, provides bags of food to hungry children in Dover from the end of the school year until the week of Labor Day.

Each bag contains enough non-perishable food to feed one child for a weekend. Each week we need 45 volunteers to pack bags (in the church) and distribute them to one of twenty-two locations throughout Dover. If you can help for a day, a week, a month, or all 11 weeks for this summer, please contact us at dovertgrabandgo@gmail.com Thank you for helping feed Dover's hungry children.



The Men's Group is currently reading and discussing "*The Lost History of Christianity*" by Philip Jenkins. . The Men's Group meets 7 PM every Wednesday evening at the Clubhouse at 1 Cielo Drive in Dover (behind Hannaford's off the Durham Road- Route 108) .

For details about joining Men's Group, or just sitting in for an evening or two, please contact Sam Ronda at 603-337-5258.

Secrets of the Arc*

Old Court House part 2 of 3

First of all - those with sharp eyes and knowledge would note that the courthouse is on the right (as opposed to what I said last week). What does this have to do with First Parish? Our first Sunday School was taught in this old courthouse in 1818. You teachers will be interested to note that the teaching method consisted solely on reciting Bible

verses without explanation or comment from the teacher. The minister made comments later (if he felt so moved). One 7 year old girl recited 544 verses from scripture, 99 in hymns and 316 in catechism! For those without "suitable clothing", they could go to Dr Wheeler's house, where ladies from the church would take measurements and furnish the necessary clothing.

One more item of interest regarding the courthouse next week.

***Archives**



COCHECHO CHALLENGE HALF MARATHON



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 31, 2024
8:15am Start Time**

**Register at
Cochechochallenge.com**



First Parish Church - 218 Central Ave, Dover, NH

Volunteers needed for Race Day!

We are looking for volunteers to be road marshals, to hand out water at water stations and at the finish line, and to serve food and hand out medals at the church during the half marathon.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vickie Chase at 603-781-5346 or send her an email at vickiejean513@gmail.com.

Art Camp in the Park August 19-23 9am-12pm

Cost per Child/Youth \$10

Ages: 6-18

Parents or guardians are encouraged to be there to create as well.



Donations are welcome for art supplies, snacks, sunblock, bug spray + a portable wagon for taking supplies to the park!

Please Contact Ingrid if you're interested IngridFPCDover@gmail.com



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.

Steeple Chat Most visited Links:

Current Prayer List

Church Calendar

Worship Zoom Link



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>

First Parish Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ.

We welcome 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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