

The
Chimes
2012



FEBRUARY

Worship ~ Sundays
at 10AM

Lines from Lynes
“Meeting the Living Jesus”

It has been said that as disciples of Christ each of us must become contemporary with Jesus in order for our faith to become alive. For our faith to be active in love we need to meet the “Living Jesus,” not some relic of the distant past. During our worship this season of Epiphany, we are trying to use the experiences of some of those to whom Jesus ministered to bring Jesus to life for us. Jesus’ power transformed them and it can also transform us.

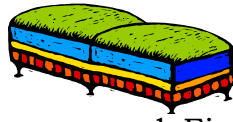
On February 22, Ash Wednesday, we will move out of the Epiphany season and begin the season of Lent. Among other things, Lent is a time for reflective meditation, prayerful probing, and honest introspecting, a time to renew and refresh one’s relationship with God and Christ, one’s commitment to be a partner in ministry of First Parish Church as one seeks to be a faithful servant of Christ’s Church, and one’s personal life of discipleship in the complex, often confusing and bewildering world of which we are a part. It is a time when, as in Epiphany this year, we can “meet the Living Jesus.”

To enhance this moment in your spiritual journey, our Deacons, Rick, and I thought it would be helpful for every member of First Parish Church to have a devotional booklet for this Lenten season. Accordingly, we are pleased to be sending one along to you for your use during Lent (and easily adaptable for personal/family devotions during the entire year). The devotional booklet is organized around the teachings of Jesus and contains forty devotional/worshipful moments. The primary source here are the Beatitudes and the Lord’s Prayer, both found in the “Sermon on the Mount” in the Gospel of Matthew. Some of Jesus’ parables as well as other teachings are embedded within individual Beatitudes or petitions in the Lord’s Prayer in order to amplify their themes. Each devotional moment also includes a prayer based on the theme for the day.

In addition to enhancing your spiritual journey during Lent, we had something more in mind. You will remember that in November we voted to align our fiscal and program year to run from July 1 through June 30. As we move our way to Easter, we will therefore find ourselves in the midst of efforts by different groups to plan for the ministry of FPC for this “new year” beginning July 1. In particular, we will be asking members to think about their financial commitments to our ministries, ways in which they can help the Boards and Committees of the parish effectively carry out their work, and ways in which they can regularly reach out to help persons who are not part of our community of faith. Our hope is that the devotional moments of this booklet will also provide a firm spiritual foundation from which the efforts and responses of our beloved partners in the ministry of FPC can flow.

Agape, Jack 1

Deacon's Bench



Dear Members and Friends,

We are well into the new year and First Parish is continuing with its commitment to reach out to the local community through its many programs such as Stephen Ministry and Mission and Action. Should you ever need assistance or know of someone who may, please contact the church office and let us know.

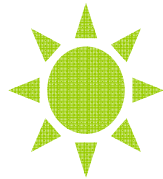
This year you will be receiving a Lenten Devotional Booklet. This is being mailed directly to your home. As Rev. Jack has stated in his message, this is an opportunity for you to spend some time at home to worship and reflect during this Lenten Season.

Each year the New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ has a workshop in Pembroke, NH. This year's event is on February 25 and offers a well-balanced workshop, including Christian Education, Church Leadership, Caring Ministries and Service and Global Missions. There are over 80 workshops to choose from. Please contact the church office to find out more information.

Winter is here, but our hearts are still warm. Your Board of Deacons prays for your health and well-being throughout this winter season and we hope to see you in church.

Blessings,
Bill Leslie

Chair, Board of Deacons



Stephen Ministry at First Parish Church, UCC

We are pleased to announce that a new class of Stephen Ministers will begin February 1st! These future caregivers will meet from February through May to complete 50 hours of training so that First Parish Church UCC will be equipped to care for our congregation. Please hold this new class in your prayers as they begin this significant journey of faith. For more information contact Carol Davenport (742-9817), Mary Norris (742-6587), Beth Martindale (742-2419) or Judy Edwards (749-2130).

February 22



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent, a special time for prayer and confession, meditation and reflection – a turning inward to reach deep into our souls to renew and refresh our commitments to the Way of Life Jesus revealed is ours through God's love and grace. A traditional part of Ash Wednesday is the imposition of ashes as a visual symbol to remind us of who we are and whose we are as this holy season begins. There will be two opportunities for silent prayer and meditation, receiving communion and the mark of ash from Rev. Jack, 7:00-8:00A.M. and 4:00-5:00P.M. on Wednesday, February 22nd in our sanctuary.



Interested in becoming a Member of FPC?

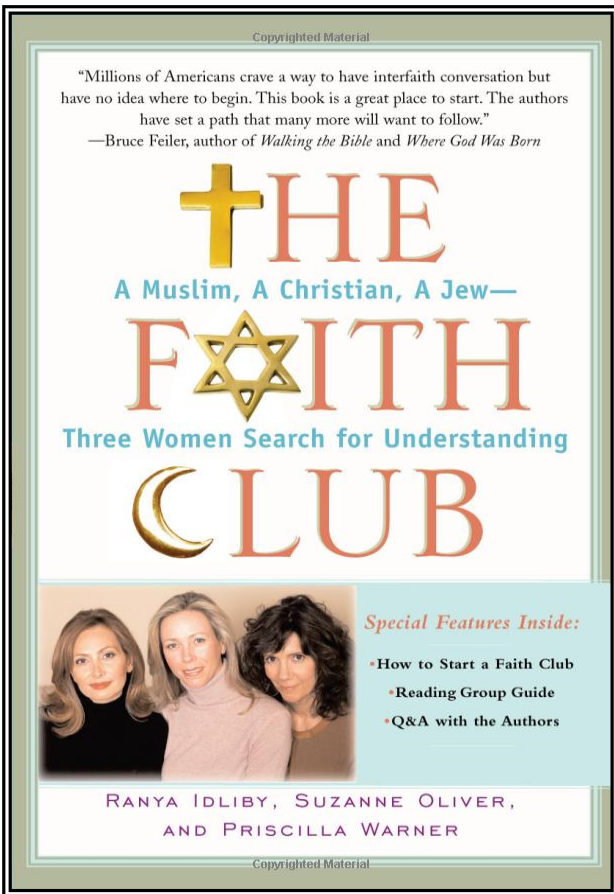
Anyone who is interested in learning more about our partnership in ministry here at First Parish Church and possibly becoming a member is cordially invited to an information sharing session after worship (11:30) in the Parlor on Sunday, February 19. If needed, a second session will be held on Monday evening, February 20 at 7:00P.M. Please call the Church Office to let us know of your interest and your intent to attend. We hope to receive new members into our partnership on Sunday, March 11.



Thank You!

To all the volunteer ushers that helped on Christmas Eve. A job well done!

Paul Smith



The Faith Club – an Interfaith Book Reading Project. This book is about a year-long conversation among people of three faiths who made many interesting discoveries about their various religions. This study/discussion group is sponsored by your Conference Delegates and the Carroll Strafford Association. The discussions will be guided by *Jan and Don Beddie*, members of First Parish Church. We also plan to have the opportunity to converse with members of the Jewish and Islamic traditions. At the conclusion of the discussion series, there will be a gathering with members of the other churches in the Association who have also read and discussed this book. Our sessions will begin on February 2 and run through March 22 (excluding the second Thursday of each month when FPC participates in the Friendly Kitchen). Sign up is on the bulletin board outside the office. Books are available in the church office for \$10. We hope you will join in this exciting discussion series.

Adult Education Sundays, 9:00 ~ 9:40AM

“The Meaning and Significance of Prayer”

Rev. Jack will lead the group in a discussion focusing on the meaning and significance of prayer. In this session we will tease out some of our questions about prayer. All are welcome.

Parenting:

This year we have discussed "Building Self Esteem in Your Child" and "Parenting in a Text Messaging World". We have a new topic every 2 weeks. Please join us. Led by *Bill Leslie*.

The Nominating Committee Needs Your Help!

First Parish Church is blessed with many talented people and God has use for every talent. Your Nominating Committee is charged with finding the talents in each of us and directing those talents to use of the Lord through boards and committees of our church. There are many opportunities to serve, from serving the spiritual needs of our congregation through the Diaconate Board to coaching our members, young and old, in the ways of our faith through the Christian Education Board to the directing our Christian outreach through the Mission and Action Committee. When a member of our Nominating Committee call, we hope you will pray about your talents and your service through your Church; we hope you will say "Yes!" to the opportunity to serve the Lord with your special gifts. We promise you will be enriched by your relationships with other members of the church and fulfilled by your service. In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote "Now there are varieties of gifts; but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one". We hope you will agree to use your special gift in service to the God

Children, Youth & Family



Confirmation News

Christian Education Covenant

In order to make the Mission statement and beliefs of our Christian Education program both "kid-friendly" and well-defined for all, a Covenant Statement has been created that will be posted in our Sunday school areas and each classroom. The covenant was developed through a collaboration of our dedicated teachers, the Christian Education board and our Christian Education Coordinator. The covenant is based on the acronym *TEACHER* as follows:

- T** – Trust
- E** – Education
- A** – Acceptance
- C** – Confidentiality
- H** – Honesty & Openness
- E** – Expression
- R** – Respect

Save the Date!

March 2nd @ 6:00 pm

Family Fun Night

February 27th – March 2nd

Winter Break



FPC's ANNUAL Bring-A-Friend Sunday!

February 12th
Refreshments served
8:30-8:50 am.
Come Early!

Worship Schedule



Sunday School

- Feb. 5th – "Being Humble"
- Feb. 12th – "Being Faithful"
- Feb. 19th – "Being Trustworthy"
- Feb. 26th – **NO Sunday School/EClub**

Acolytes

- Feb. 5th – William & Sophie Marchesi
- Feb. 12th – Jace & Hannah Quitugua
- Feb. 19th – Zack & Patrick Helm
- Feb. 26th – Gianna & Cassie Di Mambro

Classes in February 5:30-7:00p.m.

- February 12th**- The Teachings of Jesus in The Sermon on the Mount
- February 26th**-a continuation of February 12th class.

Youth Group



Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser, Sunday February 5th!

Place your orders for our SUB fundraiser benefiting our Youth Ministry Mission Trip to Springfield, Mass this summer. Turkey, Tuna or Italian \$6 subs! We will also have drinks, chips and cookies for sale too! Send your requests to: bethmartindale@comcast.net.

Youth Ministry Sunday February 19th

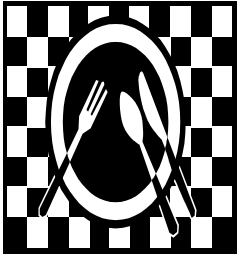
Join us for a FUN afternoon of tubing! We will leave FPC promptly at 11:30 and will return by 3:00p.m. Contact Beth (email address above) for all details, cost, release forms, transportation, etc. Youth Ministry is for youth in grades 7 through 12.



Dover Children's Home 4th Annual BOWL A THON, Sunday February 26th!

Our youth and Men's Group will once again be competing for that FIRST PLACE Trophy! First Parish Church will have four teams raising funds for The Dover Children's Home. Please cheer us on support our fundraising efforts. Youth will be in Parish Hall taking donations each Sunday in February. Thank you for supporting us! *Donate \$\$\$\$ or be on a team!*

Public Potluck Supper



Saturday, **February 4th**
 from 4:30 to 6:30pm.
 Come and enjoy dinner
 and fellowship!
 Donations of food are
 needed! Adults: \$7;
 seniors: \$6; kids: \$4

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm
Men's Group meets each
 week in the Parlor.

Grief Discussion Group

Our Grief Discussion Group meets on the first and third Wednesdays, the **1st** and **15th**. The topics will vary as the needs and interests of the members surface.

Congratulations!



On the birth of *John Stuart Harriman*, born 1-19-12, the son of *Dan & Carolyn (Russell) Harriman*. Grandparents: *John & Darcie Russell; Rebecca & John Henry*

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Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesdays by 9:00AM

Chimes Deadline:

The 15th of every month ~
 Please email bulletin and
 chimes information to Lisa at
firstparish@comcast.net

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In Sympathy

We mourn the loss of our dear friends, called home by God to share in the everlasting kingdom of Heaven...

Polly Walker ~ longtime member
Betty Ireland ~ longtime member
Tom Langford ~ Liz Hanson's dad
Roger Bull ~ Darcie Russell's cousin



Altar Flowers

January 1 used memorial poinsettias

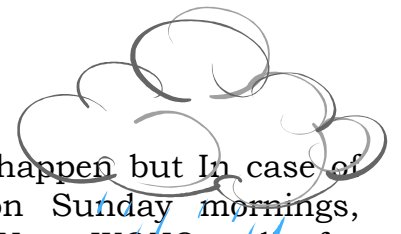
January 8 in loving memory of *Zelwa Hill* and *Francis & Mary Raynes* from *Bill & Jean Hill*

January 15 in loving memory of my folks, *Lucile & Ernie Edwards* and in honor of my daughter *Meg*, by *Judy Edwards*.

If you would like to purchase altar flowers, please contact Jane or Lisa in the church office at 742-5664.

Stormy weather!

We hope it does not happen but in case of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, please listen to WTSN or WOKQ radio for cancellation notices. We will also send out an email blast and list the info on our website. When possible, we will announce the cancellation the evening before.



E-Chimes

To start receiving the chimes via email, please send an email to chimesfpc@gmail.com with the subject "eChimes".

E-Mail Prayer Chain

Please contact the office at 742-5664 or by email to be added to our email prayer chain.

Worship Attendance

Sunday:	1/1/12	114
Sunday:	1/8/12	181
Sunday:	1/15/12	163
Sunday:	1/22/12	172

Prepared to Serve

Registration Forms
are on the bulletin
board across from
the office.

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February 25, 2012

Pembroke Academy - Pembroke, NH

A training event including
various workshops,
exhibits,
worship and fellowship for
all church members in the
New Hampshire
Conference,
of the United Church of
Christ.

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