

First Parish Congregational Church Newsletter

MILESTONES

Our Sympathies to Frank Glassock and family on the passing of his mother Laura Glassock. Our sympathies also to John Hodgkins and family on the passing of his wife Beth. Beth's service was held at First Parish on May 16.

Our ongoing thoughts and prayers are with Victoria Everett, Sally Grover, John Hopkins, John Knowles, Andy Swanson, Sandra Walden, Bob and Donna Walker, Kevin Wehunt and Gwen Wood.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

We remember in our prayers those serving in the military—Davis Asherman, Connor Hoehle, Nicholas Runyon, Catherine Thompson, Andrew Totta, Jeffrey Vandenengel and Ryan James Wallace.

Congratulations

The Navy League of the United States team with the commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet to award the best performing tactical submarine department head assigned to the Pacific Fleet. This award will be presented to Lieutenant Commander Jeffrey Vandenengel. His proud grandmother is Charlotte Bryant.

FOCUS ON WORSHIP

June 2

Scripture: Matthew 23:13-36, Proverbs 4:5-7

Adult Mission Trip Service

June 9 Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1-11, Numbers 11:16-30

Sermon: Rev. Kate Dalton

June 16—Annual Meeting

Scripture: Acts 13:1-5, 13-16a, 42-47; 14:1-2, 21-28, Ephesians 3:1-13

Sermon: Rev. Kate Dalton

June 23

Scripture: Acts 15:36-41; 16:1-5; 17:1-4, 10-15; 18:1-4, 18-22, Romans 8:1-4, 31-34; 16:3-5a, 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Sermon: Rev. Kate Dalton

June 30

Scripture: Acts 18:22-23; 19:1-10, 21-31; 20:1-3; 21:7-15, Romans 6:1-4, 2 Corinthians 13:1-5

Sermon: Rev. Kelli Whitman

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the July/August newsletter

Monday, June 24

Send entries to fpcc@firstparishyarmouth.org

From the Senior Pastor...

Kate's Column

On May 19, I was installed as the 33rd Senior Pastor of First Parish. Thanks to all of you who participated and attended (and dropped notes to me when you couldn't attend). The service was an incredible testimony to the life and spirit of this congregation. One colleague told me that she was sad that the service had to end. Another told me it made him realize why he became a minister. Many told me that they had never attended an installation quite like the one we hosted and that we had set a new bar.

What makes me so happy is that my installation service reflected who we are all of the time. It was a service that involved 18 different leaders and soloists not including the choir. We didn't use an outside preacher to charge us with what comes next for this congregation – our own Leigh Palmer, Dot Grosset, and Paul and Maya Faulstich eloquently spoke about the past, present and future of our church. Rev. Dr. Beth Hoffman, Rev. Cindy Maddox, and the Rev. Stephen Carnahan – all from my clergy group, showed up to support us and lead us. The Rev. Geoff Parker, our neighbor at Foreside Community Church and president of the Maine Conference Board of Directors, blessed me with a laying on of hands and a prayer. And our neighbor and good friend the Rev. Nina Pooley blessed all of us with the benediction that she often gives at St. Bart's. And Amanda and Mark and our choir did an incredible job with the music!

I am so blessed to serve this community. Thank you for all that you do and all that you are.

Blessings,

Kate

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

Budget Meeting – Sunday, June 9, at 9am
This is a chance to review the 2019-2020 budget that will be voted on at annual meeting. Copies of the budget will be available.

ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JUNE 16 during 10AM worship

Deacon's Bench

Hello First Parish Friends!

The Deacons are now offering in home communion. If you (or someone you know) are unable to attend regular services and would like to receive communion in your home we can accommodate! One or two of our Deacons will stop by for a short visit and to administer the elements. Please call the office and we will have someone contact you to schedule a time.

We are fishing for new Deacons. We have three vacancies coming up but could employ five or six if there's interest. If you are interested in becoming more involved at FPC this is a great way to be a part. No qualifications needed. Please contact the office if you're interested.

Happy Spring! Scott Martin

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to strengthen the Church offering. We will be taking this offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 9.

COUNCIL

Each year, in addition to our normal administrative work, the Council discusses and chooses a goal to work on for the coming year. A year ago, when we learned that our senior pastor would be retiring and leaving us in April, we decided that our goal for the 2018/2019 year should be to try to make the transition from old to new go as smoothly as possible.

We knew that, in the UCC tradition, when a senior pastor leaves a church, the associate pastor is expected to leave also. That meant we would need to search for two new pastors. When we learned that Kate wanted to stay on with us and assume the senior pastor role, we were delighted. With the congregation's blessing, this proposal became a reality. It gave Kate an entire year to make her own transition under Kent's tutelage, and it gave the church a feeling of continuity in our worship and work.

In the meantime, the search committee is well on its way to finding an associate pastor. The committee is in one of the last stages of the process – candidate interviews —and is very hopeful of finding the right candidate to begin sometime in the fall.

In 2017/2018, the Council's goal was to explore what it means to be "church" and, with the congregation's assistance, considered that meaning in many different dimensions. This year we have truly demonstrated what it means to be church by the way we have rallied around Kate in her new position, by the way we released and said goodbye to our beloved senior pastor, and now, by the way in which we are continuing God's work and confidently awaiting what the future holds for us. While our work of transitioning will continue, we should recognize what a strong community of faith we are, and we should feel proud of what we have accomplished.

Blessings,
Peg DeBruyn

ADULT EDUCATION/ FELLOWSHIP

Women's Coffee Fellowship will gather at Clayton's on Friday, June 14 at 4:00 pm. Open to women of First Parish and the community.

No Strings Attached Coffee Hour will meet on Friday, June 21 at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall for conversation and goodies. All women of the church are welcome.

Men's Spirituality Group will meet on Saturday, June 22 at 8:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Open to all men of First Parish.

The Book Group is now on summer break. They will meet again on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00 am. The summer book is titled *Educated by Tara Westover*. You are welcome to come even if you haven't read the book.

Christmas Crafters

Friday, June 7 from 10:00-12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be making mini button flower vases, and/or painting wooden table top trees (no experience necessary—stripes, very simple). If you have questions please call Kathy Smith at 781-5597.

Library

The FPC Library Committee invites you to join them to discuss “A Piece of the World” by Christina Baker Kline on Sunday, June 9 at 11:30 am. This book was recommended to the Library Committee by Nancy Lauckner. When Nancy was asked why she would recommend “A Piece of the World” for an All Church Read, she responded:

“I found that the book helped me to enter and try to understand the life and experiences of the woman who is the subject of Andrew Wyeth’s painting “Christina’s World.” Despite the author’s claim that the woman she describes should not be viewed as identical with the woman in the painting, every time I see the Wyeth painting from now on, I will always think of this Christina. I also found the book interesting because of the insights it provided incidentally into such things as the Salem Witch Trials, the life of women in small Maine coastal villages “back in the day,” now arcane Maine expressions like “daughtering out,” and New England farmhouse architecture.”

Several Library Committee members have read and enjoyed “A Piece of the World”. Sarah Bowie shared:

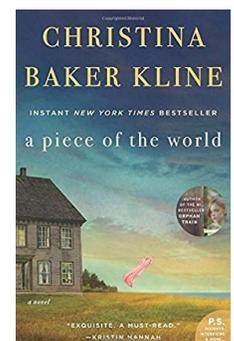
“ The book offers a lot of different perspectives on disabilities - both in terms of how the individual reacts to his/her disability and to how others react... from the physical disabilities of Christina, her dad, and Wyeth to the emotional/mental disability of Christina's mother. “A Piece of the World” also raises the issue of the impact of the disability on others. I was very moved by Christina having to leave school and her possible future as a teacher because she had to assume her mother's responsibilities.”

Sarah also noted the themes of family history and family property and how they can become burdensome. “One of the most moving scenes for me was when her brother put away all his boats and fishing gear because he had to assume the responsibility for the farm when their father becomes disabled. In another scene, the mother nixes the idea of them selling the property because of the family history. It’s a love/hate relationship because the land is clearly dear to them as well as being an obstacle.”

As we considered “A Piece of the World” as an All Church Read, we agreed that the book captures beautifully rural Maine (and New England), both the character of the land and of the people, especially the self-sufficiency and perseverance.

There is one copy of the book on the Library Cart for sign out. Copies are also available at Merrill Library and through the Minerva System.

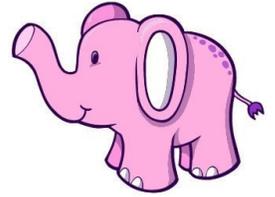
We hope you will join us on Sunday, June 9.



News from the Clam Festival

Pink Elephant

The Pink Elephant will be starting to collect items very soon. The date will be in the weekly notices. We accept furniture, household and kitchen items, sports equipment, toys, games, crafts, appliances, etc. Remember all appliances should be in working order.



WE DO NOT ACCEPT any clothes (except hats, belts, and shoes) and **NO computer equipment of any sort.** We also need more helpers to sort and price (no experience necessary) and any amount of time is appreciated since several of our longtime sorters are unable to help this year. The Pink Elephant brings in a substantial part of the Clam Festival proceeds for the church and we really need people to step up if this is to continue. For any questions or to sign up to be a sorter, please contact Mary Thorp at 846-3203 or email her at: metyar27@hotmail.com

Pie Booth

It's not too soon to start thinking about baking pies for the Clam Festival! Last year, we found that limiting the number of TYPES of pies to about 15 types worked quite well. We hope to need about 500 pies over the weekend. Pies can be made up to 6 weeks ahead of time and frozen. **Please remember to let your pie COOL completely.** It should then be wrapped in plastic wrap and then aluminum foil as well. Freezers in the undercroft will be available the beginning of June. Please label the type of pie. Sometimes it is difficult to tell what kind they are. We ask that you to limit your pies to the following types:

Apple	Blueberry	Strawberry Rhubarb
Toll House	Peach	Key Lime
Chocolate Cream	Peach Blueberry	Raspberry
Custard	Cherry	Pecan
Lemon Meringue	Pumpkin	Brownie

We truly appreciate all the time, effort and cost that goes into all the pies that are made every year and hope that you will continue to contribute to what some people consider the "Best Food Booth at the Festival"!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at LizReinsborough@gmail.com.

RHUBARB! The rhubarb plants are growing and it will soon be time to harvest it! The FPC pie bakers will be baking strawberry rhubarb pies towards the end of June and we will need LOTS of rhubarb. If you have any to donate, we would love to have it!! If possible, please cut it up into one inch pieces and pack them 4 cups to a bag. They can be placed into the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you very much!!

WANTED – BOOKS IN GOOD CONDITION

On **June 1** the pallets for the book donations to the Clam Festival Book Sale will be outside the back “Food Pantry” door. The last day to make donations is **July 10**. Please bring the books in bags or boxes and place on the pallets. Please do not put any books in the tent!



“BOOKS”

We only take books – hard or soft cover. NO magazines, games or puzzles.

We do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, diet books, or books about parenting, health or self -help. If you donate those types of books we give them to Goodwill – please do not make more work for the volunteers ---- bring them directly to Goodwill (or other alternatives) instead of the church.

Our best sellers are fiction (including mysteries), biography, history, coffee table books, books by Maine authors or about Maine, books on tape, and children’s books. Other great donations are cookbooks, craft books, books on sports, pets, or nature.

“GOOD CONDITION”

No torn pages

No broken binding

No writing in the margins or highlighting

No musty/dirty

NO MOLD – mold can be detected by looking at the page edges – if there are any beige/brown dots, or molding smell. If you have stored books for years in a cellar or musty garage – they are likely to be moldy.

The book volunteers love to spend many hours sorting good condition books, but it is very hard (and unhealthy for us) to go through moldy books. Every year we have had boxes with insects (dead and alive) or signs of rodents. Please be kind to us and take poor condition books to the Transfer Station.

Thank you for your donations and remember to visit the book tent during the Clam Festival. ~ Julie Benavides

Dear First Parish Folks,

I would like to add my thanks, in addition to Kent's for the most unbelievable retirement weekend. You have no idea how touched and blown away we were by the very special party, the Sunday worship, and the kind words and gifts.

The LLBean gift certificate and MLB.com gift were of course, perfect, and now we will think of all of you each time we watch the Sox! You are an amazing and generous group of folks, who will always have a huge place in our hearts.

Many thanks to all, Susan



GO GREEN!

at Parish of the Holy Eucharist
Holy Martyrs (Falmouth) Sacred Heart (Yarmouth)

E-Waste



Bring electronic devices nearing the end of their "useful life" such as computers, TVs, VCRs, stereos, etc. and deposit them in collection boxes at each of the churches.

Many can be *REUSED, RECYCLED* or *REFURBISHED!*

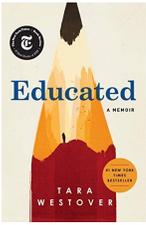
ACCEPTED: Old computers, TV's, monitors, & electronics.
PLEASE NO air conditioners, refrigerators or dehumidifiers.

When?

Next weekend,
June 8-9 at all Masses:

Saturday June 8
3pm-5pm

Sunday June 9
7am-12pm



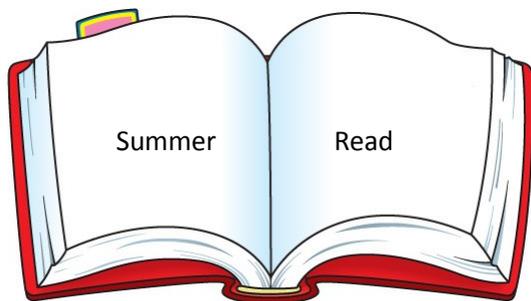
Book Group

Educated, A Memoir by Tara Westover

From Amazon – **An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University**

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

We will meet in the Board Room on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00 am. Please join us for conversation even if you haven't read the book.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Julian Gebhardt
- 02 Ileen Munro
- 03 Matt Chin, Peter Wood
- 05 Mark Martin
- 06 Cade O'Meara, Benjamin Hamilton,
- 06 Frank Harrison
- 08 Scott Harrison
- 09 Wes Pratt
- 10 Hannah Corey, Evelyn Pennoyer
- 12 Leslie Webber, Rosa Olivia
- 13 Rebecca Marsland
- 14 Xander Briggs-Coffin, Judy Howe
- 15 David Crowley, Griffin Spurr, Jeri Erickson
- 17 Lynne Seeley, Ann Knowles
- 20 Maya Faulstich
- 21 John Martin IV
- 22 Stephen Pardy
- 24 Christopher Bock, Emma Wilson
- 25 Timi Carter
- 27 John Erkkinen
- 28 Robin Hodgskin
- 30 Alex Walden, Michelle Hayes,
- 30 Esme Corcoran, Kate Brown,
- 30 Julia Harrison

CHILDREN'S BOOK PANTRY

Gently used children's books (preschool-6th grade) are needed for the Children's Book Pantry, which is located on a bookcase next to the Food Pantry. The books are there as gifts for the children of the Food Pantry clients to take home, read, and enjoy. Please place your donated books into the box sitting beside the bookcase.

June Worship Schedule

Deacon of the Month: Raelene Bean

Assistant Deacon of the Month: Judy Berghuis

	June 2 Communion	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Ushers	Marilyn Strong-Townsend Nat Tupper Melissa Gousse	Pam Dietz Judy Berghuis Leslie Hyde	Dot Grosset Don Grosset Ed Beem Melanie Decker	Jim Bowie Maggie Brocard Scott Harrison	Peter Lawlor Martha Lawlor Linda MacDougall
Counters	Abby Douglas Don Douglas	John Dodge	Barbara Janco Joe Janco	Sher Honer-Hickey Liz Reinsborough	Julie Benavides Paul Stuart
Lectors	Mission Trip	Paul Faulstich	Mary Stuart	Jill Webber	Judy Colby-George
Coffee Makers	Sher Honer-Hickey Lyn Glassock	Sue Rowe Maggie Brocard	Nancy Gregory Bill Gregory		

Congratulations Confirmands!

We had 8 participants in our Confirmation class this year.

Wyatt Anderson	Nate Dalton	Russell Dalton	Ana Sofia Holmes
Eliza O'Neill	Owen Redfield	Ben Sanborn	Cornelius Welsh

Eliza O'Neill and Nate Dalton joined First Parish on May 5. Ana Sofia joined First Parish with her father and grandmother on April 24. Owen and Cornelius joined St. Bartholomew Episcopal church.

Congratulations High School Graduates!

Philip Bock	Gabby Colby-George	Matt Sanborn	Anna Sladek
Cole Buchanan	Charlie Hunter	Alex Manthorne	Mairen O'Neill
			Connor Senger



Congratulations to all College Graduates!

~ June 2019 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am Christina M. Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2 10am Preble St 10am Worship 1pm NYA Grad Rain Site 4pm Parenting Class (FH) 6pm Scout Council 7pm Scout Leaders (BR) 7pm Council	3 6:30pm Search Committee (CH) 7pm AA (FH)	4 10am Food Pantry 7pm Scouts (MR) 7pm 317 Main Showcase (Sanctuary)	5 8:30am 317 Main Mtg (Music Project Room) 9:30am Chair Yoga (CH) 9:30am Staff Mtg 5pm Food Pantry	6 9:30am Royal River Academy Rehearsal 10:30am Under 2s (Nursery) 12:30pm YHS Conv. Rehearsal 6:30pm 317 Local Vocals 7:30pm YHS Convocation	7 10am Food Pantry 10am Christmas Crafters 6pm Royal Academy Graduation	8 10am Yarmouth History Center Walking Tour (Sanctuary)
9 9am Budget Meeting 10am Worship 11:30am All Church Book Discussion 4pm Parenting Class (FH) 5:30pm Christina M. Rec (Sanc/FH)	10 Friendship House Delivery 5:30 pm FP Steering Committee (BR) 5:30pm 317 Main Board (k-2) 6:30pm Search Committee (CH) 7pm AA (FH)	11 10am Food Pantry 7pm Scouts (MR)	12 9:30am Chair Yoga (CH) 9:30am Staff Mtg 5pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Deacons	13 10:30am Under 2s (Nursery) 6:30pm 317 Local Vocals (Chapel)	14 Flag Day 10am Food Pantry 4pm Women's Coffee (Clayton's Cafe)	15
16 Father's Day Annual Meeting 10am Worship	17 6:30pm Search Committee (CH) 7pm AA (FH)	18 10am Food Pantry 4pm Capital Campaign Mtg 4:30pm Caring Connection	19 8:30am 317 Main Mtg (MR) 9:30am Chair Yoga 9:30am Staff 5pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Trustees	20 10:30am Under 2s (Nursery) 6:30pm 317 Local Vocals (Chapel)	21 10am Food Pantry 10am No Strings Attached Coffee	22 Summer 8am Men's Group
23 10am Worship 7pm Youth Mission Trip Mtg	24 Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Search Committee (CH) 7pm AA (FH)	25 10am Food Pantry	26 9:30am Chair Yoga 9:30am Staff Mtg 5pm Food Pantry	27 10:30am Under 2s (Nursery) 6pm Special Music Rehearsal (MR)	28 10am Food Pantry 1pm Collators	29
30 10am Worship						

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 **June**