



First Parish Church  
Congregational  
United Church of Christ

# THE MESSENGER

## VISION

Following the Way of Jesus, we aspire to authentically invite, courageously include, and generously serve all with compassion and grace.

## MISSION

Following the Way of Jesus, we celebrate **inspirational worship**; create **life-changing experiences** for children, youth, families, and individuals; and practice meaningful **congregational care**.

While respecting our diversity, we courageously advocate for **justice and mercy**, and intentionally respond to the needs of our **community and the world**.

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## SHARING GOOD NEWS –APRIL 2019

Dear friends,

My brother has lived on the West Coast for decades and he's been home fewer than 10 times in the last 30 years. At a gathering of extended family, he was astounded that cousins our age now have grandchildren... and that cousins who were in grade school when he moved now have grade schoolers of their own. Nowhere is change more evident than in growing children!

The truth is that even though we don't see the changes in adults as readily, we are constantly in flux. Our very bodies are always changing. You may have heard it said that you have a new body every seven years, and while that's not technically true, your individual cells do have a particular life span. Most of your 50 trillion cells will regenerate over your lifetime. White blood cells live for about a year, red blood cells live for a few months, and skin cells only live a few weeks. Some changes just happen naturally.

If you have a GPS in your car, a computer in your home, a microwave in your kitchen, and a phone without rotary dial, you have changed in the last 20 years! Some changes are enthusiastically embraced for the innovation they bring, the time they save, and the convenience they offer.

In the 1960's, many churches offered two Sunday services and had hundreds of children in Christian Ed programs. That's just not the case today. Very broadly speaking, mainline Protestant denominations are aging and declining. This change has already happened.

Could some changes be necessary on our part to meet the needs of our congregation and our local communities? At the Leadership Retreat, we identified dozens of First Parish offerings from worship services, to volunteer events, to fundraisers. Can we coordinate our calendars and collaborate on committee events in order to best utilize congregational energy and amplify efforts? How and where can we promote our many offerings? How do we authentically

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connect with 'unchurched' and 'dechurched' people? A Pew Research study in 2015 noted that in Maine, 22% of Christians went to church 'at least once a week' and 47% went 'seldom or never'. How can we bring First Parish to the people and how can we bring the people to First Parish?

Peace,  
Rev. Estelle



**SEARCH COMMITTEE**

#### **UPDATE**

Our Search Committee for our congregation has been meeting regularly, and our focus at this point in time has been to work on updating the church profile. This will help give prospective pastors a better insight into who we are, and where we are going. To that end, on March 31st and April 7th (as mentioned by Pastor Estelle) we will be having some small table discussions after church because everyone has a voice and insight in this matter and our search committee is all ears! Please come for coffee and conversation for a little while on these dates, we really want to chat! Did I mention there will be delicious goodies to go with the coffee? Yum! Looking forward to seeing everyone then. Thank you, Jerri LeConte and your entire search committee: Jonn Schrimper, Chair; Sherry McConnell, Co-Chair; John Covino, Per Jonas; Laura Lindop; Cheryl Pinder; Scott Stevens; Nelson Walter

#### **SEARCH COMMITTEE CONVERSATIONS**

**During Coffee Hour**

**Sunday, March 31**

**Sunday, April 7**

## Message from the Moderator

There is something significant about gathering around a table. One of my very first memories is of potluck suppers in the basement Fellowship Hall of the Congregational church in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. There were tuna noodle casseroles and molded Jell-O salads, but more importantly I remember the congeniality around the church tables; a little girl sharing a meal with all sorts of chatty folks. For years now our family has gathered for Thanksgiving at my brother and sister-in-law's home in Woodstock, Vermont. When furnishing their home, they insisted the dining room table be round. With a round table we all see each other, as we get deep into conversation and laughter. There is no "head of the table" – we are all members of one big circle of family love. Perhaps the most important table in all of our lives is the Communion Table. This table is set for us to share the bread and the cup in "Remembrance of Him."

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, the Church Council meets around the table in the Conference Room upstairs in the Parish House to "act on behalf of the members of the church, exercising general supervision over the life and work of the church". You are in theory also at this table! If you are on a Board or Committee, you are there represented by your chairperson. All members of the church are represented by your three Members at Large. Around this table, Rev. Estelle and Pastor Dan provide guidance, support and important updates on church life. We open each meeting in prayer; God is always with us around this table.

Jan Jonas, Moderator

Please note – Church Council meeting minutes are available on our website  
[www.firstparishyork.net](http://www.firstparishyork.net)

In the local newspaper on March 27 there was an article that notes a misperception of land ownership. This was a one-sided opinion provided to the Town from the Old York Historical Society. We are confident that First Parish owns the Village Green property and the land in downtown York. We are waiting for our attorney to get back to us with proof that the church land was given to the church by the Town. If you have any questions, please call Jeffrey McConnell, Chair of the Board of Assessors, at 363-5494

Just as a reminder, per church protocol, all media inquiries should be referred to the Senior Pastor.



## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC APRIL 2019**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**Thursday Evening Worship  
"Earth/Nature"**

5:30pm – 6:50pm Dinner Included

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent/Communion  
"The Call"**

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

**Thursday Evening Worship  
"Earth/Nature"**

5:30pm – 6:50pm Dinner Included

**Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**9:15am Hymn Sing  
Sixth Sunday of Lent/Palm Sunday  
"Blessed Is He"**

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**

**Maundy Thursday  
7pm**

Fellowship Hall

**Friday, April 19, 2019**

**Good Friday  
7PM**

First Parish Church

**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

**Easter  
Sunrise Service at Nubble Lighthouse  
6:30am**

**First Parish Church**

**9AM Worship**

"Hallelujah Chorus" sing along  
Sanctuary Choir and Portsmouth Brass Works  
Easter Egg Hunt after 9AM worship

**11AM Worship**

"Hallelujah Chorus" sing along  
Sanctuary Choir and Portsmouth Brass Works

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**  
**Thursday Evening Worship**  
**“Earth/Nature”**  
5:30pm – 6:50pm Dinner Included

**Sunday, April 28, 2019**  
Special Music

**Don't feel like cooking on Thursdays?**

**Need some inspiration to get you through the week?**

## **Thursdays this Spring at 5:30PM**

**Free Food, Fun, Music, and Conversation!**

**Kid and family friendly! All ages welcome!**

**No kids at home? Want to come alone? No problem!**

simple food, fun activities, engaging conversation  
inspirational spiritual message from the First Parish pastors  
music you can tap your foot to featuring Joyce Andersen

**Come as you are! (The pastors wear jeans! Gasp!)**

**April Theme: Earth/Nature – May Theme: Animals**

*(not gathering April 18<sup>th</sup> due to Maundy Thursday service)*

**Join us at 5:30 – walk-ins welcome!**

**First Parish Church in York**

across the drive in the Fellowship Hall

**[www.firstparishyork.net](http://www.firstparishyork.net) – (207) 363-3758**





# CHURCH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS April 2019

## LENTON LESSONS

The children of our Sunday School will continue to explore and experience the message of New Life in Jesus with lessons on Crosses, different types and their meanings, and then make their own crosses and Easter Eggs, along with the Mystery of Easter and Palm Sunday.

**April 14 - Palm Sunday Procession** will include a parade during worship and the story of Easter in the classrooms.

*Be at church a few minutes early (about 9:20am) to take part in the Procession*

**April 21 - Easter** there are no Church School classes. Children remain in worship.

### EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

After 9am service

**There will be lots of eggs to find on the Village Green!**

**Everyone Welcome**



## Pilgrim Lodge

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

### SUMMER CAMP AT PILGRIM LODGE

Week-long and weekend programs available for everyone - includes families, grandparents & grandkids, adults of all ages. Weekly programs begin with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders (as of September). Pilgrim Lodge is owned and operated by the Maine Conference of the UCC in West Gardner, Maine, just 2 hours north of Kittery.

**NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR - "FIX'IN TO FISH"** May 6-10. Adults ages 19+ Bring your pole (and boat if you have one). Fish in the early morning and evening. Do light maintenance projects midday. Meals provided (as well as worms). Come for the whole week or a day or two. FREE!

Scholarships Available

[www.pilgrimlodge.org](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org)

Information at Opportunity Table and the Parish Office.





February and March was a very successful time for Youth Group, full of fun events that engaged youth in our community in socializing, critical thinking, spiritual themes, and service. We **fought off pirate ships**, crossed an **alligator-infested rainforest river**, hunted for **clues and history** around the cemetery and church grounds, played **hide-and-seek** in every nook-and-cranny of the fellowship hall building, volunteered at York's yearly **Ecumenical Turkey Dinner**, sought out **hidden treasures at the mall**, and cooked up some of the **weirdest kitchen experiments** I've ever seen (I'm looking at *you*, "Pizza Soup Pie").

It has been a real pleasure for me, our adult leaders, and the youth of this church and beyond to explore these opportunities in a safe and holistic environment. Our growing group of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are full of so much energy and keep begging me to let them do the activities I save for the older groups, our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders aren't shy about inviting friends, and our small-but-mighty contingent of High Schoolers are exceptionally creative and mature.

All are welcome, and friends from outside First Parish are always encouraged to join in the fun, fellowship, and formation. For more details and to sign up for events, contact [dan@firstparishyork.net](mailto:dan@firstparishyork.net)

Pastor Dan

**Individual Youth Served Jan/Feb: 21    Individual Youth Served March: 29**

## Youth Group April Schedule

**Friday, 4/5**

**5:15 – 6:30) 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Minute-To-Win-It Races** (*FPC Fellowship Hall*)

High-energy games that require quick thinking and quicker action. Race the clock and each other! Some of the games are made of candy!!

**6:45 – 8:45) 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Middle School Cooking Competition** (*FPC Fellowship Hall kitchen*)

A fun competition to see which teams can get creative and make something tasty out of the ingredients/recipes/tools you're given. No prior cooking experience necessary. Free-will donations to help cover the cost of ingredients gratefully accepted.

**Friday, 4/26**

**5:15 – 6:15) 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Activities and Challenges** (*FPC Fellowship Hall*)

**6:30 – 8:45) 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Dread: Mission Improbable** (*classrooms above FPC Fellowship Hall*)

Picture in your mind's eye tuxedos, elegant gowns, expensive art, fancy hors d'oeuvres, burly security guards, and a gathering of the world's most powerful at a sprawling mansion estate. An ancient, invaluable, stolen artifact from the Bible protected by a high tech security system. The only way your team of secret agents can protect it... is to infiltrate the party and secure the artifact yourself. But you're not the only ones after it! In the latest role-playing adventure designed by Pastor Dan, you and your friends choose for yourselves what paths to take and what strategies to employ. Do you talk your way through the party, sweet-talk the guards, and let your conviction persuade the large cast of characters to help you? Do you use stealth and precision and your own sharp minds to sneak your way to victory? Or do you take a more head-on approach? You make your decisions every step of the way, with nothing but critical thinking, teamwork, and a little bit of faith to see you through.

**Sunday, 4/28**

**1:30 – 4:00) 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Dread: House of Darkness** (*classrooms above FPC Fellowship Hall*)

Picture in your mind's eye a summer night's bonfire by a still, clear lake deep in the woods. A group of friends blowing off steam after a busy school year. But... what's that light in the distance? There isn't supposed to be a huge, abandoned cabin this far out. In true horror movie fashion you enter the mysterious house, and find yourselves lost in an impossible building where something... is following you. In another role-playing adventure designed by Pastor Dan, you and your friends must find hope and courage in one another as you work together to keep each other safe and navigate the mazes and puzzles that separate you from freedom. You decide how to progress and what risks are worth taking, and all you have to back you up is prayer and the people beside you.

***Adult Bible Study***  
Wednesdays  
5 pm to 6 pm  
Fellowship Hall in the Parlor

Perhaps you have noticed the listing in the church calendar, in the Oasis, or in the Sunday bulletin and wondered, “just what is Adult Bible Study?” You might imagine a room full of Biblical scholars debating the finer points of translation from the Greek language. You might assume that everyone has been reading the Bible faithfully for years knows by heart each of the books of the Bible in correct order and can automatically turn to the selected scripture on the first attempt.

You might be surprised to discover instead a small band of siblings in faith, from differing backgrounds and experiences, reading from Bibles worn by the hands of generations or as new as the afternoon delivery from Amazon.com. We read the passages for the following Sunday worship together--sometimes turning to other accounts for clarification; we learn together in our conversations; and we discover the ways in which God is still speaking to us today. At the end of the hour, we often have more questions than answers. Fortunately, either Rev. Estelle or Pastor Dan will provide more insights and help us make connections in the sermon the following Sunday morning. Think of it as a story in two parts—a chapter in the never-ending story.

- April 3: Matthew 25:31-46
- April 10: Matthew 21:1-17
- April 17: Matthew 28:1-10
- April 24: Matthew 28:16-20
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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are  
ALWAYS WELCOME HERE!*

Contact  
Phil Woodman  
[bpwoodman@gwi.net](mailto:bpwoodman@gwi.net)



## Women on the Move Fellowship Outings April 2019



### **Wolf Hollow sanctuary**

*You don't just hear a wolf howl. You feel it!*

**Saturday, April 13**

*(weather permitting)*

**1pm - 2:30pm**

Ipswich, Massachusetts

Carpool departs First Parish Church 10am

Lunch at Woodman's in Ipswich

#### **Admission**

Adults \$12.50

Seniors-65+ \$8.50

Children-3yrs-17yrs \$8.50

Tickets are limited-purchase two weeks prior

<http://www.wolfhollowipswich.org> to purchase tickets

*(2 weeks prior to trip)*

**For more information contact**

**Fran Lalley**

**207-363-4711**



## **WOMEN ON THE MOVE**

PORTLAND MUSEUM *of* ART

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

We are going to the Portland Museum of Art and a tour of the 19<sup>th</sup> century American artist, Winslow Homer's studio at Prouts Neck.

- Rain or shine-some areas at the studio are difficult to access.
- Advance registration required by calling 207-775-6148 or online at [PortlandMuseum.org/Homer](http://PortlandMuseum.org/Homer) or in person at the museum.
- Cost is \$55 for both the museum and studio tour. Book 1pm tour and sign up at Opportunity Table.

Will car pool from First Parish Church.

Contact Dianne Goodwin

207-361-1444

[gooddee4u@aol.com](mailto:gooddee4u@aol.com)

## **TABLE OF PLENTY**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON A WINNING TEAM?  
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO TRY OUT FOR IT.**

**THEN COME AND JOIN "THE TABLE OF PLENTY" TEAM  
HERE AT FIRST PARISH CHURCH**

The Table of Plenty is a community organization that hosts a free meal to everyone every Tuesday evening at 5pm. It is under the very able direction of the York Community Services Association. Our church is the site of the meal each week and there are 8 teams throughout our town that prepare, serve, and clean up. Hours are from 4pm-6pm. Come for all or part of the time when it is our turn. Each team serves on a rotating basis, once every 8 weeks. They include churches, businesses, and civic organizations. It began over 20 years ago and is still going strong. First Parish team is only one of the 8, even though the meal is always served at our church.

**We always need new members on our team, so please contact**

**Janet Cassidy at 363-4237**

**[cassidywednesday@aol.com](mailto:cassidywednesday@aol.com)**

**No experience necessary - you'll find it's great fellowship to work together.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 23 is the next time for our team to host the meal.



While on the mission trip to Guatemala in January, team members were introduced to Yahir Torres. He and his family have been receiving support through our church's mission budget annual giving to Common Hope. Common Hope, located in Antigua, Guatemala, provides Yahir and his family with a helping hand that assists them with better access to healthcare, family development and support for successful education.

His Family (2 parent household and 3 children) has an income of \$325 US dollars per month. They squat on their land which is 13 feet by 13 feet. The walls of their home are made of concrete blocks, the roof of galvanized metal and the floor of bricks. They get water from a water faucet on the property and have a flush type bathroom. There is electricity available on the property and they use a wood stove to cook.

Yahir, at 13 is the youngest of the 3 children. He was recently promoted to the fifth grade and does have difficulties with learning. He indicates that he loves to play soccer. He wrote at the beginning of the year, "you are part of my family. You are always in my heart".

First Parish Church is making a positive difference in this family. Please pray for Yahir.



It will soon be spring. Lots of tasks await us as we care for our property, move lawn furniture, put away winter implements, etc. There is a list of over 50 folks affiliated with First Parish that may be willing to help you with a task you just can't do alone. If you need help (a ride to the doctors, carry boxes from the cellar, help around the house, grocery run, etc.) call the Parish Office. There are times when we could all use an extra hand. Be BOLD! Ask for some help. We'd love to be of service to you.

**TO ADD YOUR NAME TO THE LIST  
or  
REQUEST ASSISTANCE  
CONTACT the PARISH OFFICE  
207-363-3758  
office@firstparishyork.net**



## **VOLUNTEER**

We have been offering our help at the YORK COMMUNITY SERVICES THRIFT STORE every first Thursday of the month for 1-2hrs. It is both to assist the thrift Store in their mission and for you a chance to try out volunteering in our community. Volunteers go from 2PM-3PM or later as the task demands or your time allows. Sign up at the **OPPORTUNITY TABLE**. Go with a friend! We need someone April 4, May 2, June 6 etc.

**Sign up sheet is at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall,  
or call the Parish Office at 207-363-3758.**



## **YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 7 12NOON (with a light lunch)**

This new Committee (under the purview of the Mission Board) is ready to embark on guiding us in an effort to be a "Zero Waste Church".

Our overall plan is to assess where we are in terms of energy efficiency, waste practices, kitchen equipment use, etc. Based on our findings we will begin raising our awareness and educating all of us and finally putting our understanding into action. It IS a steep learning curve. I urge you to get involved if you're passionate about this topic or curious about where you might be of help or if you're looking for a place to make a difference.

We are ALL in this together which translates into "we are all learning as we go"!

For further information

Linda Drew

207-351-8141

[p.l.drew79@me.com](mailto:p.l.drew79@me.com)

*See: [ZeroWasteChurch.org](http://ZeroWasteChurch.org) for continued info*



*“The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world,  
and those who live in it.” Psalm 24:1*

***Stewards of the Earth:***

**Environmental Stewardship**

“God created the earth and all that is in it and declared it good. God’s creation is marked by wondrous complexity, interdependence and beauty. Human beings are called by God to care for the earth respectfully for its own sake and so that present and future generations may live on it and enjoy its fruits. The gifts of creation and the responsibility of stewardship were given to all of humanity, so that all might have enough and no one would have more than is needed and God’s justice would prevail.

We can see that the earth has not been well cared for. Water, air, and land are polluted. Animals, plants and human beings, especially people of color, are endangered. We have not shared the fruits of creation justly. Our lifestyles are not sustainable. Sustainable living is living so that the earth can continue to provide for the needs of all its inhabitants - not just the human - beyond our own lifetimes into the future.” ([UCC.org](http://UCC.org), Year Round Stewardship, Archives, April)

“To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.” Deuteronomy 10:14

Stewardship Committee: Jalmar Dijkstra, Bob Myers, Sandy Nelson

from the  
**DEACONS**

At our March meeting, we welcomed new deacons Gail Gilchrest and Joe Goldstein. Karen Cox and Jerri LeConte will be joining us in April. Unfortunately, Deacon Dee Trenholm has had to resign for personal reasons. We thank her for her service and are sorry to lose her.

For the next year Susan Mancinelli will continue as senior deacon; Sue Wierzba will be secretary; Harriet Sanclemente will continue as scheduler and Gail Gilchrest will be in charge of supplies.

We worked with Rev. Estelle and Pastor Dan on plans for Holy Week: Maundy Thursday service will be in Fellowship Hall and Good Friday Tenebrae service will be in the sanctuary both at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday there will be services in the sanctuary at 9am and 11am as well as an ecumenical service at sunrise on the Nubble at 5:45am.

This year the Deacons are again offering scholarships to qualifying First Parish Church high school seniors and campers for Pilgrim Lodge.

Susan Mancinelli  
 Deacon, Chair



**Scholarships  
 Available**

**Ronald A. Parsons Scholarship and Diaconate Scholarship  
 High School Seniors  
 who will be attending college in the fall.  
 and  
 Pilgrim Lodge Summer Camp Scholarship**

Contact the Church Office  
 207-363-3758

office@firstparishyork.net  
 www.firstparishyork.net

**DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019**

# BEHIND<sub>the</sub> SCENES

## Calling all First Parish Church committees and teams that use the Fellowship Hall Kitchen...

Check out a more efficient strategy for washing the dishes after a church event.

Come to a fun **DISHWASHER TUTORIAL!**

- **What?** A LIVE demonstration of our kitchen's commercial dishwasher – it has a 4-minute wash cycle that cleans and sterilizes!
- **When?** Sunday, April 14, immediately after Coffee Hour
- **Where?** Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- **For Whom?** Anyone who wants to learn; recommended for all committees and teams
- **By Whom?** Dishwasher Aficionados, Don Bernier and Gail Berneike
- **For How Long?** 15 minutes
- **Why?** Hand washing dishes uses more water and energy. Paper goods are more expensive and contribute to more waste.



Please send one representative from each committee / team so this gentle beast of a dishwasher is put to good use. This is one way we can walk the walk of our new Creation Care Committee's green mission to take care of our precious and fragile earth!

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### The Wreaths and Greens Committee Crafts Boutique Workshop

We have concluded our winter/spring crafts workshops for this year. But, it's not too late to help! If you knit, crochet, sew, quilt, do woodworking or any other crafts, we would love your donations of items for the Wreaths and Greens crafts table. Wreaths and Greens, and More is usually held the first Friday/Saturday in December so there is plenty of time for a project or two! All kinds of crafts are welcome and will add to the success of the table.

Any questions contact?  
**Susan Mancinelli**  
351-8641  
sman1234@twc.com



## From the Java Mamas and Papas



We continue to offer coffee to our fellowship each Sunday after worship. We encourage you to consider volunteering to supply goodies some Sunday. We take care of setting up and making the coffee.

All you need to do is bring your treat(s) in to the kitchen around 9. We can help you plate it and cover it till after the service.

There is a sign up poster available.

Note: on Easter Sunday we do not have coffee hour.

Questions: call or email Linda Hart  
363 4493 or fhart15091@aol.com



## Fun, Fabulous and a Great Workout! *Friendly Exercise for All in our Community*

Fitness Classes – Zumba, Yoga and Aerobics  
Fellowship Hall – First Parish Church, York, Maine  
Monday through Friday One-Hour Classes

All of our instructors are certified and experienced. Cost is \$5 for a drop in class, or sign up for unlimited classes for \$30 per month (over 65) or \$35 per month (ages under 65). Monthly rates can be prorated.

### **CURRENT CLASS SCHEDULE**

MONDAY at 8am Zumba  
TUESDAY at 8:30am Yoga  
WEDNESDAY at 8:30 am Zumba  
THURSDAY and FRIDAY at 8:30 a.m. Aerobics

### *JUST DROP IN*

For information contact  
First Parish Church 207-363-3758

**COMMUNITY EVENTS & INFORMATION****YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

15 Long Sands Road

**"York Youth Speak Out on Climate Change"  
Friday, April 12, 2019 at 7 pm**

York High School students are joining fellow students from over 100 countries in a campaign to address climate change. Scientists warn that immediate action is needed to prevent the devastating effects of climate change on our environment changes expected as soon as 2040 when our high school students will be in their mid to late 30s. Our students are asking us to pay attention and take action. York students will speak on climate change at York Public Library on Friday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. Their program will include a short film, *Between the Waves*, produced by three sophomores; a presentation led by four high school students about the connection between plastic pollution and climate change and the proposed Polystyrene Foam Ordinance; a video of the Tedx Talk by 15-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg; and art work from Kittery's Traip Academy students. This program is offered by York Ready for 100%, a volunteer group of York citizens that advocates for 100% clean, renewable energy for York by 2030.

**Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.****Tim Janis in Concert with Special Guests  
Saturday, April 13, 2019  
York Community Auditorium  
3pm and 7pm**

to purchase tickets:

<https://timjanisinconcert.bpt.me>

800-838-3006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 8am Zumba	<b>2</b> 8:30am Yoga 5pm Table of Plenty	<b>3</b> 8:30am Zumba 9am Women's Bible Study 10am Crafters Meeting 5pm Adult Bible Study	<b>4</b> 8:30am Aerobics 2pm YCSA Volunteer 5:30pm Thursday Evening Worship 6pm Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 8:30am Aerobics	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Search Committee Conversations 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal 12noon Creation Care Committee 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 8am Zumba	<b>9</b> 8:30am Yoga 5pm Table of Plenty 6:30pm Assessors Meeting	<b>10</b> 8:30am Aerobics 9am Women's Bible Study 5pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Women on the Move 7pm Search Committee Meeting	<b>11</b> 8:30am Aerobics 5:30pm Thursday Evening Worship 6pm Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 8:30am Aerobics	<b>13</b> 8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting
<b>14 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:15am Hymn Sing 9:30am Worship 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 8am Zumba	<b>16</b> 8:30am Yoga 5pm Table of Plenty 7pm Deacons Meeting	<b>17</b> 8:30am Aerobics 9am Women's Bible Study 10am Crafters Meeting 5pm Adult Bible Study	<b>18</b> 8:30am Aerobics 7pm Maundy Thursday	<b>19</b> 8:30am Aerobics 7pm Good Friday	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> 9:30am Worship 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 8am Zumba	<b>30</b> 8:30am Yoga 5pm Table of Plenty				

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