

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, through this meal, we recognize and celebrate our union with you, our union with each other, and our union with Christians all over the world. We are grateful that we are always invited to your table. May this ceremonial meal renew us in spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN    “THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS”    No. 595

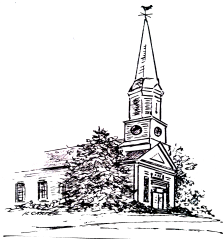
THE BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Rev. Estelle Margarones

POSTLUDE    Trumpet Tune    Christopher Tambling (1964-2015)

*Flowers are given in loving memory of my husband Donald by Helen Stewart.*

Today we welcome Troop 301 for Scout Sunday.  
First Parish has been a proud partner in scouting for decades  
as the sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 301.



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First Parish Church  
Congregational  
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# Welcome

## 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*.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP  
COMMUNION/SCOUT SUNDAY

*\* Please stand if you are able. All people are invited to read bold face liturgy.*

- PRELUDE** Two Pieces George Oldroyd (1886-1951)
- 1. Liturgical Improvisation No. 3  
*Pour light upon us from above.  
And fire our hearts with thy strong love.*
  - 2. A Meditation (“LE PRIE-DIEU”)

**THE INVITATION** God’s grace, mercy, and peace be with you. Rev. Estelle Margarones  
**And also with you.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor Dan Hollis

On this busy day, let us focus our attention on what really matters.  
**God is what matters most.**

In this busy month, let us focus on connection.  
**We celebrate our connection with God and with each other!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT” (*verses 1-3*) No. 391

**\*HOSPITALITY MOMENT**

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”  
*(Please greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. Estelle Margarones

Loving Lord God, we are grateful that you care about us. When we look, we find your presence surrounding us, yet sometimes we take it for granted. When we focus our attention on you, we can sometimes get a glimpse of your kindness in others. Yet, at other times, we turn a blind eye. We confess that we could be more open to others. Help us to seek and find you; everywhere, in everyone, and in every circumstance. In doing so, may we follow Christ's teaching to love you and love our neighbor as ourselves. Now, we offer the prayer Jesus taught...

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God sees you and God loves you as you are. There is nothing you have done and nothing that you can do that will separate you from the love of God. Whenever you feel you have fallen short of being the best person you could be or whenever you have done something that you regret; you can turn to God, with humility and remorse and ask for forgiveness. It will be granted.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Pastor Dan Hollis

**ANTHEM** “LAY UP YOUR TREASURES IN HEAVEN” Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)

*O listen, people, hear the Master say:  
“Lay up your treasures in heaven where nothing in this world can take them away.  
Lay up your treasures in glory. Your treasures in this world will fade away,  
but the things of the Lord will last forevermore!”*

Matthew 6: 19-34 (adapted)  
**First Parish Sanctuary Choir**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** Gospel of Matthew 22:34-40 N.T. 22  
Bryce Gamache, Chaplain’s Aide, Troop 301

**SERMON** Rev. Estelle Margarones

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** Chorale Setting on “FREU DICH SEHR” Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** No. 34 Pastor Dan Hollis

**CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity. We drink from the cup individually as a symbol of our uniqueness. *(We serve grape juice, not wine and have gluten free crackers available in the middle of each tray.)*

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am Worship/Communion/Scout Sunday 11am Men’s Ensemble Rehearsal 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Monday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>	8am Zumba
Tuesday, February 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am Yoga 5-7pm Table of Plenty 7pm Pastoral Relations Committee
Wednesday, February 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am Zumba 9am Women’s Bible Study 5pm Adult Bible Study
Thursday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am Aerobics 2pm YCSA-Volunteer 5pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal 5:30pm Thursday Evening Worship 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Friday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am Aerobics
Sunday, February 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am Hymn Sing 9:30am Worship 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 6pm Youth Group-High School-Dread- Mystery of the High Seas



**Ministers**  
*All the Members of the Congregation*  
*Leading Worship Today:*  
*Rev. Estelle Margarones*  
*Rev. Dan Hollis*  
**Staff**  
*Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries*  
*Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate*  
*Janet Cassidy, Church School Coordinator*  
**First Parish Church Lay Leaders**  
*Jan Jonas, Moderator*  
*Thom Kearns, Vice Moderator*  
*Ray Hamlin, Treasurer*  
*Susan Mancinelli, Clerk*



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WINTER FAITH FEATURES



MACHO  
FOOD SALE

**TODAY - Sunday, February 3**  
immediately following worship run, don’t walk  
to Fellowship Hall for the  
**ANNUAL** (and ever popular) **MACHO FOOD SALE**

Whether you are a MACHO Patriots’ fan or a Rams’ fan (is it possible???), you are certain to find a fabulous selection of pre-game, game, and post-game treats. Enthusiastically prepared by the First Parish Team (males and the females who coach them), they may include chili, pulled pork, barbecued ribs, baked beans, buffalo chicken dip, snack mixes of all varieties, cookies and brownies and cakes and pies, and much more. Calories don’t count on Super Bowl Sunday! You know there will be plenty of time to chow down before that 4<sup>th</sup> quarter game changer!

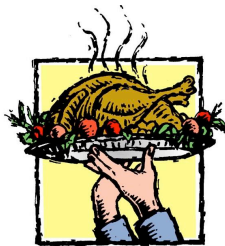
**Bring your checkbook. Bid often; bid high.**  
**All proceeds will support the Senior High Youth Mission Trip.**

UPCOMING

**Saturday, February 23, 2019**  
Women on the Move – Tea  
2pm – 4pm  
Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 24, 2019**  
FPC Annual Meeting  
(childcare available)  
following worship

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
Leadership Retreat  
9am – 12noon  
Fellowship Hall



## ECUMENICAL TURKEY DINNER

*Free to All*

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

12 NOON

### ***RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU HAVE CABIN FEVER!***

Well, 32 years ago the Ecumenical Council of St. Christopher's Church decided to do something about it. So, along with other churches in town and businesses, Boy Scouts, York High School, York Police Department, the result is the Free Ecumenical Turkey Dinner. It's always on the first Saturday of March, which is March 2nd this year.

Each church is asked to provide food and volunteers to work. Our youth group helps with the set-up.

**FOOD** - we need 6 turkeys - cooked and sliced (in foil pans, no juice)  
10 pies

Food should be delivered to St. Christopher's by 9am on Saturday, March 2.

If you need help getting the food to St. Christopher's please call Janet Cassidy.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

for the following shifts on March 2nd at St. Christopher's

9am - 11am set up

10:30am deliver meals

11:30am – 1pm serve the meals in the hall

### **To volunteer contact**

Janet Cassidy

363-4237

cassidywednesday@aol.com

### **To donate food contact**

Anne Monks

774-239-7008

atmonks1@aol.com

### **To order a meal to be delivered contact**

First Parish Church

207-363-3758

***You can also sign up at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall  
after service on Sundays.***

This is a huge undertaking for our community. We usually serve about 140 meals in the hall at St. Christopher's and we deliver about 135 meals. We are thankful for this opportunity to work together as a community. Let's do our part First Parish! Thank you! If you are attending the Leadership Retreat that same day, you can do both!

## **Food, Faith and Fun: Family Worship on Thursdays** **All are Welcome**

Join us for food, faith, and fun on Thursdays at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall. We'll have a family-friendly evening that features a simple supper, fun activities, excellent music, and faith stories.

If you haven't been in a while, come see what's new!

Thursday worship is 5:30-6:50pm in Fellowship Hall.



There are at least two opportunities to learn more and/or participate in the Daisy's Children project.

This project is supported by the Association of UCC Churches of York County of which First Parish is a member. It is led locally by Sharon Beckwith who spoke to our congregation six months ago and is supported by our Mission Team.

Sharon will be taking a group to Honduras August 6th-13th at a cost of about \$1300. There will be an informational meeting Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at her home. If you were unable to go with our team to Guatemala, perhaps this would be a better fit for you...perhaps an opportunity to take your teenager on this journey.

A general meeting will take place for those interested in helping locally or being on the Board on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Sharon's home.

Contact Sharon Beckwith

daisyschildren@gmail.com

207-651-5558

37 Depot Road

Lebanon, ME

Philip Drew can also answer your questions - 207-351-8141



**IT'S TEA TIME!**

**A Foray into the World of Tea**

What better way to spend a winter afternoon than by sipping tea and sampling sandwiches and sweets! Well, mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 23 for an educational and fun way to learn about tea, from none other than local historian and member of our church, Scott Stevens. Scott will tell us all about tea, where it comes from, and how it spread to different places, including its production and sale in England and the U.S. We'll have our tea at the church in Fellowship Hall from 2pm-4 pm and be sure to have a great and delicious time.

Attendees can bring their favorite tea cup and saucer (if they have one, no problem if they don't), some sweet morsels or tea sandwiches to share, and an appetite for sampling tea. Scott will introduce five teas to us...a green tea, a Darjeeling, an Assam, a Yunnan, and a Keemun. If you don't know what these are, we will learn about them. (A selection of herbal non-caffeine teas will be available if you wish.)

Please let us know soon if you can attend. This is a Women on the Move event and is open to all ages, men and women, adults and children – so get the word out.

***We'd love to see you on February 23 in Fellowship Hall.***

Please contact Nanette Roberts

[spicedtea@twc.com](mailto:spicedtea@twc.com)

361-4154

Kathy McQueeney

[kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com](mailto:kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com)

***We can't wait to sip tea with you.***

**Welcome Guests!** We're glad you're here. Restrooms are available on the lower level of this building. Handicap accessible restrooms are in Fellowship Hall, next door. You're invited to enjoy coffee and home-baked treats at "coffee hour" in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. If you have any questions, our Hospitality Team would be happy to assist you. They're wearing yellow nametags. If you'd like more information about the church, please fill out the Welcome Card in your pew back and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to a Pastor after worship.

**Nursery Care:** During worship, our trained caregivers welcome children 3 and under to the nursery located on the lower level of this building. Sabrina, Bailey and Linda welcome you and your children.

**Sunday School:** All youth ages PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend Sunday School. After the Children's Message, youth meet up with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers make their way to the Fellowship Hall classrooms. After worship, parents are asked to pick up children in their classrooms. Guests are welcome to attend Sunday School and we ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit.

**Exiting in Case of Emergency:** In the event of an emergency, the front half of the church (nearest the altar) will exit through the two side doors. The back half of the church (nearest the foyer) will exit out the front doors and side ramp. The Deacons will assist those on the lower level to exit out the lower level back doors.

**Communion:** Communion is served the first Sunday of each month and all are welcome to take Communion. We use grape juice, not wine; and gluten-free crackers are available in the middle of each tray. Parents who would like their child/ren to take Communion are encouraged to coordinate with teachers/nursery caregivers and retrieve your children at the appropriate time.

**Pastoral Care:** If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at 363-3758. For emergency pastoral care after office hours and on weekends, you may reach one of the pastors by calling 207-358-9776. The pastors are available to make hospital visits and we invite you to let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you ask them to do so.



ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT  
FIRST PARISH CHURCH, YORK, MAINE  
February 24, 2019

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk of First Parish Church in York, Maine

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine, to notify and summon the members of First Parish Congregational Church in York, qualified to vote in church affairs, to assemble in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 10:45 a.m.

The meeting will open with a prayer.

First: To consider for approval the minutes of February 25, 2018 and the minutes of June 17, 2018.

Second: To conduct the annual review of Reports of First Parish Church for the year 2018.

Third: To consider the report of the Nominating Committee and vote on the proposed slate of officers and board and committee members.

Fourth: To see if First Parish will vote to accept the proposed First Parish Church, York, Maine, Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019.

Fifth: To conduct such business as may rightfully come before the meeting.

The meeting will conclude with a prayer.

In accordance with the Bylaws of First Parish Church, York, Maine, I have notified and summoned the Members, qualified To vote in First Parish Church affairs to assemble in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 10:45 in the Morning by posting an attested copy of this Warrant in a Visible location of the Church House on February 3, 2019, At least seven days before said meeting.

Attest: Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



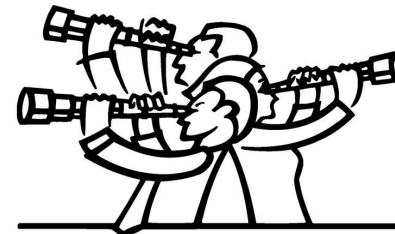
**VOLUNTEER – YCSA Thrift Store**

Our thanks, in advance, to Betsy Carruthers and John Pendleton for being our "First Thursday" Volunteers at the York Community Service Association's Thrift Store on Rte 1 this week!!

If you and maybe a friend or your son/granddaughter are interested in offering a few hours of your time to help others this is a perfect opportunity. There is a sign up sheet at the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall. We need someone for March 7, April 4, etc... from 2-3, 4 or 5PM. Thank you for your serious consideration!

Our sincere thanks from your Mission Team.

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



**SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Senior Pastor Search Committee has met several times since being commissioned. We've met with Jan Jonas (moderator) and Don Bernier (who previously chaired a search committee); UCC Conference Minister Rev. Deborah Blood; and we even met virtually. Using web conferencing/call in software, we were able to connect even though some committee members were out of state! Jonn Schrimper is chairing the committee, Nelson Walter is the committee chaplain, and Per Jonas is the scribe. The search process has changed slightly from what you may have experienced in years past.

We'll be working to answer the following three questions: Who Are We? Who is Our Neighbor? (And, in light of the first two questions...) Who and What is God Calling Us to Become? The answers will lay the foundation for determining the experience and qualifications of the next settled Senior Pastor.

We expect to survey the church in some way(s) to be determined and you'll be hearing more soon!