



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—SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Friends,

When I was in my 20's; I had a lunch-bag style car phone; cable TV that got 40 channels, and a stereo with both a record player and a CD component. At that time, I had a friend that worked "with computers" in downtown Boston. I visited his workplace and was astounded to see a machine as big as a small airplane.

It's hard to believe that fewer than 10 years later, most businesses had at least one desktop computer and that only a few decades later, school children would each have their own tablets. You probably have a computer that is akin to a Swiss Army knife--also functioning as a wireless telephone, calculator, calendar, newspaper, movie channel, music player, camera, and camcorder all in one. Things have certainly changed!

Technology isn't the only thing that's changed. Society has too. When I was a child, churches were full. Today, people have more choices about *what to do* on Sunday--and *where* and *how* and *if* to worship. There are two to three generations of de-churched and un-churched folks.

The truth is that people may not come in on their own, so friends, we need to invite them! We've got **something special** here at First Parish. Let's share it! Jesus said, "Go, make disciples of all nations." The good news is that we can share the peace, hope, love, strength, and joy that comes from a faith-filled life. **We can reach people the same way Jesus did-by meeting them where they are, literally.**

There's an upcoming workshop that will teach us the basics of how to connect with the local community and you are invited to attend with me! Come, learn simple ways to reintroduce the church to the community. *The need has never been greater.* Rev. Paul Nickerson will be presenting "How to Reach New People" on November 8 & 9 in South Portland. I will be attending and hope you can come, too. For more info, please see the flyer on the next page and RSVP to me by September 15. (Estelle@FirstParishYork.net)

Blessings,
Rev. Estelle



Paul Nickerson

Paul Nickerson teaches and coaches congregations all over the country on how to reach new people, make a difference in lives, and transform communities

Nickersoncoaching.com

How to Reach New People – Nov. 8 & 9, 2019

A workshop for a team of clergy and laity to learn what growing churches across the country do to connect with the community and gather new people.

You will learn:

- That the 1955 methods no longer work
- How to re-introduce your church to the community
- How to get your pastor out into the community
- How to develop a culture of invitation in the congregation
- How to sustain change

Location: First Congregational Church, UCC
301 Cottage Rd.
South Portland, ME 04106
<https://fccucc.org/>

Times: Friday, Nov. 8th 6 – 9 pm and Saturday, Nov. 9th 9 am – 3:30 pm

Who: Clergy with a team of at least 3 lay leaders. Follow up coaching will be offered and is highly recommended. (There is an addition fee for coaching.)

Please RSVP to Rev. Estelle by 9/15 at 363-3758 or Estelle@FirstParishYork.net.



**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME A MEMBER
OF FIRST PARISH CHURCH?**

**Orientation Brunch
Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 10:30am - Noon
in the downstairs Sanctuary Lounge**

We will discuss the United Church of Christ and learn about First Parish York, its rich history and numerous ministries and missions. You will meet others who are considering membership, a few leaders of our church and new and long time members who have called First Parish their "home". Children are welcome to join you or they can play or watch a video in the Nursery. Childcare will be available.

**New Members Join October 20, 2019
during Sunday Worship**

For more information contact
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Message from the Moderator

I had a friend who was unhappy with her church. I didn't know the reason for her discontent, but she declared, "In my next church, I want to attend worship – nothing more!" How unfortunate for her. Worship grounds us in our faith. We strive to learn more about God and the teachings of Jesus through Worship. We pray, sing, give thanks and ask for grace and understanding. I believe that being part of this family of faith also means being part of a family of fellowship. There are many opportunities for us at First Parish this fall to exercise our faith while working with others in fellowship. In the weeks to come you will be invited to help at the Village Faire, Pumpkin Patch, and Wreaths and Greens. You may be asked to cook, rake leaves, clean the beach, collect food for the hungry or participate in many other opportunities to serve God using your time and talents. The church website (www.firstparishyork.net) is a good resource for finding where you are needed. The Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall is aptly named. There you will find a variety of opportunities to serve. I think my friend was missing the point. A congregation that worships together and works together with joy and selflessness will surely feel the presence of God in their efforts.

Jan Jonas, Moderator

Town of York/First Parish Church Land Agreement Information Sunday, October 6 at Coffee Hour

The Land Agreement between First Parish and the Town of York will be on the November 5th ballot for the approval of the citizens of York. Our congregation approved the Agreement unanimously at a Special Meeting on July 28. The Select Board of York also approved the Agreement. We are holding a special session after worship on October 6th to answer any questions you may have about the Agreement and also offer suggestions on how to explain it to those in the community who may not have a clear understanding of the benefits of the Land Agreement. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please contact Jeff McConnell, Jan Jonas, or Dennis Wierzba.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES AVAILABLE ONLINE

First Parish Church has a password protected member section on our website, www.firstparishyork.net, where Church Council meeting minutes and corresponding attachments are posted. To get the user name and password, call the church office at 363-3758 between 9am and 2pm, Monday through Friday. Because this site stores only approved minutes, there is a one month delay in posting approved minutes. Thank you for not sharing password information within an email or beyond members.

LIKE TO PLAN AHEAD? THEN SAVE THE DATES!

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2019

September 8, Sunday - Rally Day 9:30 AM
September 15, Sunday - Newcomer/Orientation Brunch 10:30 AM
September 18, Wednesday - Book Group 11:00 AM
September 28, Saturday - Pumpkins Arrive!
October 6, Sunday - Land Info Session 10:30 AM
October 12, Saturday - Village Faire 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
October 16, Wednesday - Book Group 11:00 AM
October 20, Sunday - New Member Sunday 9:30 AM

LOOKING EVEN FURTHER AHEAD...

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2019

November 24, Sunday - Stewardship Gratitude Lunch
November 26, Tuesday - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship/Concert
December 6, Saturday - Wreaths and Greens
December 14, Saturday - Drive Through Nativity
December 15, Sunday - Christmas in the Village Concert
More Christmas activities to be announced soon!



**WORSHIP AND MUSIC
SEPTEMBER 2019**

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Communion

Terrie Ilaria, Kathy Mason, Karen Lynge, Nate Cox

Sunday, September 8, 2019

9:15am Hymn Sing

Rally Day

Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Mission Sunday

Baptism

Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, September 29, 2019

Mission Moment

Sanctuary Choir

A T T E N D A N C E

August 2019

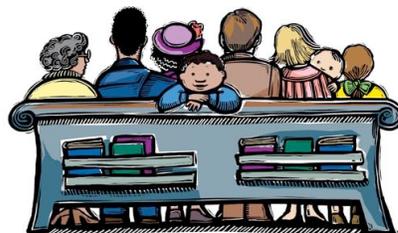
Worship

8/4/19: 89

8/11/19: 141

8/18/19: 139

8/25/19: 112





A View from the Bench

Well, now...hasn't the summer just flown by! The weather was decent, the company was terrific, and the traffic was...well, typical. But the time simply flew by! Looking back over the summer we had the pleasure of being inspired by outstanding musicians who enriched and enhanced worship at First Parish. May I offer my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to each of the following for their musical offering during the past 10 weeks:

- * vocal solos by *Gina Connolly* and *Melissa O'Keefe*
- * duets, trios, and quartets by *Kathy Mason*, *Karen Lynge*, *Susan Gough*, *Brian Wood* (also on flute), *Nate Cox* and his teacher *Leslie Giammanco*
- * ensemble selections by *Sweet Spirit* and the *Bow Tie Guys*
- * vocal and instrumental duets by *Joyce Andersen* and *Harvey Reid* during the service outside on the Village Green
- * piano/organ duets by *Shawn McCartee*
- * handbell solos by *Diana Parton*
- * bagpipe solo and accompaniment by *Jim Roberts*
- * and our Music Associate *Terrie Ilaria* who assists in every conceivable way at every possible moment by accompanying, teaching, coaching, and arranging!

Blessings and thanks to each of you. Your commitment this summer to making God's house a place of rest, prayer, and praise was remarkable. (You made me look real good!)

The sanctuary choir and handbell choir will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, September 5** in anticipation of preparing musical offerings for Rally Day, Sunday, September 8 -- **6PM Handbells** and **7PM Full Sanctuary Choir**

Following that, the regular fall schedule will resume:

Sunday 8:30AM sanctuary choir warm-up for 9:30AM worship

Sunday 11AM-12 noon Bow Tie Guys rehearsal

Sunday 5-6:30 PM soprano/alto choir practice

Thursday 6-7PM handbells

Thursday 7-8:30 PM tenor/bass choir practice.

Enjoy what's left of "...those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!" Be careful taking left turns for another few weeks.

And long live love...***because love always wins.***

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HAPPENINGS

September 2019

Welcome Back to Sunday School

RALLY DAY



Sunday, September 8th

9:30am

BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S MOMENT

NEW THIS YEAR - breakfast is for Sunday School children AND THEIR FAMILIES!

After breakfast, we will tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and talk about what we'll be doing this year.

We have some new classes and programs planned, so please make sure you register your children ahead of time. Registration form on the following page.

Plans are underway to have 3 classes this year, depending on the ages of those who register, so please register your children so we can finish our plans. Ages for Sunday School are PreK (age 4) through 7th grade.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Kids Camp this year. We had an exciting program about "Caring for God's Creation" where we did several group projects together including:

- planting 4 tubs of beautiful flowers on the steps of the Parish House. Check them out!
- painting the compost bin in front of Fellowship Hall
- meeting 4 animals from Center for Wildlife in Cape Neddick, including Ruby the red-tailed hawk, Ophelia the Opossum, Artemis the owl, and Clifford the turtle. They are wonderful ambassadors and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the Center. Thank you for your donations during our "Fill the SUV" in June. They were greatly appreciated!



Also on Sunday, September 8 - beginning at 10:00 a.m. there will be an Open House Capital Campaign Kickoff at the Center to help with their new building plans. The Center is in Cape Neddick on Mountain Road, next to Mount Agamenticus. Everyone is invited to attend! Anyone interested in going up after church service, please call Janet Cassidy at 363-4237 or email cassidywednesday@aol.com.

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York, Maine 03909**

Christian Education Registration 2019-2020

One child per form please

Child's Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade Fall 2019 (K-8th): _____ Pre-K (age 4): _____

Grades 5 - 8 check box if you are interested in joining a Youth Group

Name & Address of Parents/Guardian

Phone and Email Address

Allergies/Medical Information:

If I cannot be reached, I give permission for the staff of First Parish Church to secure proper medical treatment for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

May we post your child's image (no name included) participating in church sponsored activities on all church media (print and digital)? Please initial Permission granted ()

Permission NOT granted ()



First Parish Youth Groups – September 2019

Hello all! The fall season of Youth Group is almost here! Information and registration will be going out to families soon by Email, and any families who would like to be on Pastor Dan's list of Youth Group Emails are encouraged to reach out and join the fun! This season we will be offering Youth Group programming for 5th/6th Graders, 7th/8th Graders, and 9th-12th Graders.

Pretty soon we will be playing games, doing activities, crafts, and service projects, going on field trips, exploring our faith, completing group challenges, engaging with spiritual themes, and journeying together as we have a good time in fellowship with one another, and seek to discover who we are and how we relate to each other and the world around us.

Children and youth connected with First Parish as well as their friends, classmates, and neighbors are welcome to come and join in the fun and exploration! All perspectives and backgrounds are encouraged to participate! Never fear, at the First Parish Youth Groups we're not here to tell you what you're "supposed to" believe or how you're "supposed to" live... we're discovering our paths together! (And having as much fun as we can while doing it!)

Typically (excluding special events on the occasional Saturday) each age group will meet roughly 2 times a month, with the middle school groups meeting Friday evenings and the high schoolers meeting Sunday afternoons. Below you will find the current schedule of upcoming events through the month of December, after which we will take a Christmas break and return later in January or February. (Further details about events will be sent directly to families involved, so get in touch with Pastor Dan!)

Please Note: The farther into the future a scheduled Youth Group event is, the higher the chance that details like time or day or content *may* change slightly as we get closer, but get it on your calendar now! Your future self will thank you. And please sign up for events in advance when you know for sure whether your youth is going to be there; it makes *all* the difference when planning and putting together a great event for our youth!

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

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2019

Friday, September 20

5:30 – 6:45) 5th – 6th Grades

Games and Crafts (*Fellowship Hall*)

7:00 – 8:45) 7th – 8th Grades

Games and Crafts (*Fellowship Hall*)

Sunday, September 22

8:45AM – 10:45AM) 9th – 12th Grades

Mission Trip Sunday Worship (*Church Sanctuary*)

Sunday October 6

1:00 – 3:00) 9th – 12th Grades

High School Cooking Competition (*Fellowship Hall kitchen*)

Saturday, October 12

10:30AM – 1:30PM) 5th – 8th Grades

Mt. Agamenticus Hike (*Mt. Agamenticus trailhead parking lot on Mountain Road*)

Friday, October 25

5:15 – 6:15) 5th – 6th Grades

Minute-To-Win-It Challenges (*Fellowship Hall*)

6:30 – 9:00) 7th – 8th Grades

Role-Playing Adventure TBD (*classrooms above Fellowship Hall*)

Sunday, October 27

1:00 – 4:00) 9th – 12th Grades

Role-Playing Adventure: Mission Improbable (*classrooms above Fellowship Hall*)

Friday, November 1

5:30 – 7:30) 5th – 8th Grades

Service Project TBD (*Location TBD*)

Sunday, November 10

1:00 – 3:30) 9th – 12th Grades

Service Project TBD (*Location TBD*)

Friday, November 15**5:30 – 6:45) 5th – 6th Grades****Hide and Seek Adventures** (*starting at the Fellowship Hall*)**7:00 – 9:00) 7th – 8th Grades****Middle School Cooking Competition** (*Fellowship Hall kitchen*)**Sunday, November 24****1:00 – 3:30) 9th – 12th Grades****Movie, Munchies, and M...isscusion? Monversation?** (*Parish House offices*)**Friday, December 6****5:30 – 6:45) 5th – 6th Grades****Faith Discovery: The Christmas Season** (*Parish House offices*)**7:00 – 8:45) 7th – 8th Grades****Faith Discovery: The Christmas Season** (*Parish House offices*)**Sunday, December 8****1:00 – 4:00) 9th – 12th Grades****Collaborative Boardgame “Icarus” exploring the Tower of Babel** (*classrooms above Fellowship Hall*)



Fellowship In Action Fellowship Outings

“Women on the Move” has changed its name to a more inclusive-sounding name:
“Fellowship In Action”!

All of our activities and events continue to be open to all men, women, youth and children. You do NOT have to be a member of First Parish Church to join in the fellowship and fun. ALL ARE WELCOME to attend our monthly meetings, too, at 6:30pm on the second Monday of every month in the Fellowship Hall Parlor! Bring your ideas for future activities or just come learn about what is being planned.

“The Last Good War: The Faces and Voices of World War II”

Join “Fellowship In Action”

Tuesday, September 24

as we visit a special exhibit at The Wright Museum on WW II in Wolfeboro, NH! All are welcome, so feel free to invite your friends, too!

- **Museum Admission:**
Children (4 and under): Free
Students (5-17): \$6
Adults: \$10
All Military and Seniors: \$8
- **Carpool** from Fellowship Hall at 9am (Participants will share gas and toll expenses.)
- Lunch at a local restaurant in Wolfeboro
-

FMI, contact Kathy McQueeney at kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com
or 603.380.0598



FOOD PANTRY BASKETS

Have you seen our two new white Food Pantry crates? One is in the Narthex and one in Fellowship Hall. The one at the entrance to the office will remain as well. A list of currently needed items is displayed. Feel free to deposit your contributions in any one of them. A shout out to Allen Norris, who will be delivering the items to the Food Pantry as needed. Maureen Monson, Food Pantry coordinator for York Community Services is so grateful. Thank you for sharing your treasures with others in need.

FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST

COFFEE, PASTA SAUCE, COOKING OIL, CANNED FRUIT, FLOUR, SUGAR, PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA, SPICES, KETCHUP, JELLY, BREAKFAST BARS, PAPER PRODUCTS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, HAND SOAP non-perishable items!

Table of Plenty News

Table of Plenty crew served 49 diners and offered 56 take-home dinners August 23 in Fellowship Hall. This happens weekly with a different team manning the kitchen. Kudos to Maureen Monson, YCSA Food Pantry Coordinator and Janet Cassidy with our First Parish kitchen crew. A couple of new folk were a part of the crew...Linda Blake and Linda Drew. Philip Drew has been manning the compost collection every Tuesday since we started composting. Our First Parish assignment comes up every 8 weeks. Your next opportunity to get involved is October 22. Contact Janet Cassidy or sign up at the Opportunity Table/Fellowship Hall.



CREATION CARE COMMITTEE NEWS

Lots of exciting news:

- Composting participation is terrific!
- Electric Vehicle and Tire Pressure Day at York Land Trust was very well attended and inspiring.
- Beach Cleanups continue monthly
- Plans to donate mesh reusable produce bags for Food Pantry users instead of plastic bags
- Increased partnering with York Ready for 100%
- Probable library program about ‘calculating your carbon footprint’ in cooperation with YRF100% and WRAD (Waste Reduction And Diversion)
- Very positive comments about the weekly bulletin ‘nudges’.
- Ecumenical Partnering plans for the fall
- “Green Table” of green products and alternatives will be set up in Fellowship Hall occasionally.
- Plans to sell mesh bags and bamboo toothbrushes at the Village Faire!

BRAINSTORMING WITH YORK READY FOR 100% and Creation Care Committee

Several of our Creation Care Committee members attended an excellent, facilitator led brainstorming session. 56 ideas were brought forth. After winnowing down by vote, the 5 most popular ideas came to the fore:

- 1 **Climate solutions for individuals**
2. Engage local schools on curriculum
3. **COMMUNITY COMPOSTING !!!**
4. Carry in, carry out at local beaches
5. Be engaged in the development of the Town’s Climate Action Plan.

The CCC continues to encourage you to become involved individually or in groups with the climate change initiatives that are serious and urgent. Keep current and share your information with others.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH VILLAGE FAIRE OCTOBER 12, 2019

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This Faire offers a wonderful opportunity to clean out those once loved items you no longer need or have room for! At the same time, it provides an opportunity for others to purchase needed items at an affordable price.

The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

(All items must be clean and in good condition)

ANTIQUES & COLLECTABLES: Old, collectable items that are in good condition

ATTIC TREASURES : Home decor items, wall hangings, small furniture, lamps, dishes, glasses
(please: dishes, etc. minimum set of 4/no electronics/no picture frames)

BOOKS: Recent paperback books only - in good condition.

JEWELRY: Old and new, fashion, clunky, silver, gold, etc.

TOOL SHED ITEMS: Good Condition Workshop and Garden Tools

If you need to donate early – items may be placed on the table marked “Village Faire” in the hall downstairs in Fellowship Hall (side door entrance) A Drop-Off Schedule will follow.

The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming!

They will arrive on Saturday, September 28.

Volunteers needed to unload the truck at 9am.

The 6th Annual Pumpkin Patch will be open 7 days a week, for four weeks or until the pumpkins are sold. Any and all volunteers will be gratefully accepted.

No experience necessary.

Plan to make it a family affair. What could be more fun than spending a beautiful fall day outdoors making everyone happy?

And who knows, perhaps the Great Pumpkin will rise out of our pumpkin patch?

As Linus would say, “I don’t see how a pumpkin patch can be more sincere.”

Check your calendars now!

Chris Briley, Richard Leigh, Bob and Joanne Myers

Sign Up Here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAF23A6F85-fpcpumpkin>





Summer Concerts on the Green Series Recap

The Parish Green was once again the venue for a series of concerts by singer/songwriters and local favorites Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid! As in years past, most of the concerts were held outdoors on our stage with only one moved indoors due to inclement weather.

Free painted kindness rocks were made available to the delight of concertgoers. Many of those attending availed themselves of the opportunity to add a written prayer to our prayer wall. Children and their parents appreciated the 'fun and games' section of the green where they could play with a parachute, blow bubbles, use hula hoops and more!

We're grateful to Joyce and Harvey for sharing their gifts of music with the local community and for donating a portion of the proceeds to First Parish's York Family Fund (an emergency fund administered by the pastors).

Thanks to all who attended and supported these concerts! Special thanks to the concert crew: Dennis and Sue Wierzba, Bob and Joanne Myers, Jeff and Sherry McConnell, Janet Cassidy, Bryce and Deanna Waldrop, Jonn and Kristin Schrimper, everyone who painted kindness rocks, and July guests Voices From the Heart.



Caregiving Visitation

Make a difference in someone's life an hour at a time! First Parish has a wonderful network of friendly visitors who spend time with folks who have many different life situations, but who all appreciate the power of connection. Those being visited may not be able to get out as much anymore, or they may be recovering from illness, or perhaps they're alone at home or just moved to a rehab. If you would like a printed list of visitation tips, stop by the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall. ***If you regularly visit someone or would like to begin making visits, please contact Carol MacDonald at 363-1877.***



Using Your Gifts to Help Others

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others , faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

In this scripture passage, Peter was speaking to Jewish Christians driven out of Jerusalem and scattered throughout Asia Minor. These followers of Christ were being abused and persecuted. Peter was instructing Jesus’ followers how they should live during these difficult times.

We may not be living in such perilous times, or at least not in the same way, but people do not really change. Some people think they can use their gifts or abilities however they want. Other people think they don’t have any special gifts. However, everyone has special talents. Peter tells us we should use our gifts to help others; they are not just for our own enjoyment.

Of the many ways in which First Parish members share their talents some examples include the new Creation Care Committee which brings prior experience and exciting ideas to help First Parish and our community become more environmentally friendly. Sweet Spirit, the talented group of woman singers, fills our hearts and souls with beautiful music. The Buildings and Grounds Committee, using various members skills and knowledge, works behind the scenes to maintain and preserve our historic church and property. God continues to bless us with so many who share their gifts (big or small).

If you are looking for ways to share your talents with First Parish Church there will be a new Time and Talents form available next month or you can always reach out to a Council member or call the church office.

Stewardship Committee: Jalmar Dijkstra, Bob Myers, Sandy Nelson



Helping Through Loose Change

The money collected from the Helping Through Loose Change boxes in the Narthex during the month of September will go to the Heifer Fund. The Christian Education program works to raise funds to buy animals which are given to families which then helps them to become more self sufficient.

Join Our Beach Clean Up & Attempt to Set a World Record

Did You Know?
An estimated 14 billion pounds of trash is dumped in the world's oceans every year!

📍 Where	Long Sands Beach, York, ME (Meet at both Housel)
📅 When	September 23, 2019 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
🕒 Agenda	9:00 am Volunteers arrive and are given beach clean up material 9:30 am Beach clean up begins 11:30 am Return to the bath house on Long Sands Beach with your findings 12:00 pm Gathering of volunteers to spell out "NO PLANET B" (to be captured by a drone!)

This gathering will include:

- World record attempt to spell out largest "NO PLANET B" ever in the sand (our goal is 300 people)
- Community beach clean up

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For additional information contact **Carrie Mayo**: carrie@mayodesigns.com | 603.817.1575
BecauseTheresNoPlanetB.com



4TH ANNUAL NEW ENGLAND SINGS COMPETITION

by **Inspired Nation**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

at the **Ogunquit Playhouse**

New England Sings (NES) is a benefit youth vocal competition and performance. The event highlights aspiring singers from the New England area between the ages of 12 - 21 while putting a spotlight on the area's youth in need. NES is sponsored by Inspired Nation, a non-profit that aims to provide a platform for youth vocal artists and in the process, raise money for charitable organizations focused on youth. Co-founded by former American Idol Judge and fellow community member Kara DioGuardi, Inspired Nation's mission is to empower youth to use their voices as tools for change. NES hinges on the idea that young people have talent and wisdom to contribute to our community, and if we give them a platform, they can use their voices not only to share their stories but also to advocate for young people who are facing challenges by raising money and awareness.

The show consists of 10-12 finalists performing for three judges. We focus on it being a fun performance, as opposed to a cut-throat competition, and the host, judges, and audience are supportive of the contestants.

Over the past three years, New England Sings has showcased the talents of over 30 aspiring artists and raised close to \$200,000 for local charities. All net proceeds from the event are invested in youth-oriented community organizations. In 2016, 2017, and 2018 we supported the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Zebra Crossings, the Ogunquit Playhouse Scholarship Fund, Enough Abuse Maine, the York County Community Fund, Y2Y Harvard Square and the Connor's Climb Foundation.

Inspired Nation (www.inspirednation.org) is committed to helping young artists use their talents for the benefit of those in need in their generation. Not only do all proceeds from New England Sings benefit local youth-oriented charities, finalists also share their musical gifts with our beneficiary partners for programming throughout the year.

At Inspired Nation, we believe in the power of youth and giving young people a platform to tell their stories and share their talents. Through our programs, Inspired Nation helps young artists develop their voices, empower themselves and help others in their generation.

Please join us on October 15th at the Ogunquit Playhouse to support New England Sings and our mission to amplify the voices of youth in our community.

You can purchase tickets on the [Ogunquit Playhouse website](#).



September 2019




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship/Communion	2 8am Zumba Parish Office Closed	3 8:30am Yoga 5pm Table of Plenty 5pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting 6:30pm Christian Education Committee Meeting	4 8:30am Zumba	5 8:30am Aerobics 9am Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 6pm Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6 8:30am Aerobics	7
8 9:15am Hymn Sing 9:30am Worship/Rally Day Maine Seacoast Mission Trip Departs	9 8am Zumba 6:30pm Fellowship in Action Meeting	10 8:30am Yoga 2pm Village Faire Committee Meeting 5pm Table of Plenty 6:30pm Assessors Meeting	11 8:30am Aerobics 7pm Search Committee Meeting	12 8:30am Aerobics 6pm Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	13 8:30am Aerobics Maine Seacoast Mission Trip Returns	14
15 9:30am Worship 10:30am Orientation Brunch 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	16 8am Zumba	17 8:30am Yoga 5pm Table of Plenty 7pm Deacons Meeting	18 8:30am Aerobics 11am Book Group	19 8:30am Aerobics 8:30am Stewardship Committee Meeting 6pm Handbells Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	20 8:30am Aerobics	21
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