

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in the back of the seat in front of you, or at www.firstparishyork.net.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building, which is accessed by stairs in the foyer. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found across the drive in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

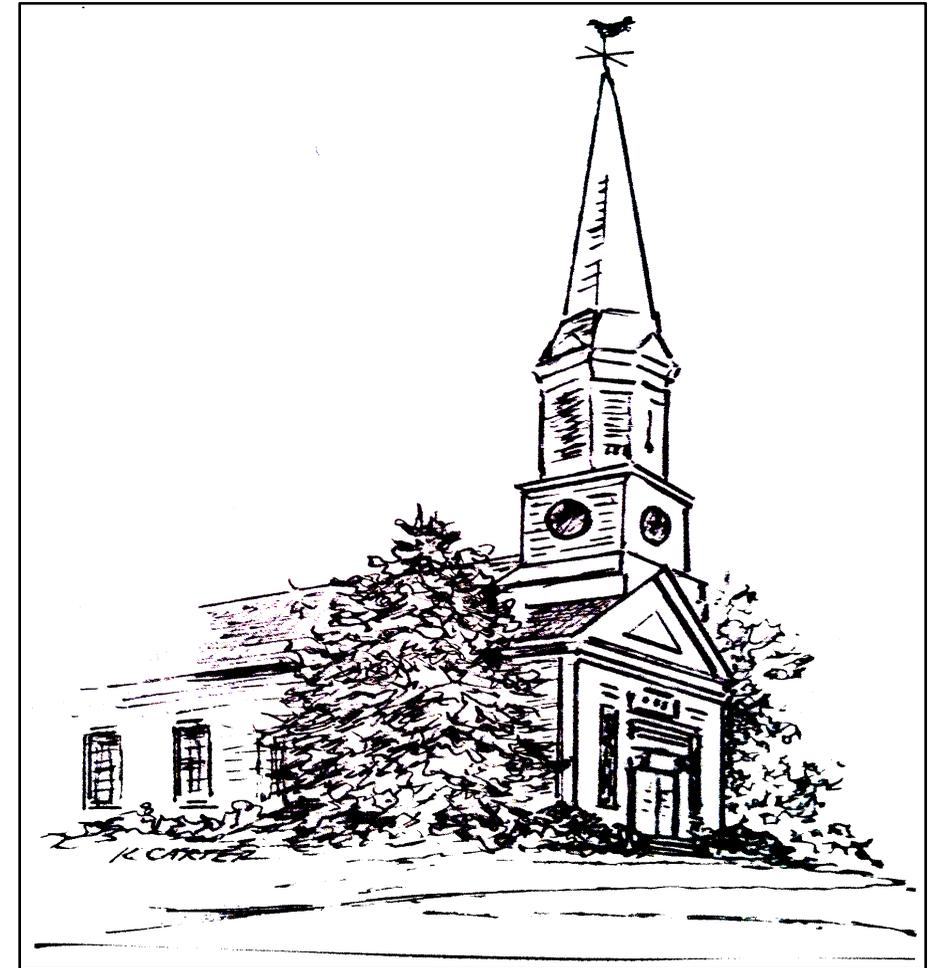
Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed due to our pandemic restrictions*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings look like.

Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

Sunday School: During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to attend Sunday School. We ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the children make their way outside. Partway through Sunday services, children are invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way to the Fellowship Hall to take part in fun and faith-based activities centered around a theme from the Bible. (Family members are always welcome to attend Sunday School if you wish!) After worship is over, families can go across the drive to sign out their children with the teachers. Until further notice, *masks are required for all students and teachers while inside*. If you have any questions about the masking and distancing protocols practiced by First Parish's youth programs, please do reach out to Pastor Dan or any of our Sunday School teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

Pastoral Care: If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at (207) 363-3758, or send an email to eric@firstparishyork.net or dan@firstparishyork.net. The pastors are also available to make hospital visits, and we ask that you 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 explicitly ask them to do so.



First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ



THIS WEEK

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| Today, Sunday, December 26th | 9:30am Worship |
| Monday, December 27th | 8am Zumba |
| Tuesday, December 28th | 8:30am Yoga |
| Wednesday, December 29th | 8am Cardio/Strength |
| | 9:30am Women's Bible Study |
| Thursday, December 30th | 8am Zumba |
| | 5pm Handbell Rehearsal |
| | 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, December 31st | New Year's Eve |
| Saturday, January 1st | New Year's Day |
| Sunday, January 2nd | 9:30am Worship/Communion |
| | 11am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal |
| | 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

From the Financial Secretary: Pledge envelopes are available for pick up. If you requested pledge envelopes on your 2022 Stewardship campaign pledge card, they are available for pick up in the narthex. Please be sure to discard any prior year pledge envelopes that you may have at the end of the year.

First Parish Mission Board: In response to a pressing need brought to the attention of the Mission Board, First Parish Church helped to make the holiday a little merrier for 20 military families temporarily stationed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery. The Church used Mission Board funds to purchase grocery store gift cards, which the base chaplain distributed to families in need along with an FPC Welcome Card. FPC joined York Hospital and several local rotary clubs, who together provided gifts to 61 families in need this season.

Are you interested in helping to support FPC's mission activities by serving on the Mission Board? Two vacancies need to be filled in 2022. The Board always welcomes non-voting participants as well. The next Mission Board meeting is set for January 12 at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall Parlor Room. Contact Cindy Bufithis at cbufithis@me.com or Linda Blake at lblake50@gmail.com.

Coat Donations: Thank you to all who contributed both new and used coats to the FPC Mission Board's coat drive. After the One Warm Coat drive ended, about 25 more coats were received. These additional coats were delivered to the York Community Service Association, which will provide them to their Family Services clients and offer them in their Thrift Store. While we can no longer accept coats this year, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Green Tip/News: The B-corporation movement is growing in Maine. B Corp certification shows that companies have met certain standards of social and environmental responsibility. Globally more than 6000 companies from more than 153 different industries have become certified. More business leaders realize that people want to buy from, work for, and invest in companies that are socially responsible. Current B corps include Patagonia, Ben & Jerry's, King Arthur Flour, Cabot Cheese, Eileen Fisher, to name a few. The companies must seek recertification every three years. The B Impact Assessment is shaped by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. <https://bcorporation.net>



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All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor Dan Hollis

Reverend Eric Dupee

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

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