



The Church Herald

FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

One Worship Service – 9:00 am

Sermon:

The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach, D. Min.

God's Promises for a New Year

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-13

Calendar for Sunday, January 1, 2012

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)

10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

Family Sunday – No Church School

11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

Memorial Flowers

The memorial flowers will be given in loving memory of Agnes M. Morrison from the trust fund given in her name.

Greeter: Janet Martin. **January Ushers:** Kathryn Millheim, Betty Cullen, James Fosnock, Joseph D'Agostino, Linell Nester and Linda D'Agostino (captain). **Minister's Line Volunteer:** Alwyn VanCor.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

Worship Services – 9:00 & 10:30 am

Sermon:

The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach, D. Min.

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Calendar for Sunday, January 8, 2012

9:00 am Adult Bible Study (library)

9:00 am Chapel Worship Service

10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
(infant and toddler care provided)

10:30 am Confirmation Class

10:45 am Church School

11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)

12:00 noon Jr. Choir Rehearsal

Memorial Flowers

The memorial flowers will be given in honor of Edward F. Schmidgall for his outstanding service to the church and community.

The Minister's Line Volunteer: Joyce Langone.

Greeters: Leonard and Julie Hart. **Coffee Hour**

Hosts: Tom and Lisa Roderick.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT CHURCH HERALD
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Thursday, January 5, 2011 (will cover dates of January 15-28, 2012)
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Sunday Worship – 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Summer Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Sanctuary	Chapel	Total
Sunday, December 18	150	76	178
Church School	28		

In Memoriam

EDWARD F. SCHMIDGALL

December 17, 2011

Joined First Parish November 6, 1960

*The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.* -Numbers 6:24,26

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

For those who are planning ahead, our next Membership Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2012. New Members will be welcomed on March 25, 2012.

CHURCH HERALD

For those wishing to help the 2011 church budget by contributing toward postage for their Church Herald, please write a check to First Parish (put "Church Herald" in the memo line - 1st class: \$25.00; Bulk: \$15.00). Thank you very much!

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Annual Meeting will be held on January 29, 2012.

All reports that are due to go into the Annual Report should be in the office by Monday, January 16, in order to be included. Thank you for your cooperation!

DATES AVAILABLE FOR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The following dates are available for anyone who would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service in memory of a loved one. These flowers serve two purposes—they decorate our sanctuary on Sunday and then they are delivered to shut-ins or those who are ill to help brighten their day.

January 29 and February 5 are currently open.

SNOWSTORM POLICY

If there is a snowstorm on a Saturday, the 9 am service will be canceled. The 10:30 am service will usually be conducted. **In the event of a severe snowstorm, it may be necessary to cancel it. Cancellation of the 10:30 service will be announced on WBZ Storm Center (TV Channel 4 in Boston; 1030 on the AM radio dial).**

The notices are listed 5 minutes and 35 minutes after the hour on the radio and after 5 am on Channel 4. You may also check their websites: WBZ1030.com or WBZ4.com We will also change the outgoing message on the office telephone to inform callers of the cancellation.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

The Capital Campaign Committee has formed and met 4 times in October and November. The group's purpose was to identify a plan to provide for the replacement of key systems in our meeting house: a modern multi-zone heating system; a renovation of the roof slate attachments, and a renovation of the rear lot, including drainage wells and paving.

Our systems are all well aged; the roof slate attachments are 100 years old; the dry well and lot approximately 60 years, and the heating system a tossed salad of ages.

The committee is now obtaining formal engineering plans and work estimates to size the funding required. Following this, the committee will prepare a formal presentation for use at the Annual

Meeting reviewing the scope, the cost, the notional schedule for the work, and the proposal for a campaign to raise the necessary funds.

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

If you are unable to get to church on Sundays and would like to receive an Order of Worship delivered to your home, please call the church office and leave your name. We would be happy to send you one each week.

Thank You!

Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of red and white carnations delivered to me after last Sunday's service for my birthday by Carol Callan. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Warmest wishes to all for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Green

I wish to thank everyone for their visits to me in the hospital, rehab center, and my home during my recent hip surgery and recovery. It is really not how I had planned to spend the autumn months and to think about all the leaves I didn't get to rake! The outpouring of love and support meant so much, and made my recovery that much easier. I truly missed being at church and I am so glad to be back. Thank you again and God bless.

Much love,
Jean Sabatula

A note of thanks to all the tireless efforts of many of you that made the Living Nativity a reality. We've been doing this as a church for five years and each year it grows, thanks to the tireless efforts of: Earl Sheaff and Phil Gindi for the manger; Barbara Flynn for the advertisements/articles; Doug Jackson and family for the sound system; Rich Testa for the lights; and Tom Rosa for the direction. Thanks to the countless volunteers and families who participate: the Rosa's, Jim Fosnock, John LaVerde, Bonnie and Gene Mullen, the Black's, Kirby's, Frank, and Dom (Wisemen), James (my special Joseph); the Driscoll's, Peter Rearick, the Fox's, Gindi's and the Sabatula team and all the

bakers. I want to thank especially the children, you are very special. Thanks especially to the

leadership of Pastor Weisenbach, who is great glue for all of these pieces. The vision is to have the Common full of people and have to be forced to

conduct this event a few times. If we deliver the message of Christ to just one person, then we have executed on the command that He gave us. To Christ be the Glory.

Merry Christmas and Thank you,
Trefina Fox

Thank you for First Parish Congregational's partnership in ministry. Your prayers and monthly (\$150) financial gifts help us strengthen churches and individuals to understand and respond effectively to the spiritual and physical needs of their community. And we rejoice that because of God's power and transforming love, lives are being changed.

As you and First Parish Congregational celebrate this Christmas season, may all of you experience anew the wonder and joy of "God with us."

Dave Wade
Emmanuel Gospel Center

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia that adorned the sanctuary last Sunday. I also enjoyed my visit with the deliverer, Angela Faylor.

Merry Christmas to you all,
Alma Leafquist

January Bookshelf News

Please visit the bookshelf in the vestry! Each month the Library Committee features books with a different theme. In January, devotionals will be featured. Three devotional books that will be featured are Day Light by Samuel Bagster, Perhaps Today: Living Every Day in the Light of Christ's Return by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, and

Bread for the Journey by Henri Nouwen. Come and check out our books and DVDs. Just fill out the

orange card.

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WAKEFIELD INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

The Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry, which is now located on the ground level of the Americal Civic Center, is serving about 830 people (over 300 families) each month. The need for food continues to increase.

Is there someone in your neighborhood who needs a helping hand? Perhaps it's a senior citizen on a fixed income or a family with an unemployed or under employed member. The W.I.F.P. serves any Wakefield resident/family in need. The client can visit the food pantry twice a month and receive 4-5 days worth of perishable and nonperishable food. There are small grocery carts and shelves of food from which to choose. The Pantry is open on Tuesday 9am-1pm and Thursday 9am-1pm and 6-8pm.

The Representatives of each church in Wakefield have started a new program this year. There is a "Food of the Month" collection at First Parish each month. The food for January is PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY.

There will be a labeled plastic container on a table or on the stage for donations. Thank you to those who donated in December. Please continue to support your neighbors in need.

Judy Gordon, First Parish Congregational representative