

The Messenger

First Parish Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

*The Church with Love &
Hope to Share*

2018



Christmas Pageant Sunday
December 16th



Book Club & Light Supper
Wednesday, December 20th
6:00 PM



Annual Reports Due
December 31st

We are pleased to share the news that the 8:00 am worship service will be undergoing some transformations in the coming months. The service at 8:00 am will continue to happen each week in the sanctuary. Rev. Deborah will continue to preside at Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month. There will be a variety of lay members and ordained clergy leading the other weeks of each month.

We love being able to go deeper in our faith with this unique interactive service sharing multiple viewpoints of scripture.

We also love being part of the worshipping community at First Parish.

We invite you to join us in this celebration of our Lord. All are welcome.

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From Deborah's Desk

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The season of Advent is upon us! Each year at this time I find it a personal and spiritual challenge to keep the pace and busyness of the holidays from overwhelming my quality of life. How can we keep the Christmas season alive and vibrant, in the midst of the commercialized and hectic busyness of the holidays? More is not always better! We must all take time to reflect on what we consider to be the most important aspects of the holidays, and then design our activities to enhance and support those qualities we cherish. Letting go of the other items we consider "obligations" will be difficult, but an important lesson for all who desire peace in their hearts and in their homes this year. One useful resource I have found is from a book called "Unplug the Christmas Machine." This book still speaks to me even though when I first made this Christmas pledge, I didn't even have a cell phone! And yet, I still find this a worthy discipline as I strive to keep the Spirit of Emmanuel, God with Us, at the heart of my Christmas celebration. Perhaps you will find it helpful as well.

A Christmas Pledge

Believing in the true spirit of Christmas, I commit myself to:

Remember those people who truly need my gifts

Express my love in more direct ways than gifts

Examine my holiday activities in the light of my deepest values

Be a peacemaker within my circle of family and friends

Rededicate myself to my spiritual growth

As you read through this newsletter and see the special activities your church has to offer in the season of Advent, we hope you will save room in your hearts and your schedules to join with your family of faith as we celebrate the rebirth of the Holy Child in our midst. God Bless you and your families in this holy season and bring you peace.

Rev. Deborah





FROM THE MODERATOR

It's hard to believe that it has been almost one year since I became your moderator. A lot has happened at First Parish during that time. But one important thing that I would like to discuss is the congregations' willingness to participate as a member of one of our Ministry teams.

As some of you may remember, our governance was changed in 2011 to provide an opportunity to let all those who would like to take an active part in the ministries of the church choose the team that they thought best fit their abilities and to serve on them. A nominating committee was discontinued, and it was hoped that anyone interested could come forward and volunteer as a member of one of the many teams that help the church operate. Unfortunately, the participation of the congregation has not been what was expected, leaving a lot of vacancies. I have attached a copy of a document which shows each of the three ministries and which teams are assigned to each ministry, as well as a contact person for each ministry. Some of the more pronounced vacancies include Facilities, Hospitality, Mission, Diaconate and Media. There may also be a vacancy on the Church Council. I will know more on that after our December council meeting.

So, I am asking each member of the church to please consider volunteering on the team that best suits their talents so that when a new minister is selected, they will be greeted by a full contingent of active teams, ready, willing and able to best serve the needs of the church.

Our annual all church meeting will be held on January 20, 2019 at which time the new teams are presented and voted on. I hope that you will please respond to this request prior to that date by contacting myself or other ministry leaders so that our church can continue to provide the vital services and opportunities that it has done so well in the past.

Bob Mohlin

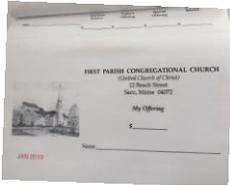


The Counters' Corner

1. **New Envelopes** - For those of you who ordered envelopes for your contributions, you will be happy to know they are in. We will be passing them out in December for you to begin using in Jan of 2019.

2. **Is my contribution being credited to the account I intend?**

Below is the Envelope for your Pledge or General Contribution



This Envelope below is for Your Special Offering Discretionary Fund

Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving,



The envelope tells the counters where to record your contribution UNLESS you specifically say something different in the memo line of your check. Thanks for being clear with your wishes.

3. **WHAT IS THIS?**

The first envelope in your packet reads “To Defray The Cost of Envelopes”.

As the handwritten addition you will see indicates, this is an invitation not an expectation. If you choose to defray the cost of your envelopes, the amount written on your envelope is a one time cost for 2019. That amount depends on which type of envelope you ordered.

- a) weekly envelopes with specials (\$3.50)
- b) monthly envelopes with specials (\$2.60)

c) only special envelopes (\$2.20).

The amount we were charged for your specific envelopes is written on your first envelope.

On the **second envelope** we also invite members - with no expectation - **to help defray the cost of Maine UCC fellowship dues.**

Remember it is your decision and we appreciate your consideration. That amount has been set at \$16.61 per member.

Typically envelopes and dues are paid by First Parish. This year we are asking for assistance if you choose and are able to help. We accept your decision. If you would like to cover your individual membership dues but don't use envelopes, you may write a check to FPC with “Fellowship Dues” in the memo line. This covers both Maine Conference and York Association dues.

4. **Can I write one check for multiple accounts?**

Some people write one check to include both their regular offering and a special offering such as the Discretionary Fund. That is fine. Just please indicate - on the envelope or the memo line - how much you would like to go to each specific category. Otherwise we have no way of knowing how to record the contributions.

5. **To whom do I write my check if I am giving a special offering?**

Periodically there are requests for special offerings such as Saco Food Pantry or Neighbors in Need, etc. Please make your check out to First Parish Church with the name of the special offering in the memo line. The bank will only cash checks made out to our church. Checks made out to anyone other than FPC are either returned to you or sent separately to the special group -- both of which make more work for the people involved.

Thanks for your help to make our job easier.

2018 Christmas Services

December 2nd – First Sunday of Advent

December 9th – Second Sunday of Advent
(Rev. Rick Huleatt preaching)

December 16th – Third Sunday of Advent
Christmas Pageant (during 10:00 a.m. worship service)

December 23rd – Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24th – Christmas Eve

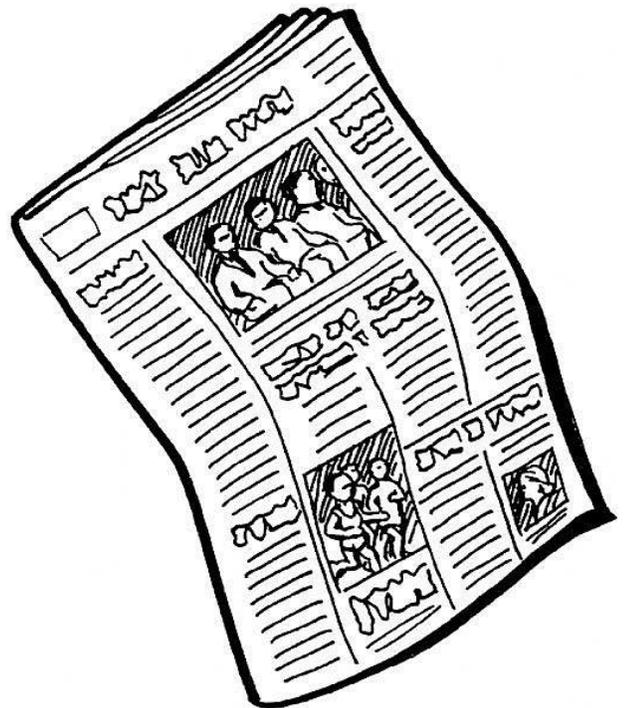
- 5:00 Family Friendly Service
- 7:00 Candlelight Service

December 30th – No 8:00 a.m. service



Reminder: First Parish has an incredibly busy office so it is imperative that everyone be aware that it is necessary to get your team information or requests to the office in a timely manner. Thank you.

- Messenger Deadline is the 15th of **EVERY** month with no exceptions
- Update inclusions deadline is **NOON** on **TUESDAY**





Christmas is known to be “the most wonderful time of the year”. However, it is also the time of year that we tend to overdo and become worn out. Our children can get greedy, tired, overwhelmed and end up sick. Instead of doing “everything,” why not pick a few special activities that really focus on the true meaning of the season. Like the Grinch says **“It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, bows or bags. Maybe Christmas doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more.”**



The best way, I know of to focus on the true meaning of the season, is by coming to Church and bringing your child(ren) to Church school, taking part in the **Christmas Pageant**, having supper together as a Church family, marking down the days to Christmas with an Advent calendar and reading Christmas stories of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. That’s Christmas. We have some fabulous, fun giving activities coming your way during this holiday season. **Our Hat and Mitten tree** is up and ready to be decorated with those cold weather essentials. Hats, mittens and scarves of all sizes are needed. These items are available to anyone needing them. Thank you.



The Elf Shoppe will be open during the Christmas Fair (Sat., Dec. 1st). You will find our Elves in the “Nursery” preparing to entertain any children who come with mom/dad. We will have a few Christmas crafts, washable tattoos and we will be showing Christmas videos complete with popcorn! So parents you can let your children be entertained while you shop.



A wonderful opportunity to include your children in service is to help provide gifts for children of our Spurwink families needing some extra help this holiday season. **Meg Pickering** will be overseeing this holiday project. Gifts need to be wrapped and dropped off at church by Dec. 16th. Please see her in the atrium after the 10 AM worship.

Thank you.



On the third Sunday of Advent, (Dec. 16th), our Church School children will be sharing the Christmas Story through our very own **Christmas Pageant** during the 10 AM worship service. There is a Supper and Rehearsal on Friday, Dec. 14 beginning at 5:30 PM. All families are invited to attend regardless of whether your child is in the pageant or not. The Christian Education Team is providing the supper, beverages and dessert. There will be a sign up so we know how much food to purchase. We are asking our families to donate to our Martin Luther King Day of Service by bringing in NEW shocks or underwear.

We have a cozy library with wonderful **Christmas books** just waiting to be read. Why not sit with your child before or after worship to read a book or take one home. Just remember to bring them back so others may enjoy. We have a number of brand new titles for all to enjoy.



Remember our **Family Friendly 5PM Christmas Eve Service**. There is no need for nursery care because this service is for the very young and young at heart. Our Junior choir sings, our youth are the worship leaders, we use battery powered tea lights for lighted candles and a Christmas story is shared. The service is approximately 40 minutes long.

We hope you focus on the HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE of Christmas right here at First Parish.

See you at Church school

Kris



Watch for your Souperbowl Subs order form in the January bulletins

Teachers for Winter Quarter 2018-2019 are:

PreK/K/1

Linda Lambert & Danielle Roberge

Grades 2,3&4

Heather Nolette & _____

Grades 5,6 &7

Jane & Rick Campbell

_____ Dec. 30-March 10

Grades 8, 9 -12:

Karen Brann & Brian Doyle

First Parish Christian Education Team appreciates your commitment

Thank you



The 10th Annual
Martin Luther King Day
Not a Day Off, but a Day On
January 21, 2019



Jesus says: "Let the little children come to me"

-Matthew 19:14

Helping Lisa in the Nursery for the month of November was:

- 4th Mary Coyne
- 11th Jen Erickson
- 18th Jo Nancy Gunn
- 25th Aldene Walters



Thanksgiving Baskets

Our Youth Fellowship provided 10 Thanksgiving Baskets this year. Each basket had everything for a complete Thanksgiving dinner including a turkey. Thank you to all who so generously gave non-perishable food items, turkey \$ and

supplied full dinners. We raised over \$500.00 through this event.

We had a fabulous Giving Thanks overnight where 12 youth and adults enjoyed baking, games and organizing our Thanksgiving Baskets. Thanks to our chaperones:

Karen Brann, Brian Doyle Eric Steva, and Kris Galasyn.





**The 10th Annual
Martin Luther King
Not A Day Off, But A Day On
January 21, 2019**

**Life's most urgent question is
"What are you doing for others?"
-Martin Luther King**

First Parish will open its doors to all who need a helping hand on Monday, January 15th from 9 AM to 1 PM. We will be offering at NO charge.

- Haircuts (simple cuts)
- Showers
- Laundry
- Health Screening
- Eye exams
- Foot Care and Flu Shots
- Food (breakfast and lunch)
- **Other ideas**

We are looking for people:

- **To be Host/Hostess** to help clients find their way around the church
- **Help with food**
- **To Cut Hair** Please ask YOUR hair dresser if they would be willing to donate 2 hours to help cut hair on that day. Simple cuts
- **Publicity**

We are starting earlier with our MLK Day Collections. Everyone can help by contributing the following items. There will be a MLK Day shopping cart in the atrium.

- **Health and Beauty items:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, feminine sanitary products, deodorant (men and women), shampoo etc.
- **Underwear:** NEW underwear of various sizes
Medium, large and extra large especially
- **New Socks** of all sizes

As we prepare for our holiday shopping please add some of these important items to your list. Kohl's cash is great to use this way! Everything donated is given away to those in need. For more info or if YOU can help please email or call: kris@firstparishsaco.org or call 283-3771



Deacons

DEACONS' CORNER

In an effort to enhance the worship experience at First Parish Church, the deacons recently held a mini-retreat to review and update our communion procedures, and to give serious attention to our stated responsibilities. We were pleased to have Michael Hopkins visit with us and give us a tutorial on the use and care of our hearing-assist devices. They are well-used and much appreciated by several parishioners every Sunday and will be available to guests at funerals as well. Michael also instructed us in the use of various fire extinguishers and showed us where to find them in all parts of the church building. Certainly a good thing to know! On another note, the Diaconate is pleased to welcome our newest deacon, Debbie Grew. Debbie and her husband John recently joined First Parish after relocating to Maine, and both have become active, enthusiastic members of the church and the community. So glad to have Debbie on our roster!

Thanks and blessings,
Nadine Russell, Co-chair



More Good News From GNT

Everyone, I can make your hands Clap! Clap, Clap...Read this!!!

Tom Winship, Jon Edstrom and I had the best time running the First Parish Booth at the Harvest Festival. It was a perfect day and the families were out in force. The children and many adults dressed like it was Halloween night...but as one parent put it, "This is better than Halloween." The pictures tell that part of the story...

After about an hour of wall to wall Spider-men and Multiple Unicorn sightings, Jon looked at me and said, "I am having a great time! How can we bottle this up for everyone to enjoy?"

We had a bit of a scare as we set up the Fish that ate Jonah and the Goliath Bean Bag Toss games. We finished around 10:30 and as we stepped back to admire our accomplishment, we noticed the Bean Bag Game had become very popular this year. We were a little afraid of all the competition. However, we were non-stop busy for the next three and a half hours. One little girl told me she had to "feed the Shark!" Much of our fun came from asking the children about their costumes. They were only too happy to tell us all about who they were.

I think that by about 2:00 we all realized that we needed food. A quick survey, it became apparent there wasn't anything close. So we resigned ourselves to eating a "Fun Size" Milky Way. But Lisa Edstrom came to our rescue with George's Italian Sandwiches. You know how fresh air and fatigue can enhance the flavors of food? One of the best sandwiches ever! Are you Clapping yet?



THE PARADE OF LIGHTS IS ON DECEMBER 8TH

Dan Carter will donate a trailer, truck, generator and his time. All we need is to be willing to sing for the Lord and anyone watching the parade! We can decorate the trailer and make it a moving Nativity Scene. It will be epic!

Please listen to the announcements for signing up in November. Jon Edstrom is our caroling leader. I will be singing and I know you will too. Caroling is so much fun...Now you are clapping right?

Come and join your sisters and brothers in Christ and Sing. We will be clapping for each other, but mostly for the Baby Jesus!

GOT SOMETHING HAPPENING AT OUR CHURCH OR THAT IS FIRST PARISH SPONSORED???

Please give us a heads up about your events. Please contact Fred Connelly, Al Sicard, Jon Edstrom or me. Give us the details and plenty of time to get the word out.

THE LAST PIECE OF PIE...

Want to get active? Tired of sitting on the sideline? Are you interested in having fun? While helping spread the word of our Lord Jesus? No technical knowledge necessary, WHAT? And?Or if do you have some IT knowledge that is welcome too. Then the Good News Team is for you. We would love to have you join us. Please contact me Rick Campbell at papagnome@aol.com or call me 207-934-6217.



Music Ministry

Music Director: Jacqueline Savage

Email: Jacqui@firstparishsaco.org

I'm happy to announce that the *Voices Raised in Praise* Concert was a **great success!** We had a fantastic turn out and enjoyed singing and ringing our little hearts out!

As we enter into the season of Advent I look forward to our Advent Journey spent together in upcoming weeks. ❤️



Junior Choir: Directed by Susan Marston

The Junior Choir had a wonderful experience singing in the Church Concert on November 3rd. We feel **so special** when we can sing with the Youth and Senior choirs. We were grateful to Hope Poore and JoJo Fitzgerald for helping us with the "Give Thanks" piece.

We have been preparing Christmas music for the Christmas Pageant and for the Family Christmas Eve service. We also hope to be able to sing some Christmas music at The Landing, the memory care facility, on Main Street during one of our rehearsal times. Perhaps Christmas caroling with the church might be a possibility, also.

In this season of counting our blessings, Jacqui and I are so thankful to have such **dedicated singers and parents** who make Junior Choir possible. **Merry Christmas to all of our families!**



Youth Choir: Directed by Jacqueline Savage

**Youth Choir will be singing On December 16th (Pageant) and during the 7PM Christmas Eve Service. Please have singers at church for warm-ups on 12/6 @9:15AM and on 12/24 @6PM.

Picture on the left was a special moment the group was rehearsing "10,000 Reasons with Scout on drums. So much energy and joy came from this piece and this group. It was a **magical moment caught on camera! Thanks to Nathan Poore for taking the picture!



Bell Choir: Directed by Audrey Cabral

The First Parish Handbells will be performing at the Alumni Band Concert!

Concert: The Alumni Band Presents: Christmas Memories

Where: Biddeford MS

When: Saturday December 8th at 7PM

A small admission fee is charged



MUSIC AND ARTS

Team Leader: David Johnston

In this season of **thanksgiving** the music and arts team would like to thank the **many who have contributed** to our part of the church ministry.

Financial donations, most anonymous, have allowed us to purchase new music for our choirs, to pay for repairs to old robes and to purchase new ones, to pay for office expenses as we inventoried and reorganized our present music library, to support the coffee house outreach project, to pay for music license fees as well as to pay for some staff development expenses. In addition a drum set was purchased through a donation and is being used in some of the choirs more contemporary anthems.

First Parish Saco has a **vibrant music ministry** that contributes to our worship service and we thank you for your support.

Sincerely and Musically Yours,
Music and Arts Team





PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Search Committee Update

Happy Advent from your Search Committee!

The anticipation of our celebration of the birth of Jesus is a time of waiting and preparing. Seems like an apt time to be in the midst of our interim journey together. Like Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, it has been a long path, but when God's spirit breaks into the world there is no journey that can taint that joy! When the time comes to call our new settled pastor, I hope that our "road weariness" melts away in the wake of that Holy Spirit.

As I write this, we are preparing to meet with Rev. Deb Jenks on the 18th of November. She was the interim pastor in Camden, which was the first UCC church to successfully use the new church profile. We are interested in finding out from her some of the ways that she and Camden's search committee engaged the congregation in visioning work and the search process.

The search committee views the road ahead as a parallel course. As soon as we have our church profile tweaked and ready to go live, we will start receiving profiles and setting up interviews with candidates. We are hoping that by the time you read this, that that work will have already begun again. At the same time that we reach out to find the person God is calling to join us in our ongoing journey of faith, we will be searching within our own Body of Christ - asking the questions that will lead us to where God is calling us. This visioning work will set the course for the road that leads on after these parallel courses meet - that point where we get to unite our vision with the vision and skills of our new settled pastor!

Feel free to ask any of us questions that you might have:

Jamie Beals
Phil Blood
Heather Galasyn
Sue Martin
Pam Mohlin
Dale Siulinski
Eric Steva

FLOWER & ALTAR



Poinsettia Sunday, December 23rd

Remember or honor a loved one as we grace the sanctuary with Poinsettias on Sunday, December 23rd. Red or white (limited supplies available in white) 6" pots (1 plant) for \$7 and 7" pots (2 plants) for \$10. Flower and Altar Team will be taking orders for Poinsettia's after the 8 AM and 10 AM services on December 2nd and December 9th. We would like to have the poinsettia's grace the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve service, if possible. FMI or to order by phone, contact Martha Conlan @ 934-0567 or Patrice Tripp @ 590-1109.

Altar Flower Signups for 2019

Flower signup sheet has been posted on the wall in the Atrium outside office. Consider providing flowers for the Altar in memory or honor of a loved one.



“The Mission Team is pleased to report that we received a bit more than \$700.00 in response to the Neighbors in Need Campaign and we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your continued generosity.”

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks

Robert Guptill on behalf of the Mission Team.

Thank you for all the donations of men's shoes! Our shoe closet is almost full! The Mission Team is now encouraging people to donate sturdy *winter* boots and shoes for **school aged children**.

Thanks for all the soup donations! We are asking people to bring in **canned fruit** to donate to the Saco Food Pantry in December.

Thank you so much!

Carol



December 1st

Laurie Mooney

December 3rd

Nancy Marston

December 4th

Carol Rivest

December 5th

Thomas Kircher

December 7th

Richard Pickering

December 9th

Richard Clark

Ivy Beals

December 11th

Gordon Andersen

December 13th

Sue Neumyer

December 14th

Amy Levasseur
Jacqueline Cone-
Auslender

December 15th

Trygve Lund

December 19th

Kevin Wentworth
Kate McGeever
Brian McGeever

December 20th

Zachary Lund

December 22nd

Jo Hills

Nancy Meserve
Daniel Duchaine

December 23rd

Sarah Sullivan

December 24th

Polly Curry
Kaeley Brann

December 25th

Joan Hodsdon
Nancy Drisko
Donna Burnham

December 26th

Roger Wentworth Jr

December 28th

Dale Siulinski
Michael Hopkins
Shawn Nolette
Travis Nolette
Natalie Nolette

December 29th

Kerra Cartwright
Evan Meiler



December 30th

Lynne Siulinski
Carole Macrae

December 31st

Abbey Siulinski





If you are currently an E-Giver and have not already submitted a pledge card to the Generosity Team so that your 2019 pledge can be included in the system, please let the office know. Also, if you need to change the frequency or the amount of your e-gift or would like to enroll in e-giving, please ask for an e-giving form in the church office.

Thank you from the Generosity Team



New Men's Fellowship Group

A group of First Parish men have expressed interest in starting a men's fellowship group to provide a forum for discussing our path of Christian living. Details such as when to meet, study topics, and other logistics will be worked out in a special meeting following the 10:00 A.M. service on Sunday, December 2.

If you are interested in participating in the new group, please plan to attend the initial meeting. Please contact John Grew for more information: grewjd@gmail.com.



JANUARY MESSENGER

If you have any information that you would like put in the January 2018 Messenger, please get it to the Church Office by December 15th.

Thank you so much!

ReadMore Saco

ReadMore Saco Adult Literacy Program is looking for some help. While we are always looking for volunteers willing to become literacy tutors, we could also use a person willing to answer inquiries, schedule evaluations, and plan outreach events. These are the things that will help ReadMore Saco to grow. It would involve perhaps an hour or two a week and much of it could be done from your home. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact the Mission Team or Dorrie Roedner at 468-4669.

OFFICE NEWS



During the Christmas Season and as we get closer to our annual meeting in Jan, the office will become a very active and busy place! In order to meet all the needs of the holidays and the year-end requirements, the staff is in full "busy" mode.

We understand that team members are also busy and trying to finish projects and wrap up year-end requirements.

Therefore, we are asking that you help us in order for us to help you. Please take into consideration the following needs of our church family:

- Please call or email the office if you need to use the printer
(we want to make sure it is available).
- If you would like to meet with me or another staff member, please call ahead and make an appointment.
(We want to make sure we have time for you).
- If you have a project that needs my help, please give me as much leeway as possible. A day or two would be ideal.
(I love helping you with your projects; however, I do have daily duties that I need to get finished first).

Finally, we are asking everyone to be considerate and kind to each other. We have 24+ teams, and everyone has an important job to do. We are a "Church Family," and we need to respect each other and work together so that we can flourish and reach our highest goals.

Thank you so much!

Nadeen

Merry Christmas





Tri-City Community Chorus proudly presents

Holidays and Hallelujahs!

a concert of seasonal favorites, including Beethoven's Hallelujah, a selection of carols by Alfred Burt, and Michael Trotta's In The Bleak Midwinter

Saturday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

First Parish Church, 12 Beach St., Saco, ME

TICKETS: Adults: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door;

Children 6-12: \$5

Ages 5 and under: free

Tickets can be purchased from chorus members, Community Pharmacy in Saco or Biddeford Hannaford



Merry
Christmas

BOOK
CLUB

December 20th, 6:30 p.m.

For the December meeting
There will be a light supper
and 2019 book planning



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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 CHRISTMAS TREE
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 SNOWMAN
 CANDY CANE
 ELF
 WREATH
 BOW
 BELL
 CANDLE
 ANGEL



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December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Gingerbread Fair
<p>2 First Sunday in Advent 8:00 Early Worship 9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry- Parlor 10:00 Worship Services 7:00 GS Trp. #2196-Clrm.5</p>	<p>3 5:00 Bell Choir (Flex. Use Rm.) 6:30 Search Comm. (Conf. Rm) 7:00 Big Book AA (Youth Rm.)</p>	<p>4 9:00 York Association (Parlor) 9:30 WF Workshop (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 Facilities Team (Parlor) 7:00 Voice in Harmony (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>5 10:00 Exercise (Flex. Use Rm.) 6:30 Bell Choir (Flex. Use Rm)</p>	<p>6 3:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Women's Step Mtg. (Youth Rm)</p>	<p>7 3:45 Tri City Community Chorus Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>8 9:30 Mission Team (Parlor) 7:00 Tri City Chorus Concert</p>
<p>9 Second Sunday in Advent Rev. Rick Huleatt Preaching 8:00 Early Worship 9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry- Parlor 10:00 Worship Services 7:00 GS Trp. #2196-Clrm.5</p>	<p>10 5:00 Personnel Comm. (Conf. Rm) 5:00 Bell Choir (Flex. Use Rm.) 6:15 Council Mtg. (Conf. Rm.) 7:00 Big Book AA (Youth Rm)</p>	<p>11 9:30 WF Workshop (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 WF Board Mtg. 6:30 Good News Team (Conf. Rm)</p>	<p>12 10:00 Exercise (Flex. Use Rm.) 6:00 Girl Scouts-Clrm. 1 6:00 Girl Scouts Volunteer (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>13 3:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Women's Step Mtg. (Youth Rm)</p>	<p>14 5:30 Christmas Pageant Dinner</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Third Sunday in Advent 8:00 Early Worship 9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry- Parlor 10:00 Worship Services with Christmas Pageant 7:00 GS Trp. #2196-Clrm.5</p>	<p>17 7:00 Big Book AA (Youth Rm)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10:00 So. ME Theo. Rndtbl.-Conf. Rm 10:00 Exercise-Flex Use Rm.</p>	<p>20 3:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Women's Step Mtg. (Youth Rm) 6:30 Book Club-Parlor</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Fourth Sunday in Advent 8:00 Early Worship 9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry- Parlor 10:00 Worship Services</p>	<p>24 5:00 Family Friendly Service 7:00 Candlelight Service</p>	<p>25 MERRY CHRISTMAS </p>	<p>26 10:00 Exercise (Flex. Use Rm.)</p>	<p>27 3:15 Jr. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Women's Step Mtg. (Youth Rm)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 NO 8:00 AM SERVICE 9:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry- Parlor 10:00 Worship Services</p>	<p>31</p>					

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