



The Messenger



First Parish Congregational Church, Saco

*"A Christ-centered Inclusive Community of Faith
with Love and Hope to Share"*

October, 2022



Founders Day

It has been a tradition for us to recognize the founding of our Church. The first church to be built on the Saco side of the river was finished in 1757. It was built on a site behind Fairfield School, near an old burial ground. It had no permanent minister.

October 13, 1762 we consider our founding or "gathering" date. It was when we hired Reverend Fairfield and the town of Pepperrellborough (Saco) was established. The Church was part of the city government, and remained so till 1903.

Contribution Statement Update

All contribution statements have either been handed out or mailed. We want to let you know that there was a small error in the data. If you have donated to the Diaper Bank you will not see those contributions on the latest statements.

The Diaper Bank was split out from Pastor's Discretionary Fund earlier this year. If your Diaper Bank donations were made during this time period you will find those donations included in Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

If you made Diaper Bank contributions after this time they will be identified specifically as a Diaper Bank contribution.

When we run the year end statements they will show your contributions to the Diaper Bank accordingly. We apologize for the error.

The Investment/Charitable Contributions and Memorial Gifts Team

is looking for additional members for 2023!! We meet 2 to 3 times a year to review current performance and make necessary adjustments.

This is an opportunity to work with a great team that meets 2 to 3 times a year. Learn the ins and outs of our monetary and fiscal policies and support the future financial stability of the Church.

Contact Lynne Siulinski at
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Pumpkin Harvest Festival

Main Street, Saco
October 22

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

See Good News Team article FMI



Scott Cousineau, Senior Minister
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Pastor Scott's Message...

The Pastor's Perspective ...



I am so proud of the First Parish Church family. During the peak of the COVID pandemic you did not quit, you did not withdraw your support, you did not fall away. These last two years have been difficult on all of us in so many ways, but your faithfulness and commitment to the ministries of First Parish remained strong.

The virus is still with us, but we are slowly returning to normal. We are getting more comfortable gathering and interacting with one another. The church calendar that was a wasteland of blank squares a year ago is filling up. We can feel the energy and enthusiasm building. This month we will be offering new member welcome classes and the Confirmation Classes will also begin. We also plan for the return of our 8:00 AM worship service within the next few weeks. We will kick off our Sunday Funday programs and offer more fellowship events for our church family. Our concert series continues with Southern Rail on Saturday, October 29, and rehearsals for 'Into the Woods, Jr.' are well underway. It warms my heart to drive by the church in the evening and see the lights on and the parking lot full!

Our outreach ministries also continue to expand as we engage the community in meaningful ways. In addition to the diaper bank ministry, and the MLK, Jr. Day of Service, we offered the Back-to-School giveaway day at which we helped local families prepare their children for the new school year. We will be hosting an Arabic school on Sunday afternoons for children and adults to learn how to speak English. We truly are embodying the spirit of a church with love and hope to share.

I hope that you are feeling the energy as well. I hope that you are excited about all of the wonderful ministries and programs that we are offering. We are at a threshold period in the life of the church. We recognize that the world around us has changed and we are learning how to engage people in new and meaningful ways. If you have any thoughts or ideas ... please share them with me, or with our church leadership. We are all learning and growing together.

What is more, if you love First Parish Church, and are as excited and proud as I am ... tell someone. Share our story. Invite them to worship or one of our other programs. If you are active on social media share posts about First Parish Church. Share about your children and grandchildren, share about your vacations and your gardens, share what your pets are doing, and share about what your church is doing! Take a photo or a video and post it. Let people know that this is a special place where they will feel welcome. Let them know that this is a place where they can explore and strengthen their relationships with God and Jesus Christ. Tell them that this is a place where they can be a part of a loving and caring community.

First Parish Church is a church with love and hope to share!

Peace,
Scott





Moderator Update



From the Moderator...

As I write this month's message, the Autumn Equinox is upon us. Mainers invariably ask the same question every year where did the summer go? Fall means a return to responsibility ... school, work, home chores, etc. The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are behind us. Time to prepare for the busy season that lies ahead. But that doesn't necessarily imply the thrill is gone. Fall is stunningly beautiful in New England. We are extremely blessed to live here. I hope you all can get out, find a serene place and take in the beauty that surrounds us here in Maine.

I want to provide another update regarding the Organizational Governance Structure Team. You may recall that I have previously explained that it has been recognized that selected elements of the church are not optimized to take advantage of all the great work that the various teams are doing. Items that need our attention include communication between the Council and the Ministries and policy and procedure development. While the endeavors of each team are impressive, the intended mechanism to promote communication between teams is broken. The Council started to consider opportunities for improvement during 2021 and has continued that effort but it became apparent that it's not practical to do at the Council level due to time requirements. So a separate team has been established to focus on considering those opportunities for better aligning with our mission. The team has met and discussions reflect the fact that congregationalism is inherently complex. We may be doing as well as anyone can! We will continue to discuss. However, I would love to hear your thoughts. If you would like to provide input regarding what you feel is important please reach out to me. This work will continue throughout the fall.

Stewardship season is upon us! That time of year where you prayerfully reflect what your faith means to you in the form of a pledge. While we totally appreciate whatever monies you may drop in the offering plate, it's very important that people pledge so the Council can establish a budget for the coming year. It's critically important that we have a strong stewardship season whereas you may recall that we approved a deficit budget at the Annual Affirmation Meeting this year.

Also, as Amy has requested, all team chairs must submit their lean budgets by October 15th. And along that note please "save the date" of October 26th. I plan to invite all team chairs to the October Council meeting on that date to discuss budgets and organizational structure.

Blessings and peace, Dale Siulinski





Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful September days we have had, with a hint of crisp Autumn months ahead!

Name Tags

We continue to be blessed with visitors and friends at First Parish, who are looking to make our church (and community) their home! To assist in welcoming our guests, we appreciate all of you who are making an effort to wear your name tags on Sunday mornings! Now that we're "back" for a new program year, please consider wearing yours, as well, if you haven't. Sue Burgess, has created new ones for everyone, so if you're missing yours, please check the name tag holder in the Atrium.

Just a reminder that it would be great if parishioners would keep their name tag on for coffee hour, following the service, and if choir members would wear name tags then, as well. As you may imagine, staying for coffee hour may be somewhat intimidating for visitors and new members. It can often be made more comfortable when approaching someone who's simply wearing a name tag!

To celebrate all those who wear a name tag, **October 30th is being designated as Name Tag Day!** On this day, parishioners wearing their name tags will be "rewarded" after worship with a Hershey's chocolate kiss! (Apples will be provided for those with an allergy to any of the chocolate kiss ingredients.) We thought this would be a fun activity, with Halloween just around the corner!

In Appreciation

Recently our church held two Celebrations of Life for newly departed members of our church. Having thanked members of the Diaconate who assisted Pastor Scott, we'd like to now offer our appreciation to the following members of the Women's Fellowship, who form a core group of women who coordinate and host receptions that often follow a funeral or Celebration of Life. (As you may know, this includes carrying out many relative tasks.) These members include:

Martha Perkins
Sue Neumyer
Lorie Faubert
Carol Spencer Lemay
Maureen O'Donnell
Glen Ellen Roth
Aldene Walters



Thank you for your generosity of time and effort in supporting members of our church family, particularly in their time of grief.

We look forward to seeing you in church,
Margery Condon and Dan Carter,
Diaconate Co-Chairpersons





Music Ministry

From Our Music Director

jacqui@firstparishsaco.org

Junior Choir begins!!!



October 5, 2022

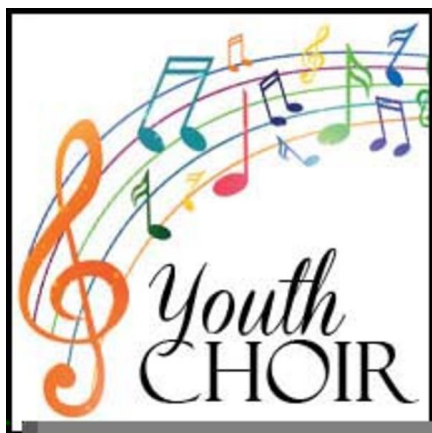
5:15 pm – 5:45 pm

Choir Room (downstairs)



Junior Choir is open to all children from Kindergarten through 5th grades.

For more information please contact Susan Marston at amarsto1@maine.rr.com



Youth Choir

Grades 6 and up

Every Sunday, except the first Sunday of each month
After church for 45 minute rehearsals.

Senior Choir

Rehearsals Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm



Christian Education Team...



Homecoming Sunday was fabulous. Seeing so many of our regular Church school families present and a few new faces was truly the best gift ever. We are so glad to be together. I want to thank our Church school teachers, Christian Education team members and our Moderator and wife for all the setting up, cooking, cleaning up and activities that made our Church Family cook out a BIG success. Thank you to all who were able to be here. If you were unable to be with us this past Sunday we hope to see you soon. **In the meantime, we would like all our parents to fill out Church school registration forms for their child(ren). We ask that you fill out a form for each child, birth (nursery) through Twelfth grade.** This is helpful for many reasons.

1. It helps us in the purchasing of curriculum
2. Helps us determine class size vs. room vs. adults needed
3. Helps to organize age level events, Bible Sunday, VBS, Youth Fellowship.
4. Helps us report attendance to our Church conference.
5. Helps us to know if there are parents wanting their children Baptized
6. **It gives Saco FPUCC permission to video/take pictures of your child(ren) to use on our website, FB page and for other church use.**

Please register your child(ren)

For those families who have registered your child(ren), **Thank you so much.**



You can find this form on the Church website under Christian Education, click on Christian Education and then Christian Education Registration. Thank you.



Celebrate Wonder for the month of Oct. Our Wonder Word is **“Seeking”** and our lessons will focus on the stories of **David and Solomon.**



The Christian Education Team

Many thanks to the team for getting our Church school classrooms ready for the program year. We want to introduce **Jay Salas**. **Jay** will be co-teaching with **Karen Brann** in our Youth Church school class. A high school teacher for many years Jay, comes with an abundance of awesome ideas. Jay lives in Saco with his wife, Glenys and their two boys, Philip and Jack, both of whom have been baby Jesus in our Christmas pageant, 2019 and 2021 respectively. Thank you Jay for answering the Call to teach.

October is a busy month here at First Parish, but, what month isn't? Please see below for our October happenings. We hope that you will join us for many of them.

See you at Church.
Stay safe,

Kris





September Acolytes

September 11 - Dexter Roberge

September 18 - Connor Remillard

September 25 – Cameron Wiggins-Mehlman

All children and youth grades third and up are invited to become Acolytes. Please sign up with Kris.



Jesus says:

*"Let the little
Children come
to me"*

-Matthew 19:14

As of September, Lisa Edstrom and Mary Coyne will be co-Nursery Providers. Helping them in the Nursery for the month of **September** was:

4th	Mary Coyne & Glenys Salas
11th	Lisa Edstrom & Mary Coyne
18 th	Mary Coyne & Lindsey Martel
25 th	Lisa Edstrom & Glenys Salas

Thank you to all who have signed up for helping in our Nursery. Our new sign-up sheet for the Fall and Winter is up and we hope you will continue your generosity by signing up.

"It's Only One Sunday!"

First Parish Christian Education Team appreciates your time. **Thank you**

October Happenings

Confirmation informational gathering.



All youth grades nine and up are invited to join us on Sunday, October 2 at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Parents and youth are both encouraged to attend. This is just an informational meeting.



Bible Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, **October 23rd** during the 10am worship service. All third graders will receive their Bibles.



Sunday Fun Day

Something new this year is our Sunday, Fun Day. When the month gives us a fifth Sunday we are going to have a Fun Day. That happens this month so Oct 30 we will have a Fall Festival complete with games, prizes, candy and costumes. More info will be coming soon. This will take place right after worship



Homecoming Sunday Happenings





From Your Investment Team...



Tax-Saving Strategies That Support Our Church Donating Appreciated Stock or Unneeded Retirement Distributions

Do you own stock in a company that you are hesitant to sell due to the tax implications? Are you required to take an RMD from your retirement account even if you don't need the money? If so, here are some tax-saving tips to help you save on your tax bill while also supporting our church.

Donating Appreciated Stock

If you own shares of a publicly traded stock that has gone up in value, you are required to pay taxes on the amount of the gain when you sell those shares. If the stock has appreciated greatly, the taxes on the sale could be significant.

Instead of selling those shares and receiving a tax bill, members of the congregation can gift those shares to the church in lieu of a cash donation. By donating the shares to the church, the individual gifting the shares can get a tax deduction based on the market value of the shares gifted to the church. Due to the church's 501(c)(3) tax status, the church benefits by selling those shares for no taxable gain. The church can then use those funds for vital church operations.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you have reached age 70.5 and have an IRA, you may benefit from donating all or a portion of your IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) to the church. By making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), you may avoid tax on your RMD to the extent of the QCD.

Tax laws require taxpayers who have reached age 72 and own an IRA, to take RMDs annually. These distributions are normally taxable. You may avoid the tax on your RMD to the extent that you make gifts directly from your IRA to the church. The gift must be made directly from the IRA custodian to the church (although a check can be made out to the church as payee and physically delivered by the taxpayer). For more information, here is an article further explaining QCDs:

<https://www.robinsonsmithwealth.com/blog/why-you-should-consider-using-your-ira-rmd-for-charitable-gifts>

The church's Investment Team is available to assist with coordinating any donations of stock or QCDs. Please contact any member of the Investment Team for more information. Please check with your tax professional and/or financial advisor to determine if a donation of stock or QCDs may be beneficial for you.

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This new article in "The Messenger" will focus on our different teams and groups here at First Parish. We hope this will bring more understanding to you and provide information as to what each team does, when they meet, and the current members of the team. Perhaps it may pique your interest enough to join a team and help First Parish keep the light shining for all to see.

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**Church Historian**

You might ask why do we have a church Historian. The answer is simple. It is to maintain and add to the wealth of knowledge of our Church's long history. Our beginning was more than 250 years ago. That places us before the Revolutionary War.

It is amazing the records we have. We have a separate file of every Minister since the original founding. We have documents of key times in our church life, such as the building of each building on this site and our separation from the City of Saco, in 1902. We have a large collection of photographs of the 2000 fire and the construction of this current building. Every year old documents come in from past members and families that need to be filed. Some very old documents I've scanned into computer files. There are also artifacts. Some are on display in the narthex while others are in my office.

I also try to keep people informed about significant dates. Major anniversaries such as Founders Day and things related to the fire such as our march from Thornton Academy to this new building. Sometimes I look up information of births, marriages etc.

The Historian has the authority to form ad hoc committees for special functions, such as organizing the celebration of major anniversaries.

It's an interesting position and provides links to our past.

Historian  
Tony Nero

# Flower and Altar Update



## Fall Cleaning Time

We will be cleaning the closet in the back of the Sanctuary on Saturday, October 22nd . As always, items find their way into the closet that don't belong or aren't properly put away. If you or your team have items that do not belong in the closet or have not been replaced on the shelves, please take care of them. We hope to create more organized space for access and storage.

The 2022 Altar Flower Sign Up Sheets are available outside the church office. You can also contact Patrice Tripp at 207-509-1109 or [rtripp@maine.rr.com](mailto:rtripp@maine.rr.com) or Marcia Lord at 207-768-1699 or [mvlord@aol.com](mailto:mvlord@aol.com)

## Altar Flowers given for the Month of September

September 4th - Given by Marianne & Eddie Cook in Memory of Marianne's parents, Charles & Priscilla Clement and her sister, Suzanne Clement

September 11th - Given by Hewes Family Flower Fund in Memory of John Hewes

September 18th - Given by Charles & Debra Clark Memorial Flower Fund in Memory of Doris Clark

September 25th - Given in Loving Memory of Marilyn Jane Chaffee by her loving husband, Jeff Chaffee, on what would have been their 40th Wedding Anniversary.



## Good News Team Update

The Good News Team is very excited to be participating in Saco's Pumpkin Festival for the first time in over 2 years! The festival is an amazing opportunity to connect with our neighbors downtown and families throughout the community. The festival runs from 11 am to 4 pm on October 22nd, so we'll need people willing to assist for 2 hour shifts. First Parish will have a cornhole game, candy, and hot apple cider (or cold if we run out). Visit [facebook.com/events/364507662548628](https://facebook.com/events/364507662548628) for more information.





# Mission Team Update

FMI – Carol Spencer-Lemay  
SpencerLemay2@gmail.com



Don't forget to donate to the Saco Food Pantry if you are able. The need is great.



The Saco Food Pantry is highlighting the need for the following items this month:

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Complete Pancake Mix        | Canned Beef Stew |
| Hearty Soups/stews/chowders | Syrup            |
| Instant Cocoa Packets       | Chili            |
| Instant Oatmeal             |                  |

## What is **NEIGHBORS IN NEED?**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (RECAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

**When is the collection?** The offering is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, but you may donate at any time of the year by making a check out to First Parish Congregational Church, with NIN in the memo line, or give online at [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin). Envelopes for NIN donations will be provided.

## BON APPETIT

You may sign up to volunteer for this weekday community meal program on the bulletin board near the church office, or contact Carol Spencer-Lemay at (207) 229-1902 or [spencerlemay2@gmail.com](mailto:spencerlemay2@gmail.com) to see if she can carpool with you. Volunteers help prepare the meal and/or serve the food and clean up. For more information, visit [bonappetitmealprogram.com](http://bonappetitmealprogram.com)

**WHEN:** Any Monday(s) in October, 2 to 4 pm and/or 3 to 6 pm

**WHERE:** Second Congregational Church, 19 Crescent St, Biddeford, Maine



**American Red Cross**

**You can save a life  
by giving blood!**

**WHERE?** First Parish Congregational Church, Saco, Maine

**WHEN?** Saturday, October 22, 2022, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter **Saco UCC** in the box. Then click on the box to select a time. If you are unable to donate on 9-22-2022, then you can select another date by entering your zip code into the box. Or call **1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-7267)**. Also, Carol SpencerLemay will usually be available after the Sunday service to register you on the Red Cross website.

## September Messenger Correction

**Daisy's Children** Nutrition Center was closed in July due to lack of funds. During Covid, a large decrease in donations were received because churches were not open. In addition, the cost of food and supplies increased substantially. The Board and directors of Daisy's Children have a goal of raising \$20,000 by January, and if that goal is reached, then Daisy's Children will be able to operate again for another 6 months. If you would like to donate, make checks out to **First Parish Congregational Church**, with **Daisy's Children** in the memo line, or donate at [daisyschildren.org](http://daisyschildren.org).

# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATE



## The Gingerbread Fair December 3, 2022!!!



Plans for the Gingerbread Fair (December 3rd) are moving along nicely. Happily, more folks are joining us for our Tuesday morning workshop from 9:00 to 11:00 to work on projects, knit, crochet or just sit and chat and come up with new ideas for our table. We are still hoping to find a person(s) to be the "go to" for the fair. All the tables have at least one person to manage them, so that is a huge step in the right direction.

Please feel free to contact Glen Ellen Roth (207-229-3196 or [droth@maine.rr.com](mailto:droth@maine.rr.com)) if you have any questions.

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Did you read a lot of books during COVID?
Did you put together a lot of puzzles during the shut down?
How about board games or card games?
Would you like to help raise some money and recycle these gently used items?

Lorie Faubert and Karen Donoghue are going to be collecting books, puzzles and games for their table at the Gingerbread Fair!

If you'd like to donate any of these items, please contact Lorie or Karen at the following:

lfaubertme@gmail.com or (540) 454-5456
donoghuekarene@gmail.com or (603) 641-6834

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### BOUTIQUE at GINGERBREAD FAIR

Do you have jewelry, scarves, purses, jewelry boxes, unopened make-up, lotions, or similar items that you are not using? Please donate them to the Women's Fellowship to sell at the Gingerbread Fair! You may leave the items at the office, or contact Carol Spencer-Lemay at [spencerlemay2@gmail.com](mailto:spencerlemay2@gmail.com) or (207) 229-1902. Or, you can help us price the jewelry - we would love to have more help. We never know what treasures will be given to us!



# WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

**WHAT IS IT???** Tuesday morning “workshop”  
9:00-11:00 (time is approximate)

Do you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea? Do you like to chat? How about creating something? You could learn how to turn this into this:



Each Tuesday morning, there is a gathering of women who knit, crochet, and do other handwork. The Gingerbread Fair is coming - December 3rd - this event is anticipated with joy after a few years hiatus.

We are currently working on “Repurposing for a Purpose” projects. Attractive, durable, and useful bags can be made from a variety of feed bags! Old t-shirts can become pot holders! How can this be? Come and find out...or ask around.

The time is a bit fluid...some people arrive at 9:00... others come a bit later... generally, things wind up around 11:00... it’s a fun way to get to know each other while working on fun projects!

The time isn’t perfect for everyone, but it’s something with a steady following over the years. If you can help out with the fair another way, please add your name to the large poster that’s available in the atrium.





# First Parish Concert Series

## 2022

All shows begin at 7:00 pm

Tickets \$10.00

FMI visit [www.firstparishsaco.org](http://www.firstparishsaco.org)

or call 207-283-3771

June 26<sup>th</sup>  
Jazz Night with  
Chris Humphrey Quartet



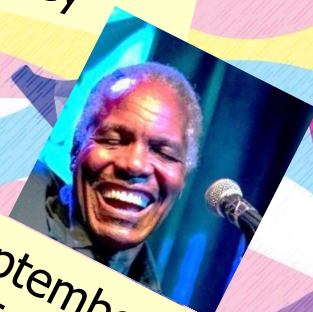
July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Folk Night with  
Bold Riley



August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Classical Music  
Joel Pierce



September 25<sup>th</sup>  
An Evening with  
Rodney Mashia



October 29<sup>th</sup>  
Blue Grass with  
Southern Rail



December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Jazz with  
Chris Humphrey  
14 piece Jazz Ensemble



# Calling All Patrons of the Arts!

We need **you**! As you likely are aware, we will be offering an intergenerational performance of "Into the Woods, Jr." in November. It is an exciting endeavor for our church family! Half of the members of the cast are from the community. In order to make this a successful show, we need your support.

## We need:

**Costume Makers** - If you are handy with a sewing machine, we will need some assistance creating costumes.

**Prop Masters** - We are going to keep the production fairly simple, but will need to come up with some props.

**Set builders and dressers** - The set is being designed by a very gifted professional set designer, but we will need your assistance to build it. We will also need some folks to help decorate the set.

**Donors** - Everything listed above is going to cost money. If you are able, please consider making a donation to support our production. We thank you all for your support. If you have any questions, please speak with Jacqui or Pastor Scott.



# INTO THE WOODS JR.





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## Into the Woods Fundraising Dinner

*Join us for a dinner which will include hearing some of the music from the singers and actors in the show!*

- **Where:** First Parish Congregational Church, Saco
- **When:** Saturday, October 15th, 6PM
- **Registration:** \$25.00 per person to benefit the cost of putting on the show. Limited to the first 50 people to sign up.

To Register CLICK HERE--

> [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc25Acd8dCdul0rBbWCU-zE19CPdtOH1YU-2PY7XrsEPJUmiA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc25Acd8dCdul0rBbWCU-zE19CPdtOH1YU-2PY7XrsEPJUmiA/viewform?usp=sf_link) or contact the Church Office.





**Community Hymn Sing!**  
**October 30, 2022 4:00pm**  
**Woodfords Church**  
**202 Woodfords Street**  
**Portland, Maine**

Woodfords Congregational Church is celebrating its 150th Anniversary year. Music has always been an important part in the life and ministry of the church. For many years, Woodfords has supported and been the home for many community music organizations, concert programs and events. We continue this celebration with an afternoon community hymn sing!

Cultural traditions and generations have their roots in the songs of the church. Hymn texts and melodies from the souls of our ancestors fill our music memories and repertoires. We will sing together music from varied German, English, Evangelical, Gospel, Jazz, Contemporary sources and genres. Our voices will be accompanied by organ, piano, trumpet, saxophone, and a variety of percussion instruments!

Come celebrate our 150th Anniversary by joining us and raising your voice in an inspirational afternoon of song!







For more information contact:

Paul Schnell, Director of Music/Organist  
[music@woodfordschurch.org](mailto:music@woodfordschurch.org)  
[www.woodfordschurch.org](http://www.woodfordschurch.org)



Looking for things to do in the area? Check out  
[www.pressherald.com/things-to-do/do-this-calendar](http://www.pressherald.com/things-to-do/do-this-calendar)  
You can search by date, within a number of miles... you'll be amazed at  
what is happening in Maine!



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                                         | Tuesday                                                                                                         | Wednesday                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                   | Saturday                                                                        |
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| 2<br>8am Service<br>8:50am CE Team<br>10am Service<br>11:30am M&A<br>1pm TV Service<br>3pm Islamic School<br>3pm Pot Luck at Salas home                   | 3<br>9am Counters<br><br><br><br><br>6:30pm Big Book                                                                           | 4<br>9:30am Women's Fellowship Workshop<br>6:30pm Facilities via Teams<br>7pm Book Club<br>7pm Men's Fellowship | 5<br><br>4pm Diaper Bank<br>5:15pm Jr Choir<br>6pm Girl Scouts<br>7pm Sr Choir                                                        | 6<br>9am TOHG<br><br>3:30pm Guiding Eyes<br><br>6p ITW Rehearsal                                                             | 7<br> | 8<br><br>12pm ITW Rehearsal                                                     |
| 9<br>8am Service<br>10am Service<br>11:15am Youth Choir<br>11:30am New Member info session<br>12p ITW Rehearsal<br>1pm TV Service<br>3pm Islamic School   | 10<br>Bank Holiday<br><br><br>6:30pm Big Book | 11<br>9am Counters<br>9:30am Women's Fellowship Workshop<br><br><br>7pm Men's Fellowship                        | 12<br>4pm Diaper Bank<br>5:15pm Jr Choir<br>6:00pm Girl Scouts<br>6:30pm Finance Team via Zoom<br>6:30pm Mission Team<br>7pm Sr Choir | 13<br>9am TOHG<br><br><br>6p ITW Rehearsal | 14                                                                                       | 15<br><br>12pm ITW Rehearsal<br><br>6pm ITW Fund Raising Dinner                 |
| 16<br>8am Service<br>10am Service<br>11:15am Youth Choir<br>11am ITW Staff<br>1pm TV Service<br>3pm Islamic School                                        | 17<br>9am Counters<br><br><br><br><br>6:30pm Big Book                                                                          | 18<br>9:30am Women's Fellowship Workshop<br><br>7pm Men's Fellowship                                            | 19<br>4pm Diaper Bank<br>5:15pm Jr Choir<br>6pm Girl Scouts<br>6:30pm Diaconate<br>7pm – Sr Choir                                     | 20<br>9am TOHG<br>3:30pm Guiding Eyes<br>6p ITW Rehearsal<br>7pm GNT                                                         | 21                                                                                       | 22<br>8am Red Cross Blood Drive<br><br>12pm ITW Rehearsal<br>3pm Halloween Bash |
| 23<br>8am Service<br>10am Service<br>11:15am Youth Choir<br>11:30am New Member info session<br>12pm ITW Rehearsal<br>1pm TV Service<br>3pm Islamic School | 24<br>9am Counters<br><br><br><br><br>6:30pm Big Book                                                                          | 25<br>9:30am Women's Fellowship Workshop<br><br>6:30pm Personnel Team<br>7pm Men's Fellowship                   | 26<br>4pm Diaper Bank<br>5:15pm Jr Choir<br>6pm Girl Scouts<br>6:30 pm Council<br>7pm Sr Choir                                        | 27<br>9am TOHG<br><br>6p ITW Rehearsal                                                                                       | 28                                                                                       | 29<br><br><b>7pm Concert with Southern Rail</b>                                 |
| 30<br>8am Service<br>10am Service<br>11:15am Youth Choir<br>12pm ITW Rehearsal<br>1pm TV Service<br>3pm Islamic School                                    | 31<br><b>Halloween</b><br>9am Counters<br><br><br>6:00pm Big Book                                                              |                              |                                                   |                                                                                                                              |     |                                                                                 |

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