

The Messenger

First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

The Church with Love &
Hope to Share

2018

SEPTEMBER



The Church Office will
be Closed on Monday,
September 3rd

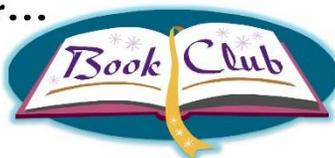


Deadline for Team
Budgets is October 1st



Bean Supper
Saturday, September 8th
5-6:30 PM

Book Club is
for...



...you!

Book Club
Wednesday,
September 19th
6:00PM



Church School Starts
Sunday, September 9th



September Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 11th
9:30 a.m. – Church Parlor

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"Stories of Love to Share"

"Stories of Love to Share" is the theme for this year's Annual Meeting of the Maine Conference, United Church of Christ, which First Parish will host here on October 26- 27th, 2018. This theme is closely connected to the theme of the UCC which is "Three Great Loves: Love of Neighbor, Love of Creation, and Love of Children."

Our Conference Annual Meeting will focus on telling stories of love as revealed in the lives of individuals, local churches, biblical characters, the associations and our wider Maine conference. Stories are the life blood of faith communities. And we are all storytellers at heart.

There will be lots of learning, loving, fun and excellent food (provided by our Meal Ministry team) and great worship opportunities. Jacqueline Savage our music director will teach an anthem during one of the afternoon workshops (all are welcome to join in!) which will be performed during the closing worship on Saturday afternoon. Join us, to see folks from around the conference, and to make new connections and friends in faith.

There are lots of ways that the members of our church will be able to volunteer to help make this a wonderful event for our entire Maine Conference. Opportunities for all levels of help will be advertised and announced soon! Feel free to reach out to Norma Gorham and Glen Ellen Roth to see how you can join the fun!

In faith,
Rev. Deborah

Generosity Team 2018

(formerly Stewardship Team)

The Generosity Team is preparing for Consecration Sunday, November 11th, 2018. This year the team will contact church members and friends through fellowship phone calls. The calls will be made during the week of October 7th through the 14th. The Generosity Team will gather in the Atrium of First Parish and will work from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to reach out to everyone. Please plan to share any ideas, comments or questions you may have about the life of our church and about pledging. We will try our best to answer any questions you might have, or get back to you with information you might request.



Deacons' Corner

Greetings from the Diaconate of First Parish Church. We are so pleased with the positive response to our greeter recruitment effort! Many of you have gladly agreed to be the "first face of the church" on these warm summer Sundays, and your participation is heartwarming. We believe it's a sign of good things to come for First Parish! We will continue sending out postcard requests in the coming months; sooner or later, everyone will get one! If you can't do it on the date requested, we will be glad to work with you and set up a different date. Your Diaconate is always open to your suggestions and comments about issues of worship and welcoming. Contact any of us if you have an idea or a question. We'd love to hear from you!

Nadine Russell, co-chair



DID YOU KNOW...

- That Women's Fellowship was originally called Tri-U, which then became The Madissa's and finally, as we know it today, Women's Fellowship.
- That all the money that Women's Fellowship raises goes to First Parish and local charities that are supported by First Parish.
- That every woman who attends First Parish is welcome at all Women's Fellowship meetings and gatherings, including our monthly board meetings.
- That there is a Women's Fellowship workshop held every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 to work on projects for the Gingerbread Fair. We welcome anyone who would like to join our creative team, even if you think you have no crafting skills, we can find something for you to do!



Please consider joining our hard working but fun loving group



Music Ministry

Music Director: Jacqueline Savage

I have been excitedly planning for the Fall months at First Parish ☺ I'm looking forward to working with the Senior, Junior, and Youth Choirs again and will also be happy to be back to regular rehearsals! I just adore Fall in Maine!!

Choir Rehearsal Dates

- Rehearsals for the Senior Choir start back up on **Thursday September 6th**!
- Senior Choir's first Sunday back will be **HOMECOMING SUNDAY** (Sunday Sept. 9th)
- The Youth Choir will start rehearsals again on **Sunday September 16th @11:30-12**. Rehearsals will be every Sunday except the first Sunday of each month and Scout Heath will be accompanying this year!!
- The Junior Choir will be rehearsing again starting on **Thursday September 27th** with Mrs. Marston ☺

Meet the Musician: Scout Heath

Scout is currently Jacqui's assistant for her studio in Falmouth but has also been assisting her in the 8:00AM service on Sundays by serving as Cantor. Scout will be helping Jacqui a bit more this year by accompanying the Youth Choir and assisting with rehearsals.

Scout is 21 and currently a junior at Maine College of Art, where they are majoring in Digital Media and minoring in Music Production. They have taken voice and piano lessons since they were 8 years old, starting with Jacqui when they were about 11. Scout also has perfect pitch, a rare ability to identify notes just by hearing them. They are blessed to have this gift, as it has been one of the major contributors to their passion for music. Scout's other hobbies include drawing, animating, theater, baking, playing video games, watching Let's Plays on YouTube, and being an all-around geek about crazy things like airplanes and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. They love listening to all kinds of music, especially alternative rock and metal. Their favorite band is, without question, the Beatles, one of which they borrow the middle name Harrison from, though Janelle Monáe is a close second. They appreciate this opportunity immensely and are so lucky that their first job is in the field of their highest interest. Scout hopes to someday become a famous singer/songwriter and is so excited about what their musical future holds!



**Scout prefers to be referred to as gender neutral, using the pronouns they/them/their. We welcome Scout's diversity to our open and affirming church here at First Parish.*



**Christian
Education
Director**

As we say “good bye” to summer we once again have the opportunity for a new program year before us. I am looking forward to seeing everyone’s smiling face as we begin

Church School.

Homecoming Sunday, September 9th is the beginning of our age level Church school classes. The Christian Education team will be very busy cleaning and preparing the classrooms on Saturday, September 8^h.



Attention all Backpacks, Briefcases and “work Bags”

On this Homecoming Sunday we would like to do a special Blessing of any backpacks,



briefcases or “work” bags. As you come to worship that morning please



bring your “tools” (backpack, briefcase, work bag) with you and place on the chancel. Ask a deacon to guide you please.



We hope that parents will help us out by registering children on the church website. We will have hard

copies available at church. All parents will need to sign their child(ren)’s registration forms. To register:

www.firstparishsaco.org and click on Ministries and Christian Education.

“Why it is important to register your child(ren) for Church school?”

- To have the proper information (email and snail mail etc) so we can keep people informed.
- To know who is age eligible for different programs, for example: 3rd grade Bibles,
- To make sure the classroom size fits the class size
- Our Maine conference keeps church census (as does First Parish).
- To provide for any medical issues, i.e. peanut allergies, food allergies etc.
- To know how much curriculum to purchase. Curriculum is a major piece of our Christian Education budget. We buy depending on number of students registered in our classes

See you at Church school,

Kris



*Coming
in October*

High School Autumn Weekend
at Pilgrim Lodge

September 14-16th

Third Grade Bible Breakfast,
October 21st

Apple Picking and Corn Maze trips



The Christian Education Team needs YOUR help! We have all but

two teachers for our Fall Quarter of Church school. Could you be that one teacher? If so, please let Kris, or a member of the team, know. Thank you to everyone that signed up to teach this Fall quarter. They are:

PreK & Kindergarten & Grade 1

Linda Lambert & _____

Grades 2 & 3 & 4

Heather Nolette & _____

Grades 5 & 6 & 7

Jane and Rick Campbell

Grades 8 & 9-12

Karen Brann & Brian Doyle



“Who’s Going to Pilgrim Lodge” PL is winding down for the summer but we have 3families attending **Family**

Camp over Labor Day Weekend. The **DiMatteos (Chris, Allison, Anna and Simon), the Guerrette’s (Tim, Hope and Sage) and Mehlman/Wiggins (Hal, Wesley and Cameron . Lynn Beals, Michelle Fiske, Hope Guerrette and Carole Macrae** will be attending **Women’s Autumn Weekend, September 14-16th.**

We look forward to PL in 2019



Jesus says: “Let the little Children come to me”

-Matthew 19:14

Helping Lisa Edstrom in the Nursery for the month of **August** was:

- 5th **Mary Coyne**
- 12th **Carol Spencer Lemay**
- 19st **Jon Edstrom**
- 26th **Jo Nancy Gunn**

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



Sunshine Buckets

Our service project for Vacation Bible School this year was making **Sunshine Buckets.** These buckets are being given to shut ins by our First Parish Calling Committee. Each bucket contains a note pad, First Parish pen, bookmark, hard candies, kleenex pack, a hand chap stick. children the made the



kleenex magnet and sanitizer or The decorated buckets and bookmarks.

Below are pictures of a few of our First Parish people receiving their buckets. Since they have been such a ray of light for our shut ins we would like to make more. We are seeking donations of the following items: individual kleenex packets, small hand sanitizers and chapstick

Thank you.

Bean Supper



First Parish Congregational Church
12 Beach Street, Saco
(Corner of Beach & Main Streets)

When: Saturday, September 8, 2018
Serving from 5:00-6:30PM

Cost: \$8.00 for Adult
\$4.00 for Children ages 6-12
Children under 6 years old are free

Menu: Pea Beans, Kidney Beans, Hot Dogs,
Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw,
Brown Bread/Dinner Rolls,
Desserts, Beverages



"Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty will be discussed at the next FPC book club meeting on **September 19th at 6:00 PM in the parlor**. Light refreshments are served. Everyone is welcome to attend and newcomers are encouraged.

The reading list for the rest of 2018, is as follows:

September

"Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty

October

"Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly

November

"Tell My Sons: A Father's Last Letter"
by Mark M. Webber

December

Social Meal and 2019 Planning

FMI please contact Glen Ellen Roth at
droth@maine.rr.com

flower & Altar

Flowers: *Thank you* to all who have graced our sanctuary with flowers each week. Our sign-up sheets, by the church office door, are full for September. Check out October, November and December. Are we really so close to Fall?!

Altar: We continue using Green paraments during this Ordinary Time in the season of Pentecost. A Peace candle has recently been placed on the Communion table. During the prayer time, we are invited to greet one another with the Peace of Christ as the candle is lit. It is intended as a visual reminder that we seek to be peace makers in our world, following the example of Jesus the Christ, the Prince of Peace.



**The Gingerbread Fair
is COMING!**

Saturday, December 1st

SAVE THE DATE

The Gingerbread Fair is a special time to open our doors and kick off the holiday season! Last year's live music was very well received.... There are many out there with loads of talent to share: instrumental or vocals are encouraged to participate!

Consumable items are very popular with attendees: pies, breads, muffins, cookies, candy, fudge, and casseroles all ran out early last year. Let's all pitch in to stock these tables full.

Please stay tuned with updates in the Messenger and the weekly bulletin, too.

Suggestions? Want to be involved? It's fun!

All new ideas are welcome!!!

Please be in touch:
sue5173@gmail.com

Thanks! Sue Neumyer



September 2nd

Celia Chandler-Smith
Glenn Baker
Paige Allen

September 6th

Lauren Roedner

September 7th

Alex Pickering

September 8th

Heather MacLean
JD Decker
Taj Hjort

September 9th

Luce DesRoberts

September 10th

Jacob Allen

September 11th

Linda Dickson

September 12th

Marianne Cook
Peter Mohlin

September 13th

Jean Johnson

September 16th

David Johnston
Vanessa Johnston

September 17th

Keith Meiler
Alex Savage

September 18th

Brenda MacDonald
Lori Smith
Katie Collard

September 19th

Allen Sicard
Stella Wells
Peter Galasyn

September 20th

Brian Doyle
Jon Edstorm
Alice Browne

September 21st

Carole Nero
Meg Pickering
Inga Browne

September 22nd

Annie Gorman

September 23rd

Robert Begin

September 24th

Charlotte Lapham
Marietta Andersen
Victoria Shaw
Lauren Lizotte

September 25th

Abigail Mohlin

September 27th

Carol Connelly
Pricilla Baker

September 28th

Marjorie Belanger
Milo Decker

September 29th

Jennifer Poore

September 30th

Gregory Galasyn



HELLO FROM THE GOOD NEWS TEAM

On Tuesday Evening August 14th, a small but enthusiastic group of Four Seasons fans from First Parish gathered at the Pavilion in OOB. We had come to hear the music in a concert titled, "Let's Hang On," a Frankie Valli Tribute.

If you have seen the play/movie Jersey Boys then you know the type of music we heard. It was rich with harmony and the one-of-a-kind Valli falsetto. The concert included some of the group's greatest hits like; Rag Doll, Can't Take My Eyes Off of You, My Eyes Adored You, and of course, Let's Hang On. The group was backed up by the Piano, Drums, a Bass Guitar and from Boston, a Lead Guitar player, plus two Female singers who lifted their voices singing tunes from artists like Petula Clark and Nancy Sinatra.

The Salvation Army's Pavilion in OOB is a wonderful outdoor concert amphitheater that seats 1,400 people. The acoustics are outstanding and the seats comfortable. Colorful gardens surround the facility and rest rooms are accessible and clean. If you haven't seen a show there you should, and if you have, then you know what I'm talking about.

In 2019, there will be a Beatles-tribute Concert on July 19th. First Parish Music lovers, mark your calendars now, Jane and I have.

Rick Campbell



If this article could talk it would say...**"Please read me."**

This Summer Al and Mary Sicard represented First Parish Church at the Music in the Parking Lot Series. Mary baked her famous cookies and Al sold these delectable treats and also ice cold bottles of Water. I want to acknowledge their hard work and thank them here in public this forum. But you know what, I think that they are feeling very good and glad that they volunteered.

You may ask, "Why?" and maybe, "How does this activity pass along the Good News of Jesus Christ?" Good questions...We think the activities in which we participate, 'Start the Conversation.' Many people are a little taken back when we give away watermelon and cold water at the Art Festival. "Free! Why?" but they don't forget our act of kindness. They even look for us the next year.

Other people are grateful and happy for our presence at the Memorial Day Parade. We honor our fallen soldiers and their families; We are showing the community that we care about them too. Further, our actions show people that we are a church community that is involved outside of our four walls. **We believe** those walls should have large doors in them that work in two ways. One way is of open invitation and welcome as entrances AND the Second way is as exits that allow us access to our community. We are available to participate in their lives, to show kindness and love in respects, like our Lord Jesus did. Then the conversations begin. Do you want to be part of this movement? Not only talk about Jesus's love, but to be living examples of it.? Then you, may want join us at our next event.

While you are laughing and being part of a solution, as children toss bean bags at Jonah's Great Fish and Goliath's mouths, if you are like me, you will realize this is good and you too may feel Jesus's presence.

JOIN US FOR:

The October Pumpkin Fest on October 20th from 11-3:00. We have had a booth for the past two years where we had a bean bag toss game for the children with candy prizes. They are usually dressed in Halloween costumes. We all have a very fun time.

Also another opportunity:

The Parade of Lights on December 8th. We have participated as a church before but not recently. It does offer a chance for us to have a Float or maybe a choir singing Carols. What do you think???

We are open to your ideas and of course participation in one or more of these events. These events give us an opportunity to spread the Good News of our Lord Jesus through our actions and potential invitation to First Parish.

Speaking of invitation, we are going to have another Invitation Sunday this year. It will probably be held in The Fall. Last time we did this Sunday we had a Bowling outing afterwards and over forty people came to our church by invitation.

Do you have a special event happening at First Parish? Or an event that happens regularly...Please give us a heads up. Contact Fred Connelly, Al Sicard, Jon Edison or me. Give the details and we will get Facebook activated, News Papers, E-Blast, maybe even the TV News. We ask that you give us plenty of time to get the word out so don't be shy!

Last for today, if you are looking for a **great Team to join**, we may be just what you are looking for. There is no special knowledge required! We have fun, we will teach you and we have awesome meetings. Please contact me at papagnome@aol.com or call me Rick Campbell at 207-831-1425. If I am not answering, leave a message, I will get back to you and you will be glad.

Thank you for your time!

Events Schedule

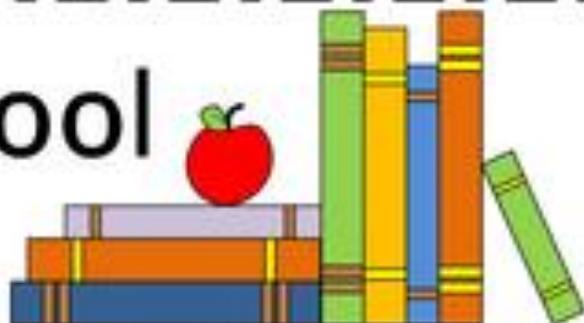
Time	Event Name	Event Type	Room(s)
Monday, September 3, 2018			
06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Personnel Committee	Small Group	Conference
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book AA		Youth Room
Tuesday, September 4, 2018			
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF Workshop	Small Group	Fellowship Hall
05:45 PM - 08:30 PM	Voices in Harmony		
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Search Committee	Small Group	Conference
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Facilities Team Mtg.	Small Group	Parlor
Thursday, September 6, 2018			
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Women's Step Mtg.		Youth Room
Saturday, September 8, 2018			
08:00 AM - 07:30 PM	Bean Supper		Fellowship Hall Kitchen
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	ME Conf. Planning	Small Group	Conference
Monday, September 10, 2018			
04:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Pastoral Relations	Small Group	
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Church Council	Small Group	Conference
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book AA		Youth Room
Tuesday, September 11, 2018			
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF Workshop	Small Group	Fellowship Hall
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF Board Meeting	Small Group	
05:45 PM - 08:30 PM	Voices in Harmony		
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Search Committee	Small Group	Conference
Thursday, September 13, 2018			
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Women's Step Mtg.		Youth Room
Saturday, September 15, 2018			
01:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Musical Event		Atrium Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
Monday, September 17, 2018			
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book AA		Youth Room
Tuesday, September 18, 2018			
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF Workshop	Small Group	Fellowship Hall
05:45 PM - 08:30 PM	Voices in Harmony		
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Search Committee	Small Group	Conference
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Good News Team		Parlor
Wednesday, September 19, 2018			
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	So, ME Theo. Rndtbl	Small Group	Conference
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Book Club	Small Group	Parlor
Thursday, September 20, 2018			
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Women's Step Mtg.		Youth Room

Events Schedule

Time	Event Name	Event Type	Room(s)
Friday, September 21, 2018			
06:30 PM - 09:00 PM	Diaconate	Small Group	Conference
Monday, September 24, 2018			
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Church Admin. Group	Small Group	Parlor
07:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book AA		Youth Room
Tuesday, September 25, 2018			
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF Workshop	Small Group	Fellowship Hall
05:45 PM - 08:30 PM	Voices in Harmony		
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Search Committee	Small Group	Conference
Wednesday, September 26, 2018			
09:00 AM - 12:00 PM	York Association	Small Group	Parlor
Thursday, September 27, 2018			
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:30 PM - 09:30 PM	Women's Step Mtg.		Youth Room
Sunday, September 30, 2018			
12:00 PM - 04:30 PM	Global Ministries	Prayer Meeting	Sanctuary Kitchen



Back to School



Directions: Circle the words hidden in the puzzle.
The words are spelled vertically, horizontally,
diagonally, and even backwards!

G	M	A	R	B	C	P	S	M	U	S	I	C
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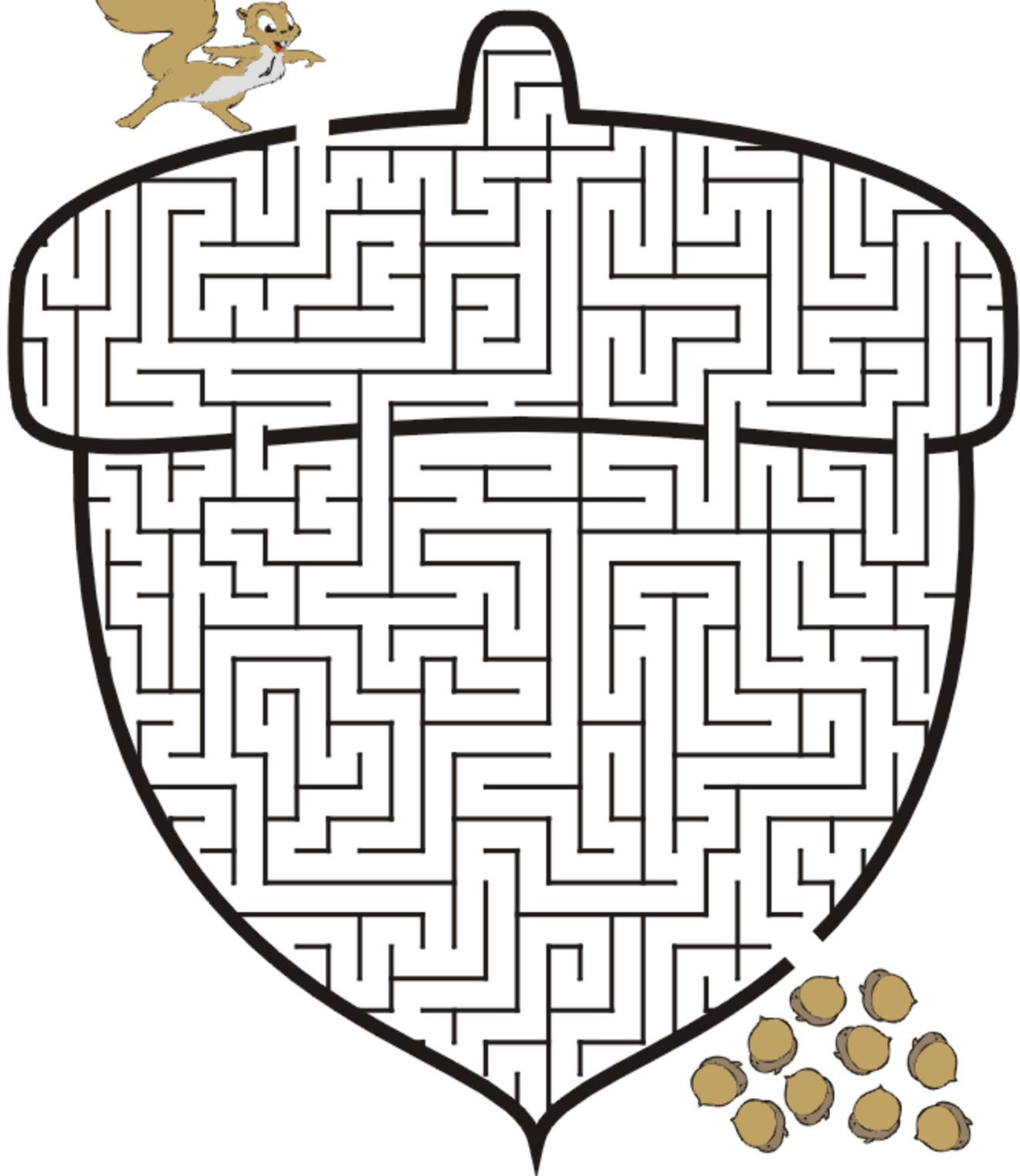


Word Box:

school	science	library
books	reading	PE
learn	math	art
recess	writing	computer
friends	lunch	
teacher	music	



Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns



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