

First Church in Pembroke

June 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

June 14th & 28th -10:30 am
By-Laws Committee Meeting

June 7th & 21st
Search Committee Meeting

June 8th – 7:30pm
Deacons Meeting

June 9th - 10:30am
Thrift Meeting

June 15th -7:00pm
Trustees Meeting

TBA -7:00pm
Church Council Meeting

June 22nd - 1:00pm
Missions Meeting

June 23rd -6:00pm
CNK Board Meeting

Recurring Event

Thrift Shop:
Every Friday and Saturday
Open 11am -3pm

DIACONATE

Hello to everyone from the Deacons. We are very happy to report that with the relaxation of the restrictions that were in place due to Covid we have been able to return to in person worship in the sanctuary. Over the past weeks we have had safety procedures in place such as a requirement to make reservations, mask, have your temperature taken, and social distance. As the weather warmed, we were able to have a Coffee Hour outdoors.

Now as Covid limitations have lifted even more we have returned to worship without these protocols. Please join us for worship! While we are not requiring a mask, please feel free to wear yours if you are more comfortable doing so. Be assured that the church is always cleaned and sanitized.

We are also having Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall with individually wrapped snacks.

Many thanks to Rev. Fred Meade and Rev. Terry Martinson who have been leading us in worship. Both have been delivering timely and thought-provoking sermons to lead us into the coming week. Come to the service and get your “spiritual tank” refilled!

STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Team sincerely thanks everyone who has continued to support First Church over the past strange and difficult year. Our forced turn to virtual worship services has made it more difficult to submit our offerings. We hope that this year’s new mailable format of the offering envelopes has helped make it easier to keep your pledge current. (By the way, there is no wrong time to make a pledge!)

As always, First Church and its ministry depends on the financial support and generosity of each of its members and friends. As we return to in person worship, come closer to hiring a Settled Pastor, and look forward to extending our ministry and mission our stewardship of the church remains as important as ever.

Stewardship is comprised of three elements: time, talent, and treasure. All three are vital to a healthy and growing church. As we reopen fully First Church will need us all to be its good Stewards.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” *1 Peter 4:10*

SEARCH

The Search Team has conducted a second interview with a promising candidate. The plan is to meet with the candidate in person for a third interview since they live in the New England area. The candidate will tour the church and the parsonage. At the May 9, 2021 meeting, some of the congregation had questions regarding the hiring process of FCIP pastor. We would like to walk the congregation thru the hiring process of a pastor with First Church. All candidates who want to be considered for the part-time pastor position, including living in the parsonage, will fill out the pastor application form that the NACCC requires.

The NACCC will receive the profile from the candidate directly; they will send it to FCIP if there are no problems with the candidate's background. Once the search team receives the profile as a team, we decide whether we want to go forward with the candidate.

If yes, we interview the candidate at least two times via Zoom, and the third time would be in person. Once we deliberate and agree to present the candidate, the following will occur. Background check, Cori check, and Reference checks are done before submitting any candidate to the congregation. We hope we have answered everyone's questions on the hiring process.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns about the current process, you can contact Francine at FCPalmer@verizon.net or reach out to anyone on the Search Team. Thank you and be safe now.

Blessings,

Francine Palmer
Donna Pulselli
Jay Hodge
Jim Lapham

MISSIONS

Mission is continuing with our theme of “Good Samaritan” month from April.

We had thirty Hygiene Kits. We would like again to thank the congregation and all others who supported the Hygiene Kits. The Pembroke Pantry, Firehouse Pantry and the South Shore Women’s Resource Center were so pleased to receive them. Such a blessing to be able to do this, Praise God for our congregation and other people not from our church for their support.

The month of May we support Church World Services. Mother’s Day (Blanket Sunday)

Also, we support our Military at Memorial Day with a money donation and with items collected in our Military Basket. Because of Covid we will not be able to collect items for the basket, but a donation has been given to supply four boxes of prewrapped assorted cookies, Cheese-its and Health bars bought from Amazon.

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield: he bestows favor and honor, no good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.”
Psalm 84: verses 11-12

IN OTHER NEWS.....

First Church in Pembroke is hosting a “**Grab and Go Pancake Breakfast**” Saturday, June 5th from 8 - 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

Your breakfast of pancakes, plain or blueberry, sausage & maple syrup will be packaged for your dining pleasure. All for \$5.00.

Limited seating (per current state regulations) will be available. Come and join us as we welcome the lazy summer days ahead.

TRUSTEES

Parsonage: Work is still ongoing at the parsonage. We still need to finish a small amount of painting, some repair issues to the outside, the concrete area in the garage and garage door, chimney issues, and other minor needs.

Working for Christ: This was held on May 8, 2021. Thank you for all that came out to help. The following was done - outside was raked and some bluestone placed around. We would like to finish all parsonage work as soon as possible.

Church: Fellowship Hall, Pastors Office, Church Office, Bathrooms, Hallways, and Kitchen will be painted in July. Trustees are still working on the deed restriction; we are still waiting on the attorney. We have found someone that fixes historical windows, so the window in the sanctuary will be repaired this summer. The library has been thoroughly cleaned, sanitized, and decluttered.

Red Cross: They held their last blood drive of the spring. If we can find someone to volunteer to coordinate this, more would be scheduled in the Fall. This is an excellent way for FCIP to get out into the community.

Pancake Breakfast: It was discussed but may be postponed until restrictions are lifted—another community service.

Financials: Trustees are happy to report that the church is financially stable. Burt is still waiting to hear from the IRS regarding an employment tax issue he has been dealing with since last October.

Dumpster: Discussion is ongoing with the town regarding the dumpster fee. The town will now be billing FCIP starting on July 1, 2021.

PPP loan Money: Will not have to be repaid. Burt managed to get the loan turned into a Grant which was the hope at the time of loan application. The Grant helped the church financially last year.

Hall Rental: The board is discussing the current rental rate for Fellowship Hall.

Currently, as you all can see, things around the FCIP are getting done; we are always looking for volunteers. Trustees would like to thank all FCIP members that have volunteered their time during the past stressful COVID time. Have a safe summer.

WEBSITE REPRINT

Hi All,

If you could not attend church this morning you missed a great sermon by Rev. Fred Meade in a Sanctuary pre-warmed against its cold drizzly exterior. After the service, fresh hot coffee and individually wrapped treats were served in Fellowship Hall. This was the first gathering at the church where masks were optional and no reservations (or temperature readings) were required, since COVID started over a year ago! Mary Beth deftly played the organ while Karin Foley teased our emotions with her gifted voice. In honor of Memorial Day, we sang "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" and "America the Beautiful".

Rev. Terry Martinson will be officiating next Sunday's communion service as well as the following two Sundays in June. Rev. Fred will be back in the Pulpit for the last Sunday in June.

And finally, a shout-out to these three Palmer men who cleaned-out the Parsonage garage: Nick, Zach & Bradley.

Blessings – and a smile,

Jay



SPECIAL THANKS

In the past month, First Church gratefully accepted a 65in. flat-screen television with wireless sound bar & bass speakers, a PC monitor and two air filters donated by the daughter of Freda & Paul Burke. Thank you Joyce!

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
22	30 Trinity Sunday ● 10am Rev. Fred Meade	31 Memorial Day office closed ● 10:30am By-Laws	1	2 ● 7pm Coffee Hour!	3 Corpus Christi	4 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM	5 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM
23	6 ● 9:30am LIVE click here ● 10am Rev. Terry	7 ● 8:30am Search Committee	8 ● 7:30pm Deacon-Zoom ● 7:30pm Deacon-Zoom	9 ● 7pm Coffee Hour! Zoom	10	11 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM	12 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM
24	13 ● 9:30am LIVE click here ● 10am Rev. Terry	14 ● 10:30am By-Laws	15 ● 7pm Trustees - Zoom	16 ● 7pm Coffee Hour! Zoom	17	18 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM	19 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM
25	20 ● 9:30am LIVE click here ● 10am Rev. Terry	21 ● 8:30am Search Committee	22 ● 1pm Missions Meeting ● 7pm Council	23 ● 7pm Coffee Hour! Zoom	24	25 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM	26 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM
26	27 ● 9:30am LIVE click here ● 10am Rev. Fred Meade	28 ● 10:30am By-Laws	29	30 ● 7pm Coffee Hour! Zoom	Jul 1	2 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM	3 ● 11am Thrift Shop to 3PM