



First Congregational Church
"Old South Church"
United Church of Christ

Telstar, November 2018

Please note, Rev. Kettell's start date at Old South is Dec. 2. Contact and office hour information for Rev. Kettell will be shared in the December/January issue of Telstar and in the weekly church bulletins beginning in December. If you have a pastoral concern during this interim period, please contact Deacon Shelley Griffith at 639-2013 or sgriffith875@gmail.com.

Important Church Business Meeting

On Sunday, November 4, we will be holding a special business meeting following worship. The Property Trustees have consulted with potential contractors on removing pigeons and other pests from the space above our sanctuary and vestry. The work will also include closing up the spaces where animals are entering, cleaning up the attic, and (since we have to replace the old insulation) installing improved insulation. The cost will be substantial, so the congregation needs to meet in order to authorize the work and to determine where the money will come from: From our endowment? From a rearrangement of capital campaign priorities? Other? We will discuss these matters on November 4, with a formal Call to Meeting sent out in advance.

Executive Council (November)

Moderator:	Chris Magri
Treasurer:	Amanda Adams
Clerk:	Shannon Munro
Financial Secretary & Fundraising:	Brenda Scribner
Director of Children and Youth Ministries:	Jodie Gunther
Chair, Christian Ed:	Arin Hilton
Chair, Diaconate:	Shelley Griffith
Chair, Financial Trustees:	Marilyn Hylan
Chair, Outreach, Justice & Witness:	Randy Oakley
Chair, Property Trustees:	Barb Fortier
Member at Large:	Robin Beck
Member at Large:	Wendy Huish

Rev. Mairaine Kettell
Minister (start date: Dec. 2)

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



This month, Old South members and friends will be joining together to lead our worship, and Rev. Doug Dunlap will be available for pastoral emergencies. There are a number of regularly scheduled activities happening, and a few new ones too! Please check through this issue of Telstar for messages from church leaders, committee chairs, information about Sunday morning worship services, and upcoming activities. We thank each and every one of you for your stewardship of Old South today and in the future.

Worship Service and Pastoral Care Information

November 4 (Communion Sunday)

Worship Service Leader: *Amanda Adams*; Lay Leader: *Lisa Laflin*; Communion: *Stan Wheeler*

November 11

Worship Service Leader: *Arin Hilton*; Lay Leader: *Margaret Gould Wescott*

November 18

Worship Service Leader: *Chris Magri*; Lay Leader: *Rina Bardo*

November 25 (Please join us for a hymn sing followed by Hanging of the Greens!)

Lay Leader: *Gretchen Legler*; Time with the Children: *Arin Hilton*; Hymn Sing: *Patricia Hayden and Roy Scribner*; Time of Prayer: *Shelley Griffith*

Pastoral Care

If you need emergency Pastoral Care or have a pastoral care concern in November, please contact Deacon Shelley Griffith at 639-2013 or sgriffith875@gmail.com or call Phyllis in the church office during office hours (778-0424). Rev. Doug Dunlap will be on call for pastoral emergencies only. The point of first contact throughout the month for pastoral care concerns and emergencies is Deacon Shelley Griffith (639-2013, sgriffith875@gmail.com).



From The Moderator

This month feels to me like one for pondering, not one for words. Old South is in the midst of yet another transition in its long history, with Pastor Linda's time with us in the past and Pastor Mairaine's time still in the future. This month, it's just us.

Like virtually every other church in the nation, we face challenges. Yet we also have ongoing successes and future opportunities. Since last January we have navigated the sometimes turbulent Interim Waters, and our boat is still afloat and sailing forward. It's been an interesting ride. I'm grateful to Pastor Linda for her guidance as we journeyed together, and I'm grateful to all of you who, in ways large and small, have kept us going over the months.

Some of our present situation is more or less what I might have predicted back in January 2017, but some of it is surprising. Come December, I wonder what surprising new thing God will do with us?

Chris Magri

Special Business Meeting

NOTICE

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, OF FARMINGTON, MAINE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Church, a Special Business Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018, immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of said meeting is to discuss the need for pest control and cleanup (including the installation of new insulation) in the space above the sanctuary and vestry, to authorize the hiring of a contractor to carry out these services, and to vote on how this expense will be financed.

Dated at Farmington, Maine, October 25, 2018

Shannon Munro, Clerk



The Deacon's Corner

“Gap Month”

This November is Old South's Gap Month. It's the month between Rev. Linda's time with us and the beginning of our time with Rev. Marraine. In October, Phyllis and I worked on putting together November's services and a plan for Pastoral Care. As we talked, we remembered the joys of other "gap" times at Old South: the heart felt testimonies of members of our own congregation, the closeness of our worship together and our heightened sense of responsibility to look out for one another during an in between time.

This November promises to be no less special. We will have the unique opportunity to hear the thoughts and experiences of our fellow congregants. A number of the services will have multiple leaders and we hope that these will feel like collective worship experiences in which we all can take part.

Rev. Doug Dunlap has offered to be our Pastoral Care resource from November 7th through November 30th. The key word is "resource". It implies that, in essence, we will be our own ministers, reaching out, listening to and supporting one another through this transitional time.

Truly a "gap month" is a precious time when we get to "be the Church" in a special way. At its best, something about being on our own seems to prompt us to get up on the right side of the bed and come to church with a little more love in our hearts and a bit more enthusiasm. It is not an easy mind-set to sustain during the business of our regular lives but my hope is that we can remember to hang on to a little bit of this precious feeling of "being the Church". Perhaps we can take small steps to bring our whole selves with us, not just on Sunday mornings but as we step out into all our days "(loving) God and (enjoying) this Life". Now, THAT is being the Church!

Blessings to All!
Shelley

Your Deacons: Michelle Scribner, John Demers Lindner, Roger Condit, Fred O Smith, Mary Sinclair, Wendy Huish, Margaret Gould Wescott, Carole Trickett and Shelley Griffith (chair)

From the Property Trustees

We would like to express our grateful appreciation to all who helped with the recent lawn work. From those who loaned and dropped off equipment, to those who donated their time and efforts, the results are splendid. Windows, that hadn't been seen from the road for a while are now letting the sun in, again. Bushes that hung over the main ramp are now trimmed back allowing better access to the hand rails. Branches that over hung the sidewalk were also trimmed to cut down on the crabapples dropped in the walkway. The large clump of thorny bushes, that caught clothing of people mowing the lawn or those giving way to someone in a wheelchair on the sidewalk, are now gone. Removed in a 'team effort', leaving a cleaner, safer, neater looking area. We have received several compliments for the work done from both church-goers, neighbors and townspeople. Great work, everyone.

Peace
~Daniel

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking.
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

From the Financial Trustees

The Financial Trustees are currently working on the budget for 2019. All church committees should submit their budgets to Amanda Adams no later than November 1, 2018.

The Stewardship Campaign kick-off will be coming soon. Letters for this campaign will be mailed in late October. We appreciate all that our church community does to support our church, its programs, and its wider mission.

Please remember that we are in the second year of a three-year capital campaign. The handicap accessibility project which was our first priority was completed in the spring. The next scheduled project is the brickwork on the north face of the church. The Property Trustees are awaiting up-dated bids for this work. The Capital Campaign fund has a balance of \$60,619.16.

Thank you to all who have paid their pledge in full and to those who have submitted their second year pledge. Letters will be going out soon to thank

all of you who have paid in full or paid your second year pledge. Letters will also go to those who have pledged but not paid. A third letter will go to members of our church family who have not made a pledge.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Hylan, Chairperson

Ed David, Shirley Waddell, Amanda Adams, Brenda Scribner, Daniel Bachelder, Chris Magri

From the Treasurer

We are currently in the middle of our stewardship campaign. By the time you read this, you will have received your 2019 pledge cards. If you have not yet received a card, please contact me or pick one up from one of the tables in the Narthex. We ask that you return your cards on or before Sunday, November 18. Thank you for your faith filled support of Old South.

Our church is an incredible beacon of light in our community. I was able to stay for the Pancakery one Sunday (if you haven't done this yet, you need to!!!) and sat with a UMF student who just happened to be by herself. After talking for a few minutes, I learned she was on the cheapest meal plan available – 10 meals per week. She said that usually gives her 2 meals per day Monday through Friday. I asked what she did on the weekends and she said mentioned she had a hot plate in her room and it was mostly pasta, sometimes she even purchased sauce. Then I asked if she wanted a take home box and she said, "That would be amazing." So, I went back to the kitchen and asked Arin and Amanda Hilton, who were helping back there, if I could get a take home box. I told them this young lady's situation. Arin said they do take home boxes all the time and would love to do that. They proceeded to give her enough food to take home for 2-3 meals!

All that to say, all of us are needed to make these things happen. We need financial support to buy the food. We need volunteers to help serve. We need **everyone!** In your pledge letter, I challenged our previous pledgers to increase what they do next year. I plan to do the same.

Enjoy your fall season and know that you are loved, you are needed, and you are awesome.

In Peace,

Amanda Adams, Treasurer

*At the printing of the Telstar, our year to date income is \$176,063 and our expenses are \$173,472.

News and Upcoming Events



DON'T FORGET...

Committee and Group Meetings

Christian Education	To Be Determined
Deacons' Meeting	Sunday, November 11, Matthew Room at 11:00 am
Executive Council	Wednesday, November 7, Church Office at 6:00 pm
Financial Trustees	Tuesday, November 13, Church Office at 5:30 pm
Property Trustees	Tuesday, November 29, Church Office at 6:00 pm
Outreach, Justice, Witness	Tuesday, November 13, Matthew Room at 6:30 pm



Outreach, Justice and Witness has set a new meeting time and all are welcome. The group will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This is an open ministry with no fixed membership, and we encourage you to stop in, see what plans are in action and help us to serve God's people both locally and globally. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 6:30 pm in the Matthew Room.

Changing Missions at Old South

Hats and Mittens for School Youth Project

I would like to thank all who have donated hats and mittens for the local schools over the past 20 years. Last year, the collection was very small which I believe was due to the fact that we are now giving the same type of items to our Coat and Cupboard, and Coat and Cupboard works with our local schools and Homeless Shelter to deliver needed items directly to them on a regular basis. This year, please give generously to the Coat ministry as we will not be having a separate collection. Again, thank you very much for your support for so many years. ~ Polly Howatt



THE THRIFTY SANTA TOY SALE

The annual Thrifty Santa Toy Sale hosted by Old South Youth will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1. Your donations of gently used, clean and working toys and children's books are welcome to the cause. If you have items to contribute, please contact Jodie Gunther or bring your donations to the church office during office hours.

The mission of this ministry is twofold: to offer good, clean toys at very affordable prices, and to raise funds for Coat & Cupboard. Thank you for your continuing support.



Coat & Cupboard

We are now accepting your donations of gently used, clean coats, blankets, and boots for distribution at Coat & Cupboard. Donation boxes are located by most entrances to the church building or may be brought to the church office during office hours (Tues-Thur, 8:00 am-4:30 pm). Thank you for your donations to this youth ministry.

Bread for Benefit

Support our youth mission activities and get some yummy bread at the same time! Bread will be sold in the Vestry following worship by the Youth Groups on Sunday, Nov. 18.

Plain Loaves: \$3

Other flavors (herb, cheese, etc.): \$4





Harvest Supper—November 3, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for this year's Harvest Supper from 5–6 p.m. on Saturday, November 3. The menu will be roast turkey, baked ham, assorted side dishes, and homemade pies. The Harvest Supper is the main fundraiser for Pilgrim Lodge camperships each year and is held the first Saturday of November every year. We need donations of food or money to purchase the food items, and people to help with set up, serving and clean up. If you are able to help with the Harvest Supper, please contact Brenda Scribner (tatabug47@hotmail.com or 299-3686).

Daylight savings time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 4. Don't forget to "fall back" – adjust all your clocks before going to sleep on Saturday night!



The Church Office is usually open Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. This month, the office will be closed November 19–November 26. Phyllis will return for regular office hours (8:00 am–4:30 pm) on Tuesday, November 27. Thank you!



November Retirees Lunch

Lasagna will be served at the Retirees Lunch at Noon in the Vestry on November 5. Please mark your calendars and join the Giards for the Retirees Lunch and bring a dish to share if you would like. For more information, contact Dick Giard at 897-6228.



Our October Community Lunch had a few challenges that we had to overcome, but it was a success nonetheless. Our biggest challenge was that several people who are the “regulars” at helping to serve were unable to be there. And, then, two of the people who are our regular delivery drivers were also unable to be there. But, we were very lucky because we have recently had a few new people step up to do those tasks, so we managed. And the best part was that no one in our dining room noticed the difference!

The Community Lunch “Kitchen Crew” is already gearing up for a busy November. First, we are getting ready for the annual Harvest Supper on November 3rd, and then we’re also getting ready for the November Community Luncheon on November 10th.

I’m sure you know that the menu for the Harvest Supper will be a FULL roast turkey and ham dinner, with all the trimmings: mashed potatoes, peas, stuffing, etc. And the menu for the Community Luncheon will be an open-faced hot turkey sandwich, with mashed potatoes and peas. As always, God’s Kitchen Crew will provide us cakes for dessert.

As always, we are in need of food donations as well as folks to help with serving and cleaning up. Please check the sign-up sheets on the door to the kitchen to find ways that you can help. AND, even if you are not able to help, please come join us for a hot and hearty meal and good fellowship!

Stan Wheeler,
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs

Hangings of the Greens

Your deacons invite you to join the fun and fellowship of preparing the church for the coming season as we hang wreaths, decorate the tree, and ready the sanctuary for Advent. All are welcome! We will gather on **Sunday, Nov. 25**, immediately after the hymn sing service and begin! Questions? Please contact Chair of the Deacons, Shelley Griffith (sgriffith875@gmail.com) or the church office (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org).



Poinsettia and Wreath Memorials and Celebrations

The Women of Old South invite you to fill the sanctuary with poinsettias! We are accepting orders for poinsettia plants and for Christmas wreath memorials. The wreaths will be placed on the doors of Old South, and the flowers are displayed in the sanctuary beginning with the second Sunday of Advent. The poinsettias are \$13.00 this year, and wreaths are \$17. Mark your check for "poinsettia" or "wreath" and make the check out to "Women of Old South". Please return this form with your payment to the church office by Noon on November 27.



You may turn your memorial requests in either by placing it in the offering baskets on Sundays with this form, bringing it to the church office or mailing it to the following address:

Old South Church
227 Main Street
Farmington ME 04938

Given in memory/celebration of: _____

By _____

Number of plants ordered: _____

Please indicate "wreath" or "poinsettia" on your orders. Thank you.

Memorials will be listed in the December/January Telstar and in the church bulletin on Christmas Eve.



Fair Trade Coffee Ordering in time for Christmas

Old South members and friends may join in the group ordering of fair-trade certified, wholesale coffee, tea, chocolate and food items from Equal Exchange. Orders should be submitted to the coordinator, Myrna Vallette, by the next order date: Sunday, December 2, 6:00 pm.

This would be a great time to order gifts and/or items for baking: chocolate bars, olive oil, tea, hot cocoa mix, baking cocoa, chocolate chips, etc.

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REMINDER: the wholesale price applies to whole cases only. Single items are priced at retail. Myrna is willing to take orders (this time only) for single items in hopes of having enough to get a case, thereby getting everyone the wholesale price.

If you would like to be notified via email about future order dates, Myrna will be happy to add your name to her distribution list.

Call Myrna at 778-4387, or send her an email (myrna.vallette@gmail.com), to order or to get more information.

A Còig Christmas: ECU heat Benefit Concert



The audience on Tuesday, December 4th, is in for an incredibly special evening with one of Nova Scotia's award winning bands, Coig. Còig group members have traditional roots but each brings something more. Fiddler Chrissy Crowley has touches of world and contemporary music. Pianist Jason Roach has a jazz degree, Darren McMullen (guitar, banjo, mandolin, etc.) has worked everywhere from Irish to rock groups, and fiddler Rachel Davis is the most traditionally Cape Breton, but with folk and roots infused flavors as well. With the release of their new album, Rove, Còig has cemented its status as one of today's most exciting North American Celtic groups. Rove has recently been recognized with a 2018 East Coast Music Award for Traditional/Roots Recording of the Year, a 2018 JUNO Award nomination, and 2017 Canadian Folk Music Award and Music Nova Scotia Award nominations. Donations will be accepted to benefit the local fuel assistance fund, ECU Heat Share during the concert.

Doors open at 6 pm with a jam session kicking off at 6:15 and concert to follow at 7 pm

Admission: Adults \$20, Students \$10/\$5.

This band sells out wherever they go ticket reservations are highly recommended by calling Debbie at 207-491-5919.

Refreshments will be available during intermission. Anyone interested in volunteering or able to help provide refreshments contact Debbie Davis-Robinson, Hallie Yorks or Brenda Scribner.



Fair Trade and Heifer International Alternative Gift Giving

Join us for the annual Heifer International Gift and fair trade coffee and chocolate sale day on Sundays, December 9 and 16, immediately following worship. Coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange will be available for purchase, and you will be able to make contributions to Heifer International in honor of loved ones for alternative gift giving.



Care and Share Food Closet and Old South Church

Care and Share Food Close, Inc. is an IRS 501c3 registered nonprofit charity. Their purpose is to provide emergency food assistance to area residents who are in need. Outreach, Justice and Witness request your continued support to Care & Share so that they may continue the work of addressing the needs of our community. Canned tuna, canned beans, and crackers are the items of the month for November. You may bring your donations to the church, and we will deliver them to the food closet. Bins for collection are located in the narthex (room just before you enter the Sanctuary). For more information, contact Randy Oakley.



Neighbors in Need 2018

Thank you for your contribution to NIN in October. Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. As of October 26, we have received \$414.00 for this special offering. Thank you for your generous support.

The next issue of Telstar is the combined December/January issue. The deadline for submissions is November 13. Please submit all articles or requests for articles to Phyllis (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org) in the church office by the deadline. Thank you!

Worship and Music



Church Service and Office Cancellation Information

We make every effort to hold worship and other scheduled events in inclement weather, but we may cancel in the event of dangerous road conditions. Should this happen, we will update the church Facebook page and announce it on WKTJ-FM 99.3 and seek to have a notification listed in the Daily Bulldog cancellations section.

The church office will close if RSU 9 cancels school due to weather.

Advent Vesper Services

Please join us in the Matthew Room on Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, for midweek evening services led by Rev. Mairaine Kettell. The services will begin at 5:15 pm with gathering music beginning earlier. Acoustic music with Shepherd's Pie, readings, and prayer will be a part of each service. All are welcome.



Revised Common Lectionary for the month of November

The Revised Common Lectionary is a list of Bible passages followed by the majority of mainline Christian churches, including the United Church of Christ. Pastor Linda will be following the Revised Common Lectionary each week. You will find the lectionary readings below for November.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 4, 2018	<u>Ruth 1:1-18</u> <u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>Deuteronomy 6:1-9</u> <u>Psalm 119:1-8</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:11-14</u>	<u>Mark 12:28-34</u>
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 11, 2018	<u>Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17</u> <u>Psalm 127</u>	<u>1 Kings 17:8-16</u> <u>Psalm 146</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:24-28</u>	<u>Mark 12:38-44</u>
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 18, 2018	<u>1 Samuel 1:4-20</u> <u>1 Samuel 2:1-10**</u>	<u>Daniel 12:1-3</u> <u>Psalm 16</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25</u>	<u>Mark 13:1-8</u>
Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 25, 2018	<u>2 Samuel 23:1-7</u> <u>Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)</u>	<u>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</u> <u>Psalm 93</u>	<u>Revelation 1:4b-8</u>	<u>John 18:33-37</u>

Children and Youth

Sunday School

We are nearing the end of our time in the Old Testament. This month, we hear stories of how God is always with us. We meet three brothers -- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego -- who gained a new angelic friend when they were thrown into a fiery furnace. The following Sunday, we learn about Daniel's sleepover in a lion's den. No lessons on November 25, a holiday weekend. When we return in December, we'll begin rehearsing for the Christmas pageant!



God's Kitchen Crew: Doin' the Turkey Shuffle

We play Turkey Shuffleboard this month, using a very large, very heavy, very frozen piece of poultry in our unusual adaptation of the traditional game. And, of course, we will be baking cakes for the Community Luncheon--this month, it's spice cake. We meet up Wednesday, November 7, from 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm. Bring along a friend!

For kids grades 2-5

Wednesday Nov. 7

3:00 pm to 4:45 pm





BBC

We start the month with Coat & Cupboard (Nov. 4), where we'll be hanging new coat arrivals and prepping for our busiest day--Chester Greenwood on Dec. 1. The following week, we'll join in the worship service. On November 18, we're scheduled to work---getting the finishing touches ready for the Thrifty Santa sale.

The Pancakery



Our free brunch cafe opens just once this month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The menu includes homemade soup, quiche, and panini sandwiches, as well as made-to-order fresh pancakes. Plus, we're planning to have live music.

Pancakery Staff: students in grades 5 - 9

Sunday, November 11

11:00 - 1:00 pm





Thrifty Santa Gently-Used Toy Sale

Santa's getting a jump on the holidays with our second annual gently-used toy sale.

At the Thrifty Santa event, families can purchase good-quality holiday gifts at very affordable prices---and we'll turn the profits into warm coats, blankets, or even Pancakery cafe items. In addition to toys, we offer a selection of **sports equipment and also children's books**. Donations can be dropped off at church (you'll find a donation box by the Newman Wing door) or contact Jodie to arrange for us to pick up items at your house.

High School Youth Group

We are back in the "bread business" on Nov. 18 with our Bread for Benefit sale (look for special holiday flavors!)

Plus, we meet up several evenings -- Nov. 4, 18, and 30 -- to help Santa get things in order for the big sale **on Dec. 1. We'll figure out a dinner plan, and eat** while we work. Ho, ho, ho!

For students grades 9 - 12

Nov. 4, 18, and 30

6:00 to 8 pm



How Do I Find Out More?

Don't miss a single youth activity! Sign up for our email newsletter, "*Old South Kids This Week*," to receive updates, news, photos, and more. Just send a note to Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org.

November Youth Programs

November 4: Daylight Savings! Coat & Cupboard is open (BBC: please arrive by 8:30 am!); Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. Evening Youth Group 6 - 8 pm (to work on Thrifty Santa).

Wednesday, November 7: God's Kitchen Crew 3:00 pm

November 11: Sunday School; BBC in worship; Pancakery 10:30 pm, Youth Group at 6:30 pm

November 18: Sunday School; BBC "work" day; Bread for Benefit; Youth Group 6:30 pm

November 25: Thanksgiving Weekend--*no Sunday School, BBC or youth programs today.* "Hanging of the Greens" after worship service.

Friday, November 30: Evening Youth Group (Thrifty Santa)

Fundraising Group News and Updates

Have you heard the news? Credit Cards are now being accepted at the Fundraising Committee Table on Sundays before and after the church service to pay for Hannaford cards and merchant gift cards. If you forgot your checkbook but need a card for a gift, come on over!



Hannaford and Merchant Gift Cards

Hannaford cards and merchant gift cards may be purchased on Sundays before Church and during coffee hour and at the church office during office hours. Check out the selection of ready to use gift cards of local, regional and on-line merchants at the Fundraising Committee Table or in the church office! On Sundays, you now have the option of using a credit card to make your purchases at the Fundraising Committee Table. Fees apply. Check with Brenda Scribner for more information.

Purchase gift cards for holiday giving. Old South receives a percentage of the cost of the card. A wide selection of on hand gift cards are available for immediate purchase at the Fundraising Table but did you know that you can order from an even greater assortment? Check out the full list of available cards in the church office or at the Fundraising Committee Table on Sundays or at:

<https://www.scripzone.com/certificatelist.aspx>



Holiday Shopping That Benefits Old South Church

Be sure to do your shopping through Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate .5% of your total to Old South. There's no cost to you and once you choose Old South as your charity, there's nothing else you need to do. You can go to smile.amazon.com and click select on First Congregational of Farmington. Thank you to those of you who have been utilizing this giving method already!

The Living Water Association, Maine Conference
and the United Church of Christ

Puerto Rico Rebuilding Trip

February 2-9, 2019.



Join members of the Maine Conference on a mission trip to Puerto Rico, February 2-9, 2019. Hundreds of homes need roofs, windows and doors need repairs, and there is much important work to do. Maine UCC folks will work with our sisters and brothers to help get their lives back in order, through our UCC Disaster Relief and the Iglesia Evangelica de Puerto Rico.

Total Trip Cost: \$900 for the trip (maybe a little less).

Contact the Rev. Char Corbett (pastorchar44@gmail.com, 207-653-3379) or the Rev. Bruce Burnham (eastmillpastor@gmail.com, 207-490-0037) to get more information or to get an application emailed (or mailed) to you. Applications will be accepted on a first come until November 12.



Would you like to learn more about the United Church of Christ? Please check the United Church of Christ website for more information about our denomination:

<http://www.ucc.org> On this site, you may sign up for "Weekly Seeds" a reflection based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each Sunday of the year. There is also a link to an electronic daily devotional called, "The StillSpeaking Daily Devotional."

Get Connected and Stay Connected!

OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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Old South Statement of Identity

“In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one...”

(Galatians 3:28)

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God’s Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God’s Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God’s beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00pm Bob Debarras Concert (Sanctuary)	2	3 5:00pm Harvest Supper (Kitchen, Vestry)
4 8:30am Coat & Cupboard (HMH Carriage House) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:45am Old South Business Meeting (Vestry) 6:00pm Youth Group (Old South Church)	5 12:00pm Retirees Lunch (Vestry) 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	6 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	7 9:00am Organ Tuning (Sanctuary) 3:00pm God's Kitchen Crew (Vestry) 6:00pm Executive Council (Church Office) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	8	9 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	10 12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry)
11 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 11:00am Deacons (Matthew Room) 11:30am Pancakery (Kitchen, Vestry) 6:30pm Youth Group (Old South Church)	12 12:00pm Deadline to submit applications for Puerto Rico Mission Trip (Offsite) 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	13 12:00pm Telstar Deadline (Church Office) 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 5:30pm Financial Trustees (Church Office) 6:30pm Outreach, Justice, Witness (Matthew Room)	14 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	15	16	17
18 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Bread for Benefit (Vestry) 6:30pm Youth Group (Old South Church)	19 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	20 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:00pm Property Trustees (Matthew Room)	21 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	22	23 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	24
25 9:30am Worship (no Sunday School) (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 11:00am Hanging of the Greens (Old South Church)	26 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	27 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	28 9:00am Set Up for Thrifty Santa (Vestry) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	29 9:00am Set Up for Thrifty Santa (Vestry)	30 5:00pm Evening Youth Group - exact time to be determined (Old South Church)	