

Old South Church

United Church of Christ

September 2018 Telstar

Rooted in faith, Growing in love, reaching for justice

A Message from Pastor Linda Hatch

This church is deeply in transition time right now in many ways. The search process for a settled pastor is in its special time. There is movement reflected in our working ways and relationships as we “settle” the new offices in the church, and share and rearrange some other spaces for Sunday mornings and weekly activities. There is ever need to accommodate storage, some cleaning out and the ultimate goal of having the Holman Mission House readied for its timely mission. That is the work of transition, as it is making new to accommodate what is needed for moving forward in this church’s mission and vision.

Wendell Barry often says, “What we need is here.” Yes, what we need is here, as it all works through and people integrate their groups and work together, as needed for the pastor who will come to join this congregation in its ministry for a settled time. So, I will be “settling” the new pastor’s office for the settled minister. And I begin my way of moving on and making ready for that settled pastor. It is all a part of the interim time process, if a bit unique, here at Old South.

Just outside the Newman Wing door is a new tree waiting to be planted and shed its beauty and growing life here in memory of Kären Williams Jordan. Life is ever moving on, and as it does, may we ever notice and be thankful for the blessings that abound in the changes and knowing that what we have is enough by God’s grace. We are in a time of planting for the future and that always means some uprooting and unknowns. Yet, there is much to keep us grounded in our changing ways and spaces, as we remember that we are held ever in this place in the love of God at work among and with all people here. That Spirit is ever flowing, moving and guiding this congregation.

Thank you to Phyllis who works well amidst all the moving pieces!

May it all continue to come together here as we remember that just like in any “home” we work at sharing spaces and ways and must integrate all

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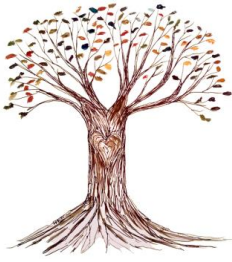
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***No matter who you are
or where you are on
life's journey,
you are welcome here.***



the many needs that are ours to work with and through. May there be blessing and uplifting ways for the relationships that work together in this Body of Christ that love may spill out into the community and the world.

In the peace of Christ,

Linda

Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda? Please feel free to contact Pastor Linda at 356-7573 or email her at Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org

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Executive Council

Important Update from the Search Committee

The Search Committee has reached a unanimous decision on their recommendation for our next settled minister who has accepted our offer pending a vote by the congregation. The Executive Council and the Search Committee are planning a Candidating Weekend and a Business Meeting to vote on calling the candidate. Please reserve Friday, Sept. 14, through Sunday, Sept. 16 for this purpose. On Sunday, the candidate will be preaching in church prior to our Business Meeting. Stay tuned to your weekly email, Sunday announcements, and your mail for more details including the official Call to Meeting.



From The Moderator

Rumor has it that summer is coming to an end. An ugly rumor spread by self-proclaimed "expert" astronomers. Fake news!

All right, I'm done sulking now. I've been around for enough planetary orbits -- twenty-three of them just since arriving in Maine -- to know from experience that I'll get back into the swing of things, that it will be good to be seeing and working with all of you again.

The summer hasn't been entirely without church-related activity. The Pastoral Search Committee has been meeting. In a not-unrelated development, we upgraded the church's internet service, as we found that the hamsters couldn't run fast enough to power a Skype connection with potential settled pastors. The new church offices in the Newman Wing have been prepared, the sometimes-functional office phone system has been revamped, and the offices will have been moved by the time you read this. There have been activities for children and youth, and there's been a diaconate retreat. Property Trustees have been alert to various and sundry issues. And I'm sure I've missed some items.

Oh, and there's been movement on the homeless shelter front. We're getting there. Really. It's two steps forward, one step back (is that from Proverbs? the Apocrypha?), but we're getting there.

It's hard to know what to expect for the year to come. Obviously we can continue to hope for a good ending to the homeless shelter saga. Another big thing in our future is welcoming a new settled pastor, although at this point it will be a bittersweet development in that we've had plenty of time to get to know Pastor Linda. As for the rest, well, as a great New York philosopher supposedly said, "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future." (Others claim the great Danish physicist Niels Bohr said it; but I like to think it was Yogi.)

Whatever happens, I hope it will be rewarding for us all. Hope is the key. Looking back at what I wrote here a year ago, I see that I was concerned about not having enough Property Trustees. That problem has now been solved, thanks to generous (and handy!) volunteers. I also was concerned about the white supremacist rally and violence in Charlottesville, where I graduated from U.Va. a mere thirty-five orbits ago. This year's attempts at repeating such rallies were complete duds. No, hatred and bigotry haven't gone away, but people who value love and justice have stood up to be counted. It's easy to focus on problems and setbacks but that's only half the story, and it's not even the end of the story.

Let's hope for great things in the church year to come!

Chris Magri



From the Treasurer and Trustees

I hope everyone had a super summer and managed to stay cool!

There are many things happening within our church and I hope you take time to read the updates on them.

As for finances, as of June 30th, our Endowment has a market value of \$1,017,832.24 and the Holman Trust has a market value of \$306,729.96. Since the 1st Quarter, this is a 0.6% increase in value for both accounts.

As of the printing of the Telstar, our expenses for the year have been \$138,330 and income has been \$156,868. Please note, in part the reason our income is higher is due to the quarterly investment distributions being applied at the beginning of each quarter (January, April, July, October).

Peace to all of you,
Amanda Adams
Treasurer





Deacons' Corner

This summer the deacons gathered once again for a mini-retreat. This year we talked about the significance of the fact that the word "deacon" originated from the Greek work "diakonos" which means "servant".

According to the book of Acts, the first deacons were chosen to minister to widows and serve tables. There is an element of humility in this concept of serving and also a radical concept of the relationship of leadership to power. The deacons are called, as are we all, to follow Jesus who modelled leadership "with a basin and towel". Jesus saw leadership as an act of empowerment. When he washed the disciple's feet at the last supper he was showing them what they should do in order to prepare the people to perform God's work in the world.

There is also an aspect of "presence" in this concept of service. Jesus challenges us to take the seemingly everyday act of sitting down to a shared meal and transform it into a Holy moment by being present to the power of each word and act.

Barbara Brown Taylor writes about being present in her book, An Altar in the World. She describes hanging her husband's clothes out on the line. As she hangs them, she says prayers for the trees from which the clothes pins are made, for the factory (in West Paris, Maine!) which continues to make clothes pins out of wood instead of plastic. She watches the breeze blow through the clothes as though they are prayer flags and she imagines her prayers being blown away over the treetops. She concludes, "This is good work, this prayer. this is good prayer, this work." (An Altar in the World, page 46)

It is not easy for us to find the sacred in the mundane in this day and age. Things move so fast and we struggle to keep up with all the information that is thrown at us. One possible way to think about it could be to take a moment to consider the everyday tasks that give you joy. At the retreat, we talked about aspects of our deacon responsibilities that bring us joy and had some surprising responses: turning off the lights after the worship service, gathering and washing the communion cups, changing the paraments, serving communion and being with the people of our church.

In these last days of summer there is a certain stillness in the air. We might think of it as an invitation to slow down and catch a glimpse of God in our daily tasks and our everyday encounters. We might find, as Jacob did, that "surely the Lord is in this place, and (we) did not know it." (Genesis 28:16)

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and we welcome you to a new program year at Old South Church!

Blessings,

Shelley Griffith

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



News and Upcoming Events



September Committee and Group Meetings

Deacons' Meeting	Sunday, Sept. 9, Matthew Room following worship
Executive Council	Wednesday, Sept. 5, 6:00 pm, Church Office
Financial Trustees	Tuesday, Sept. 11, HMH at 5:30 pm
Outreach, Justice, Witness	Tuesday, Sept. 4, Matthew Room at 6:30 pm
Property Trustees	Tuesday, Sept. 18, HMH at 6:00 pm
Staff Meeting	Tuesday, Sept. 5, HMH at 10:15 am

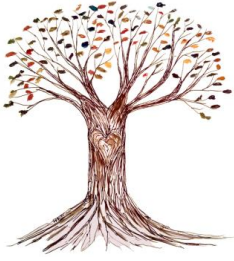


Please join us in worship on September 9 for the start of a new Sunday School year at Old South. The choir will be singing, and our youth will begin their Sunday school classes. All are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE

There will be Special Business Meeting on Sunday, September 16, immediately following our morning worship to vote on the recommendation of the Search Committee to call our next settled minister.



News & Upcoming Events



HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITIES

Gathering together in the Vestry after worship is a special time of fellowship at Old South. We are grateful for the volunteers who provide the refreshments each week. The church provides the coffee and tea. The hosts provide simple snacks for young and not-so-young. If you are able and willing to take a turn at hosting coffee hour in October through December, or need more information, please contact Karyl Condit (778-3722) or Donna Wheeler (778-3652).

Prayer Shawls to Make or to Give

Would you like to knit or crochet prayer shawls, throws or lap blankets for the Old South Prayer Shawl Ministry? Contact the coordinator, Myrna Vallette (778-4387 or myrna.vallette@gmail.com), for more information.

Many of those who have received a blessed prayer shawl, throw or lap blanket from Old South Church have felt love, comfort and the healing presence of the Holy, and truly appreciate the gift. If you know of someone who is in need of a prayer shawl, please speak to Myrna Vallette, Rev. Hatch, or Phyllis Pederson and we'll help you pick one out.





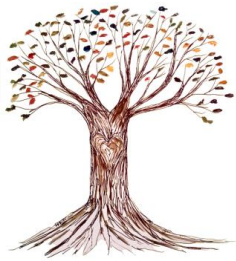
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The next Retirees Lunch will be shared at Noon in the Vestry on **Monday, October 1**. Please mark your calendars and join us for lunch! For more information, contact Dick Giard at 897-6228.



Would you like to have a meal with six-to-eight other Old Southerners once a month or so? Sign up on the sheet posted in the Vestry, and the church office will be in touch with you! We will put the groups together and let you know who is in your group. The groups meet either at Church building or in your home. The host provides the main course and the others bring side dishes and dessert. This is a great way to get to know some of the church family in a casual setting and all about fellowship! If you have questions or want to sign up by e-mail (Phyllis@farmingtonucc.org) or by phone (778-0424) please be in touch. Or, just sign up on Sunday! The “deadline (though we always take *latecomers!*)” is *Tuesday, Sept. 25*. This year, we would like to make groups of six, if possible, to allow the groups the flexibility of inviting additional participants to each meal or perhaps deciding to join another group for a meal. Please sign up for this fun activity!



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World Class Music at Old South in September

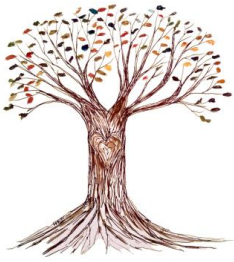


The Outside Track will perform at Old South on Thursday, September 6th. The band creates a musical fusion of the Scots, Ireland and Cape Breton musical styles and traditions. Winner of 'Best Group' in both the Live Ireland awards and the Tradition In Review awards, and the German Radio Critics Prize (Flash Company album), The Outside Track is one of the top Celtic acts in the world. Live Ireland called them "Among the top bands in the world-stunning on every cut!" The band's members are united by a love of traditional music and a commitment to creating new music based on their cultural foundations. For more information about the band visit www.TheOutsideTrack.com.



The next must see performance features the explosive all male band, Ímar, on Tuesday, September 25. Ímar's unmistakable synergy is centered on the overlapping cultural heritage between Scotland, Ireland and the Isle of Man. All three places once shared the same Gaelic language – the name Ímar comes from a 9th-century king who reigned across this combined territory – and a similar kinship endures between their musical traditions. For more information about Ímar go to www.imarband.com/

Doors for both performances open at 6 pm. Jam session kicks off at 6:15 pm, and the concert follows at 7 pm. Adults \$20 and students \$10/\$5. Refreshments will be available by donation. Tickets reservations are highly recommended for both of the September concerts by call Debbie at 207-491-5919. If you are interested in volunteering or providing refreshments for our concert please let us know. Old South's proceeds benefit the Capital Campaign Fund.



Mission & Outreach

Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Sept. 4. 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.



Food Closet Item of the Month: Pasta and Pasta Sauce

Your donations of these items and other nonperishable food and toiletry items are welcome. You may bring items to the church, and donations will be delivered to Care and Share. Thank you for your continuing support of this ecumenical ministry.

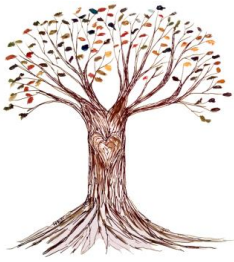
Community Lunch

As the school year begins again, and things start to become busier in the life of the church, the Community Luncheon ministry is starting its 16th year of providing meals to the community. The September Luncheon will be on September 8th, always the second Saturday of the month. Our menu that day will feature Roast Loin of Pork, rice pilaf, green beans, biscuits and a dessert that is yet to be determined (it depends on whether God's Kitchen Crew is in place to begin providing us with cakes).

We are always in need of folks to come help, and it doesn't require any long term commitment. If you want to just come help once, we'd love it. We always need help at around 10:00 for a few folks to come in and set the tables. At 11:00 we need help with folks who can come to serve our guests, as well as dish up the meals that will be delivered. And a few more people are needed to help with the cleanup and dishwashing. If you have never helped at a Luncheon before, we encourage you to give it a try. It's not hard work, the atmosphere is fun and its rewarding for most people who do it.

AND, we would also like to have more people from the church to come and just share the meal with us and our neighbors. We will look forward to seeing you.

Stan Wheeler
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs



Mission & Outreach



UNDERWEARNESS

HELPING CHILDREN ONE PAIR AT A TIME

The Underwearness Project is an organization that collects underwear for children. Often, underwear and socks are items that children in families struggling to make ends meet are lacking. Underwear isn't generally offered at thrift stores and the cost of new underwear and socks can add up for families.

Outreach, Justice and Witness has placed a collection box in the vestry at Old South. Please consider purchasing a package of underwear (underpants or undershirts) or socks, child through teen sizes, to donate. The Western Maine Underwearness Project organizers will distribute the items to places such as the homeless shelter and schools where they can be given out to kids in need.

On behalf of Outreach, Justice, and Witness,
Sherry Jenckes

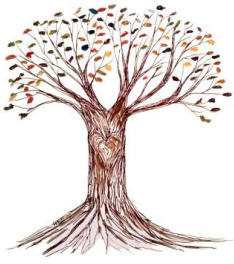


Fair Trade Coffee Ordering

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 Sunday, September 23, 6:00 pm.

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.

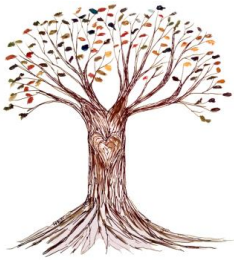


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Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry \(CAIM\)](#). Two-thirds of this 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 through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

We will receive this special offering on **October 7, 2018** as part of World Communion Sunday observance.



Mission & Outreach



Called to Serve

Here are just a few of the opportunities to lend a helping hand to ministries and program needs of Old South:

Annie's Beanpole – medical equipment loan program

Community Lunch – free monthly meal for the community

Food Closet (an ecumenical ministry) – help distribute food to our community

Kitchen Crew – help to keep the church kitchen in tip top shape!

Coffee Hour – host coffee hour

Sign Board – be a substitute helper to maintain the event calendar in front of the church

Concert Series – Help distribute promotional material, providing and serving a meal for the performers, provide refreshments, cashier, greeters, clean up and more. Contact Debbie Davis Robinson to sign up.

Coat Closet – Donate your gently used jackets, coats and hats to help provide warmth to another

Prayer Shawls – knit or crochet prayer shawls, throws or lap blankets for the Old South Prayer Shawl Ministry

Service Recordings – Plan to be in church most Sundays? Volunteer to learn how to use the sound equipment to record the services for uploading to the church website.

Warming Centers (Farmington Area Ecumenical Ministry sponsored event) – In January and February, there are countless ways to help at the Warming Center. Volunteer to provide a pot of soup, or be a greeter or other helper on Thursdays.

Committee Work or Serving as a Church Officer: Various positions are open on committees. Please contact Chris Magri or the church office for more information.

If you would like to know more about these and other programs and ministries of Old South, please contact Phyllis in the church office.



Fundraising

With Our Sincere Gratitude

The Fundraising Committee extends their thanks to all who helped the FRC during the summer at events including the plant and yard sale; strawberry picking, prep work, and the July 4th strawberry shortcake event; and Pie on the Porch. We also thank you for your donations of plants and items for the yard sale and pies for Pie on the Porch. Your support and helping hands are very much appreciated and make a difference to the programs and ministries at Old South Church.



Save the Date

The annual Harvest Supper will be held on Saturday, November 3. More information will be shared in the October Telstar but mark your calendars today and plan to join us for a meal with turkey with all the sides at Old South. Proceeds benefit our youth attending Pilgrim Lodge each summer.



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!



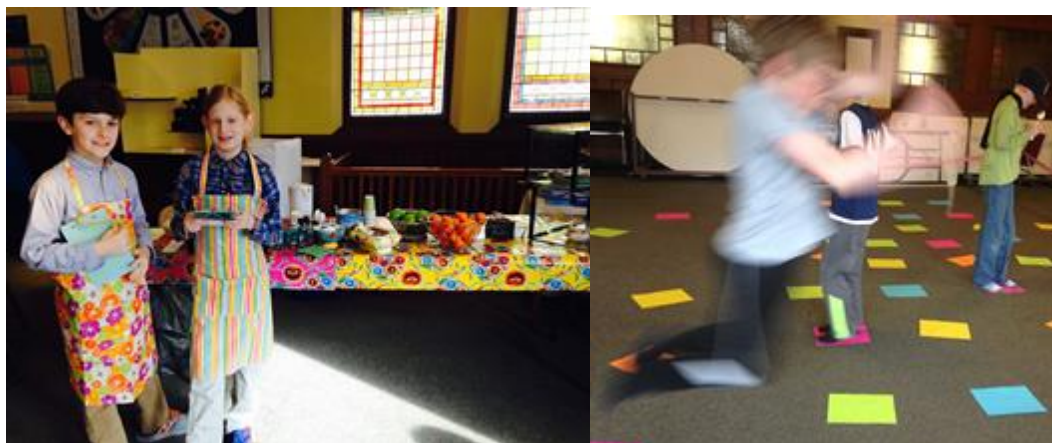
Children & Youth



We just can't wait for all of the children and youth programs to kick back in, beginning early September! Many favorite programs and activities are returning, plus we are introducing a few intriguing new events, including special movie-and-discussion nights for older teens and adults.

You'll find a calendar for September **at the end of this article.** **You'll also find the Sunday School Registration form**---this document helps to keep everyone in our programs safe and healthy, so please sign it and bring it to church on September 9.

In addition, our weekly ***"Old South Kids This Week"*** email newsletter resumes this month--it's packed with events and updates to our activities for kids and teens. Not on our mailing list? Please contact me, Jodie Gunther, at Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org.





Children & Youth

Sunday School & BBC

Lessons, activities, programs, and more begin Sunday, September 9. **Once again, we'll have** traditional Sunday School for children, and BBC (Bible Breakfast Club) for older students. We welcome our three Teacher Assistants--students from Mt. Blue High School and the University of Farmington--who help facilitate crafts, games, activities, and more.

Our Sunday School lessons are loaded with stories from the Old and New Testaments, plus games, crafts and activities that help our kids further explore each lesson. Plus, we will also **have "special project days," which will enable** us to explore our faith with fun multi-class events--art, theater, games, or cooking projects, as well as mission work.

Meanwhile, our high school BBC students will be embarking on a year-long study of the Gospel of John. Armed with Sharpie pens, we will listen and learn as Jesus slowly reveals his Good News through miracles and teachings--**from John the Baptist's introduction to the empty tomb and a surprise beach breakfast with the resurrected Christ.**

God's Kitchen Crew: Return of the Kitchen Gang

Calling all kids in grades 2 - 5: We have 8 cakes to bake for the September Community Luncheon, and we need your help! As in seasons past, we'll mix in silly games and crafts, too, for a fun-filled afternoon. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 5, from 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm. Bring along a friend!

For kids grades 2-5 Begins Wednesday Sept. 5 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Acolytes: Carrying the Light of God into the Sanctuary

Children in grades 3 - 6 are invited to help participate in each Sunday's worship service by serving as acolytes, carrying the light of God into the sanctuary at 9:25 am. We will be posting a new fall schedule soon---**if you'd like to be included, but need training, please contact us! We'll arrange a training session for our "new recruits" early in September.**

For kids in grade 3-6 Begins Sunday, Sept. 9 9:15 am - 9:30 am

Old South's Nursery

Infants and toddlers are always welcome at our Nursery. Clean, safe, and comfortable, the Nursery is open from 9:20 am through 10:45 am each Sunday morning. Our Nursery staff provides a welcoming, nurturing environment; all staff is background checked for safety.



Children & Youth



The Pancakery

Who can't resist a hot, fresh--and free--pancake? This month, our "pop up cafe" returns to serve up brunch items both sweet and savory. Plus, we now offer expertly concocted espresso and cappuccino! On the second and fourth Sundays, our kids serve as waiters and cooks, welcoming the community to a free meal in a colorful restaurant-style setting. We set up at 11:00 am, and serve food from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Pancakery Staff: students in grades 5 – 9 Begins Sunday, Sept. 23, 11:00 - 1:00 pm

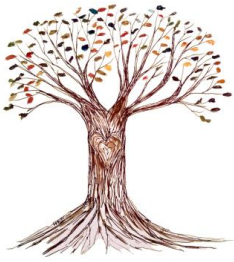
Bread for Benefit

It's one of our tastiest assignments---making freshly baked bread to sell after the worship service on Sunday mornings. This year, we'll be selling bread intermittently (check the Youth Program calendar for dates). We'll need all youth group members to lend a hand to keep this highly successful program running smoothly. Look for a complete assignment schedule--sent via email and posted on Facebook---soon!

For students in grades 9-12

Intermittent Sundays throughout the year

Job Shifts: Bread-prep @ 8:30 am; Bread-selling @ 10:45 am; Pot Washers @ 10:45 am



Children & Youth



Thrifty Santa: Accepting Donations of Gently Used Toys Now!

Santa is busy all year round---especially when it comes to collecting gently used toys for the annual "Thrifty Santa" toy sale. Please consider donating your toys, sports equipment, and children's books to this annual event, scheduled for Chester Greenwood Day, Dec. 1. Collection boxes are located in the church Vestry---or contact us at Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org for pickup of items. All funds raised will go directly to Old South youth programs, and our inexpensive toys will help families on tight budgets find a bit of magic under their Christmas trees.

Faith & Cinema: Thought-Provoking Movies and Good Conversation, Too!

Sometimes, a well-made movie can launch honest, challenging conversations. Our new Faith & Cinema program creates connections between our high school students, college students, and adults. At regular intervals during the school year, we'll view thought-provoking films, watching half the film one Sunday evening, and the conclusion the following Sunday. This will allow us time to reflect, discuss, and explore the messages in the films, and draw connections to our own understanding of faith, God, and our lives as followers of Christ. **Please note: these films may contain "grown up" language or visuals (such as a crucifixion scene).** Prior to each film session, a "parent's advisory" will be shared.

For students in grades 9 and above, and adults

Begins Sunday, Sept. 23
6 pm - 8 pm

Share Your Joy: Special Project Sundays

It's an easy way to make a big difference in a child's life: help out with Sunday School "special projects" at Old South. Do you like crafts and art? Silly games? Cooking? Simple mission programs? The Christian Education Committee is looking for volunteers who'd be willing to assist with special projects and events throughout the year. Please contact Jodie at Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org or Arin Hilton at Arinhilton@gmail.com.

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.



September Schedule

Wed. 9/5 God's Kitchen Crew

Sunday 9/9 Welcome Home Sunday
Sunday School -- special activities
BBC in Sanctuary
Bread for Benefit
11:00 am - 8:00 pm youth group retreat

Sunday 9/16 Sunday School, BBC
Special Congregational Business Meeting following
worship (childcare will be provided)
Bread for Benefit
Youth Group 6 pm - 8 pm

Sunday 9/23 Sunday School, BBC
Pancakery 11 am
Faith & Cinema Part 1, 6 pm

Sunday 9/30 Sunday School, BBC
Bread for Benefit
Faith & Cinema, Part 2, 6 pm

Attention Sunday School Families: Please fill out the registration information on the following pages and return to Jodie Gunther, Arin Hilton, or Karri McCarthy as soon as possible.

The First Congregational Church of Farmington, UCC
"Old South Church"
Sunday School Year 2018 - 2019
Personal Contact Details

Family Name/s: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Alt. Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Child/Nickname: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

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Name of Child/Nickname: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Alternate emergency contacts/authorized pick up :

Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Phone: _____

Are there any family situations we should be aware of ? Eg: custodial issues, other matters (please specify)

Please list any physical or special needs: (eg. allergies, medical/mental health, medications)

Permission to Participate in Program Activities/Photos/Video

- I consent to my child taking part in the approved program of activities.

- I give my permission for my child to be photographed or videotaped. I understand that the image may be displayed in the church publications, church buildings or website. I understand that as a precaution my child's name will not be published or linked with photographs.

- I authorize the leader/s in charge of the above mentioned group where it is impractical to communicate with me, to arrange for my child to receive such medical or surgical treatment as the leader/s may deem necessary at any time during the activities of **First Congregational Farmington Church, Old South Church** .

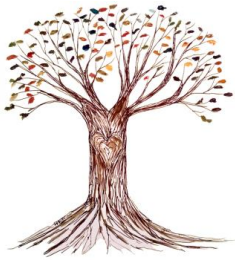
- I further authorize the use of Ambulance and/or anaesthetic by a qualified medical practitioner if in his/her judgement it is necessary. I accept responsibility for payment of all expenses associated with such treatment. I appreciate that every care will be taken by the leaders and those connected with that group cannot be held responsible for personal injury, loss or theft of property affecting my child.

Privacy Information

All the information recorded on this form is collected and managed for the primary purpose of, and may be used for any activities conducted or promoted by, **Old South Church, UCC First Congregational Church Farmington** . If you do not want this information to be used for purpose other than children's programs, please notify us by email : jodie@farmingtonucc.org

Parent/Guardian (signature): _____

Name: _____ Date_____



Worship & Music



Revised Common Lectionary

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 September.

September 2

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9

Psalm 125; Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 16

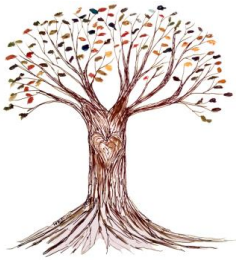
*Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; or Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-8
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38*

September 23

*Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1 or Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2, 12-22; or Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37*

September 30

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50



Music and Worship



InnerRhythm

Rhythm-lovers are welcome to come join us Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Newman Wing. In addition to playing the tambourine and the tar, we have a healthy collection of hand percussion to add to the ensemble. Instruction is included! InnerRhythm will be playing at the Living Water Outdoor Worship in Wilton on September 23 at Kineowatha Park. To learn more, contact any one of us: Fran Addicott, Mardy Bogar, Karyl Condit, Sherry Jenckes, Sheri Leahan, Donna Wheeler.

Special Music for the Summer *Thank you*

A special note of thanks to those of you who provided music during the summer months. We thank Patricia Hayden, Patty Schoen, Shepherd's Pie and Friends, and Brent Laflin for sharing your gift of time and talent with us this summer.



Join the Choir!

Adult Choir rehearsals will commence on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 PM, in the Matthew Room. Although previous experience with choral music is helpful, all are welcome to join Patricia and Bruce for an exciting and challenging year ahead. So get the rust off your vocal pipes and come along to join the fun by raising your voice in songs of praise to Almighty God!

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



News from the Living Water Association

The Living Water Association will be having an outdoor Worship Service on September 23 at 1:30 at Kineowatha Park on High Street in Wilton. Please bring a picnic lunch and your own chair and join us to enjoy worship in the park and Wilson Lake. You are invited to bring food items to share at a time of fellowship which will be held after worship. Following the service and time of fellowship, the fall meeting of the Association will be held.



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

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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.

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room)	3 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	4 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:30pm Outreach, Justice, and Witness (Matthew Room)	5 10:15am Staff Meeting (Church Office) 3:00pm God's Kitchen Crew (Kitchen, Vestry) 6:00pm Executive Council (Church Office) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	6 2:00pm Just Friends (Chapel) 7:00pm The Outside Track (Sanctuary)	7 9:30am Peeling Party (Kitchen)	8 12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry)
9 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 11:00am Youth Group Retreat (Offsite)	10 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	11 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 5:30pm Financial Trustees (Church Office)	12 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	13	14 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	15
16 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 10:45am Special Congregational Meeting Followship Worship (Sanctuary) 12:00pm Bread for Benefit (Vestry)	17 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	18 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:00pm Property Trustees (Matthew Room)	19 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	20	21	22
23 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (HMH Gathering Room) 11:00am Pancakery (Vestry) 1:30pm Living Water Association Outdoor Worship and Fall Association Meeting (Offsite) 6:00pm Deadline to order Fair Trade Coffee with Myrna (Offsite) 6:00pm Faith & Cinema Part 1 (Offsite)	24 6:00pm Buddhist Group (Newman Wing)	25 5:30pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 7:00pm Imar Concert (Sanctuary)	26 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	27	28 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room)	29
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