



# Old South Church

United Church of Christ

**Telstar, February 2016**

## ***Rooted in faith, Growing in love, Reaching for justice***

Beloved Old South,

As I write this February newsletter (at the end of December!), I'm still basking in the glow of Nora's baptism yesterday, when the community beheld her and proclaimed her God's beloved. Watching Rev. Cathie Wallace sprinkle the water of life over our precious Nora, I couldn't help but think of Jesus' own baptism, when he emerged from the waters, greeted with that same word.

Beloved.

Belovedness drenched Jesus in that moment and settled into his being, even as the water evaporated.

The blessing of belovedness emboldened him to enter the desert. It sustained him and helped him resist temptation while he was there.

I think it's no accident that these words – "You are my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased" – preceded Jesus' 40 days in the desert. How else could he have survived such an experience? At the end of his time in the wilderness, he left knowing who he was and what was here to do: embody belovedness and bear that love into the world.

As for us, the body of Christ today, how are we opening ourselves to the gift of belovedness that will meet us in the wilderness of Lent? How will internalizing that blessing shape us for the ministries God is calling us to in the months to come?

Luckily, we have six weeks to figure it out. After all, it takes time for belovedness to settle into our being – forty days, at least – and that is what this season is for. I am glad to begin it with you during our **Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 pm in the Matthew Room**. I look forward to seeing you there.

God's blessing on the journey,

*Alexis*

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*"Old South Church is called to be a spiritual home where diverse hearts and minds are welcomed, nourished, and formed by God to transform the world."*



## From The Moderator

### **From Sherry Jenckes, Moderator**

#### **Happy New Year, everyone!**

It's only a little over a week into the new year, and I already have a "highlight of 2016". On Sunday, January 10, over forty people stayed after worship on a miserable, rainy day to participate in the Our Turn, "Focusing our Vision, How our Space is Serving Our Mission." After prioritizing our Action Items from our visioning the year before last, folks shared their thoughts about our space, as well as programming. It's been awhile since we've had an Our Turn gathering and it felt good to be together in this format. It was especially good to see groups of folks gathered after the program in good conversation. This is Old South. It is who we are at our best, and I look forward to moving this conversation forward in this way. The results of the prioritizing, as well as all the comments is included in this Telstar.

On February 7, we will be gathering again for our Annual Financial Meeting. The Financial Trustees have worked really hard this past year on budgets and all financial matters, and this is time of sharing that information and engaging the congregation, making decisions, and planning. We have both challenges and options. Please plan to attend.

We've had a great line up of folks offering Sunday worship during Alexis's family leave time. The deacons have done a wonderful job of making sure there was coverage in all pastoral aspects of the church. That being said, it will be good to have Alexis, Liz and baby Nora home!

#### **Peace be with you all in the coming year.**

Sherry



## News & Upcoming Events

### 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, the ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING thereof will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016, immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. To receive Financial Reports from 2015;
2. To approve the 2016 operating budget;
3. To approve a Capital Campaign for 275,000
4. To transact such other or further business that may properly come before said meeting.

**Dated at Farmington, Maine, January 13, 2016**

**Gretchen Legler, Interim Clerk**

**Please bring a food item to share that can easily be handled without utensils to help with clean up. Examples: crackers, cheese slices, deviled eggs, mini sandwiches, grapes, clementines, mini quiche, potato chips, and cut up veggies such as carrots, celery or broccoli. Coffee and water will be provided. Thanks so much for your help!**



### **OUR TURN – Continuing the Conversation – How Does Our Space Support Our Mission?**

**Sunday, February 28 after worship**

After a very heartfelt and productive conversation at the January 10th Our Turn, we are ready to move into the next phase of our discussions. Please know that if you were not able to attend in January, you have not missed your opportunity to be part of the conversation – we need every voice. If you are unable to attend this or any of the upcoming Our Turn gatherings, but would like to share your thoughts, you are welcome to “write in” to the church office in an envelope marked “Our Turn”. Please be brief enough in your written comments to allow us to share them in a timely manner at the gathering.

The agenda of the February gathering will include a recap of our priority setting exercise, the Feasibility Study Team’s assessment of how and where our priorities are supported by our spaces and more.

You can find both the tally of our prioritizing exercise and the list of comments from the January gathering in this Telstar.



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## OUR TURN: "FOCUSING OUR VISION" DISCUSSION POINTS

- 1) What's meant by broadening music?
  - \*Adding more "popular" Christian music (modern)?
  - \*Tabled for further discussion.
- 2) What does our space "say"? Pride?, Organization?, Cleanliness?
- 3) Give children/youth ownership of space.
- 4) Why is there a lack of younger families despite our faith message?
- 5) What do we need space for? Do we need all the space? Are we fully utilizing?
- 6) Being more inclusive in worship (broadening offerings) will help bring others in.
- 7) Feasibility very important to future. We need growth. Focus on the future.
- 8) What implications are there for the future if HPH is no longer owned/used by the church (selling, fully renting)?
- 9) What about spiritual matters? Reaching out spiritually to members/visitors is very important. Ministering to others.
  - \*Deacons are under used.
  - \*We have the resources but we are not using them. We aren't getting it done.
- 10) First priority should be to get finances in order or the church will not be able to meet its obligations.
- 11) Sale of HPH will not solve all our financial issues.
  - \*SAPARS is important to the community and our support is part of that.
- 12) Programs and Parking are important to church growth/vitality. Parking is important for getting into church. What about our program will be compelling to new members/families?
- 13) There are lots of things that could happen with HPH sale.
  - \*Rent office space from new owners
  - \*Build small office area (capital campaign)
  - \*Might be easier for staff to be located in church.
  - \*New owners could put a fence between church and house.
  - \*Growing will require space and HPH could be vital to that.
  - \*There are spaces in the church that are also available for more usage.
  - \*Church owns driveway
- 14) Basement under church not feasible for usage right now: air quality, ceiling too low to pass inspection, lack of sunlight.
- 15) If offices were in church building there would be more of a presence in the church, more inviting.
- 16) To reach UMF students, go to the campus instead of asking them to come here.
- 17) Concerns about keeping HPH: Not financial but energy and time drain of maintaining 2 old buildings. Also, SAPARS not a primary reason for keeping HPH. (The \$6,000 in reduced rent we give SAPARS yearly is nearly the same amount as entire Outreach budget. We support other important local organizations at \$1000 to \$1500 level. Could do same for SAPARS.)

The deadline to submit articles for the March Telstar is February 10. Thank you for getting your articles in on time!



## News & Upcoming Events

### Our Turn – Focusing Our Vision, How does our space support our mission.

#### Results of Prioritizing Exercise

Action	Priority #1	Priority #2	Priority #3	Total
1. Handicapped Accessibility	19	5	3	27
2. Sandwich Board Sign	1			1
3. Expand Environmental Advocacy	1	4	1	6
4. Expand Economical Justice Advocacy	1	1	3	5
5. Find more way to share our space	1	3	4	8
6. Education about Our Church's Wider Mission				
7. Strive toward a Tithing Budget		2		2
8. Develop a Welcome Protocol	1	1	2	4
9. Increase Opportunities for Elders		1	1	2
10. Increase Family Friendly Programming	1	2	2	5
11. Welcome UMF Students	2	5	3	10
12. Allow Alternative Committee Structure		1	1	2
13. Involve Younger Members in Leadership	3	1	1	5
14. Read "Governance and Ministry"		1		1
15. Engage Children in the Sanctuary when no Sunday School		1	1	2
16. Broadcast Worship in the Nursery	1		2	3
17. Broaden the Range of Music	4	2	6	12
18. Find Additional Income Streams	2	5	3	10
19. Maintain the Integrity of the Church Campus	1	4	2	7
20. Conduct Feasibility Study of Spaces - HPH	1	3	6	10





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### THE MANY FACES OF OLD SOUTH

Have you ever been embarrassed because you couldn't place a name with a face at church?

**If so, help is on the way!** Old South will soon have a wall-mounted photo directory in the Vestry. **You can help!** Bring us your individual or family photos. They should be no larger than 4x6 and should have your name(s) written on the back. When the directory is assembled, your picture will be accompanied by a tag with your name(s) on it.

Please put your photos in Rina Bardo's file folder in the file box located in the Narthex.

Here's your chance, not only to help Old Southerners "save face" but also to help strengthen the bonds of our community!



### THANK YOU!

A big "thank you" from the Deacons to all who "ministered" at Old South during Alexis' family leave:

- \* to those who offered pastoral care and led our worship services,
- \* to the deacons who provided opportunities for one-to-one conversation and prayer,
- \* to Brenda and Myrna, our "real voices" on the office phone during Phyllis' vacation,
- \* and, to all of us for showing up at worship services, meetings and Our Turn, for offering our gifts, supporting one another and keeping Old South's home fires burning!

God Bless!



## News & Upcoming Events

### **Kitchen Organization: Please claim your dishes and label food donations!!!**

We have found a number of dishes in the church kitchen that need to be picked up. There will be a table set up in the vestry through February 8 with all of these items. All items that remain after February 8 will be donated to a future yard sale.

With your help, we will be initiating a new system of managing the refrigerators and freezer and dish returns. All food items brought to the church must be marked for their purpose and dated. There are pens and tape in the kitchen to assist you with this process. If you bring a perishable item in for coffee hour, please take it home unless you can freeze it and have marked it for a specific future purpose. For example, if you bring cookies to offer at coffee hour and have leftovers and the following day is a Retiree Lunch, please mark the cookies as a donation for the Retirees Lunch and date them if you would like to donate them for this purpose.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our food offerings fresh and safe, and the kitchen as clean as possible.



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# HEAT DANCE 5

FOR  
MORE INFORMATION, VISIT  
US ON FACEBOOK!

AND  
IT'S ALL FOR A  
FABULOUS CAUSE!

OOOH,  
DARLING---WE  
LOOK FABULOUS,  
DON'T WE?



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*The legendary Hollywood-themed event to support  
critical heating assistance in Franklin County.*

WITH LIVE MUSIC BY **SHEPHERD'S PIE**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2016  
7:00 PM  
UMF NORTH DINING HALL

\$10 IN ADVANCE/ \$15 AT THE DOOR

\$20 "GOLD PLATED" TICKETS PROVIDE  
CHAMPAGNE AT THE HOMESTEAD,  
THEN LIMO SHUTTLE SERVICE TO THE DANCE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE HOMESTEAD, THE CALICO PATCH,  
AND DEVANEY, DOAK AND GARRETT BOOKSELLERS





# OLD SOUTH CHURCH

First Congregational Church of Farmington

Rooted in Faith, Growing in Love, Reaching for Justice

January 3, 2016

Dear Maine Brothers and Sisters of Islam,

As we begin this new year we want to express our gratitude for your presence among us. The depth of your spiritual beliefs and practice and the wealth of cultures that you bring to our communities have inspired and enriched us all.

We are writing today because we know in the days since the attacks in Paris and Beirut, the downing of a Russian passenger jet over Egypt and the bloodshed in Mali and San Bernadino there has been increasing pressure on the vast Muslim community. The hateful rhetoric that has filled both the political landscape and personal conversations is totally against what we see as the highest ideals of our nation. It is completely opposed to our understanding of the message of Jesus. That message of Jesus which is a message of love, is at the center of our lives, just as the words of Mohammed, peace be upon him, are at the center of yours.

Our understandings of the divine presence may differ, the ways in which we express our faith may differ, but as spiritual descendants of Abraham and as human beings sharing inherent dignity, we want you to know that we at Old South United Church of Christ in Farmington stand with you in these difficult times.

We hold you in our prayers and we ask that you hold us in your prayers as well.

Grace and peace be with you.

***Signed by 52 members of the Old South United Church of Christ in Farmington, Maine.***

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# Mission and Outreach



## Thank you!

It was great to see the box overflowing with mittens, hats and scarves which you so generously donated to our local schools. The totals were 22 pairs of mittens, 3 pairs of gloves, 17 hats, 4 scarves and 1 pair earmuffs. These will be distributed by the school nurse and teachers as needed. They are very grateful for these gifts from Old South. Thank you to all who contributed.

– Polly Howatt



## FOOD CLOSET ITEM(S) FOR FEBRUARY TOILET PAPER and FACIAL TISSUE Bring to church on Sunday – or anytime!

In addition to this month's special need, don't forget to bring your Care and Share food closet contributions of nonperishable food on Communion Sunday, Feb. 7. You may also make financial contributions to Care and Share by writing "Care and Share" in your check memo line and submitting it along with your regular offering on Sunday mornings.

Care and Share will also recycle your plastic grocery shopping bags to distribute food items to our neighbors in need. Bags may be brought to the church anytime and placed in the collection receptacle in the narthex. Thank you for your continuing support of this ecumenical ministry.



## THE CHRISTMAS FUND

for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund

Thank you for your gifts to the special offering collected for the United Church of Christ special offering, The Christmas Fund. We received \$317.00 for this purpose. Your gifts to the Christmas Fund will assist pastors and provide for the Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and provide Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks next December to low-income retirees.



## Community Luncheon

Our January Community Luncheon served about 175 meals, including 92 meals delivered in the Farmington area (which is a record for meals delivered). Our turnout in the vestry was a little lower due to some inclement weather, but those who were there were enthusiastic and appreciative.

For February, we will be serving Chicken stew over biscuits with cake for dessert. (We love having God's Kitchen Crew make our cakes for us, and they are really appreciated by our guests!)

I just want to pass along a comment that was made by one of our regular kitchen crew as she finished taking the messages for the requests for delivery of meals. She noted that it seems from the voices of those people requesting meals to be delivered that there is an increasing sense of urgency or desperation in the need for a meal to supplement their resources. There are times when we may question whether we are actually making a difference in people's lives through our Community Luncheon ministry, but it seems to me that we are clearly doing that. So, thank you to all the members of Old South for your support.

If you have never been a part of this ministry, there is no time like now to get started. We don't ask for any long-term commitment, just come when you are able. If you can donate some of the food that we need to prepare these meals that will make a difference as well.

Stan Wheeler,  
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs



## Outreach, Justice and Witness

Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room on Sunday, February 21, following worship. Please stop by to take part, as this is an open ministry with no fixed membership.



## Children & Youth

### Sunday School and BBC

Lent is at our doorstep! In our Sunday School and BBC programming, we'll continue with our New Testament studies, but with an added Lenten message. For younger children, we will be observing our journey through the 40 days of Lent with a special "Lenten Passport," filled with thoughtful prayers, challenges, and scripture verses. The children will be encouraged to use their passports daily, bringing the passports back to church each of the six Sunday of Lent to receive stickers to mark their "progress."

Older teens will journey together through Lent with both daily and weekly contemplative exercises to encourage us to let go of those things that act as barriers as we move closer to God. Each Sunday, we'll be reflecting, and writing, and deliberately relinquishing obstacles in our faith journeys. We will culminate our Lenten practice together in a special ceremony on March 19 – when we return from our mission trip to Portland (see more information our our mission trip, below!).

### Youth Group

Faith & Cinema returns this month with a powerful independent documentary, "Love Lived on Death Row." It's the true story of a man who murdered his wife—and how his four children journeyed from hatred to forgiveness to healing, even as their father faced a death sentence from the state of North Carolina. Come join us on Sunday, February 7; we'll start things out by sharing a light dinner at 5:00 pm, and will conclude with a brief discussion time to reflect on the film's message.



### Getting ready for our March mission trip: to Portland's Preble Street!

#### Mission Trip: Preble Street in March!

Matthew 25: 34-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Next month, the Youth Group will be serving at Preble Street in Portland – a multi-faceted organization that provides food, shelter, counseling, and other services to homeless individuals. We will be working in their "soup kitchen," serving dinner on

Friday 3/18 and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, 3/19. We will be cooking, cleaning, sweeping, washing dishes, serving food, and any other chores we are asked to do. Our time together will also include a "pause" for spiritual reflection; a discussion about the challenges for adequate food, clothing and shelter that homeless individuals face in our state; and a silly late-night game, too! We'll end our mission trip back at Old South Saturday in the late afternoon with a special ceremony – one that is also the culmination of our Lenten journey together.

### God's Kitchen Crew

We'll be celebrating Valentine's Day a wee bit early – on Wednesday, February 10 – with (you guessed it) yet another silly game. And, (you guessed it), we'll be brandishing those kitchen whisks as we whip up another batch of cakes for the Community Luncheon on February 13th. All kids in grades 2 - 5 are warmly invited to join us! The fun begins at 3:00 pm.

### Bread for Benefit

The Youth Group will be offering bread for sale twice this month – February 7 and 28. Our profits will be divided between offsetting the costs of our mission trip in March and purchasing items for the high school's new "food closet" – a discreet way to provide nourishing, simple-to-prepare foods, as well as basic toiletries, to Mt Blue students. In January, we began supporting this new program with the purchase of nearly \$100 worth of food and toiletry items with our Bread-for-Benefit funds. A special "thank you" to Grace McIntosh for sharing information about this high school program.



## Children & Youth



**Don't miss our next Movie Studio filming session:  
February 28 after the worship service**

### Old South Movie Studio

Our next filming session is Sunday, February 28, 11:00 am to noon. We'll be depicting a powerful story of forgiveness---the story of twins Jacob and Esau. It's a classic story of bickering siblings; but this time, love leads to a happy ending! As always, all children are invited to participate. We'll meet immediately after the worship service to review the story, then head downstairs to the old church basement to film the movie. We'll wrap things up by noon. The edited movie will then be posted to YouTube and the church website in early March.

### 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](mailto:Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org).



Food and toiletries purchased by the Youth Group on Jan. 10th for Mt. Blue students



A few recent images of God's Kitchen Crew demonstrating what they do best!



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# Fundraising

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Sadly, Debbie has stepped down as chairperson and will be dearly missed by our committee. She was the backbone of the Committee and very passionate. She will continue to volunteer for the Fundraising events but does not want to be in charge. Therefore, we need help with the major Fundraising events (E-Waste, Plant/Yard Sale, Strawberry Shortcake on the 4th of July, Pie on the Porch, and Christmas Concert). Megan Scribner and I are the only members on the Committee at this time and we are handling the Hannaford and Scrip programs every Sunday and will continue these programs.

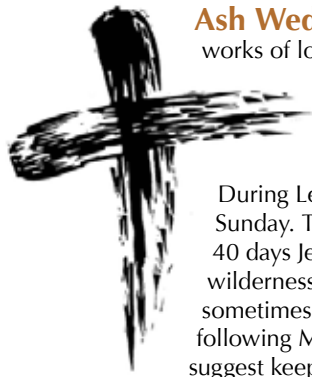
Speaking of the Hannaford program, I would like to say that it is the easiest, no-brainer, way to contribute to the church without actually taking money from your pocket, checkbook, savings account, or any account. The only obligation on your part is to buy a Hannaford card from us and when it is empty, reload it through us and the Church earns 5%. Each time a Scrip card is purchased from us, we earn a percentage from the merchant. The percentage varies by vendor. If there are any questions on how these two programs work, please stop at the Fundraising table and we will be glad to explain the program to you one on one and get you started.

I AM EXCITED JUST THINKING ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THESE TWO PROGRAMS (Hannaford and Scrip) CAN EARN WITH OUR FULL PARTICIPATION. **Please purchase your card today!**





# Worship & Music



**Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent**—a season of self-examination, prayer, fasting and works of love. In many churches, ashes are placed on the forehead as a reminder of mortality.

The word “Lent” is from the Middle English verb meaning “to lengthen.” In the Northern Hemisphere, the season corresponds with the lengthening of days during late winter and early spring.

During Lent, Christians prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. The season spans 40 days: the number 40 symbolizes spiritual journeys home, corresponding to the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert in preparation for his ministry and the 40 years Israel journeyed through the wilderness towards the promised land. The traditional color of Lent is purple. During Holy Week, red is sometimes worn to symbolize the blood shed by Jesus for the salvation of humanity. In some traditions, following Maundy Thursday’s service, the sanctuary is stripped of color and ornament as a gesture which may suggest keeping vigil with Christ on the cross and in the tomb.

**Join us to mark the beginning of Lent for an Ash Wednesday Service in the Matthew Room at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 10. All are welcome,**



## Revised Common Lectionary Readings

The Revised Common Lectionary are the readings from the Bible selected for use in worship which are utilized by many church denominations including the United Church of Christ. Each week, a passage typically from the Old Testament; a passage from one of the Psalms; another from either the Epistles or the Book of Revelation; and finally a passage from one of the four Gospels are included. The major principle behind the lectionary is that on a Sunday members of congregations should be able to hear the voice of each writer week by week, rather than readings being selected according to a theme. Below, you will find the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the month of February.

Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Malachi 3:1-4	Malachi 3:1-4	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Transfiguration Sunday February 7, 2016 (Last Sunday before Lent) ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalms 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
<b>Lent Year C</b>	<b>First reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Ash Wednesday February 10, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalms 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent February 14, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Second Sunday in Lent February 21, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalms 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
Third Sunday in Lent February 28, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9



# 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.



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>





# Calendar

## February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 12:00pm Retirees Lunch (Vestry) 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	<b>2</b> 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	<b>3</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting (HPH Meeting Room) 2:30pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room) 6:30pm Executive Council (HPH Meeting Room) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	<b>4</b> 11:00am Warming Center (Newman Wing, Vestry) 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Financial Annual Meeting (Vestry) 3:00pm Arts Insitute of Western Maine (Matthew Room) 5:00pm Youth Group Movie Night (Chapel)	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	<b>9</b> 12:30pm Clergy Lunch (Matthew Room) 2:30pm Just Friends (HPH Gathering Room) 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	<b>10</b> 3:00pm God's Kitchen Crew (Kitchen, Vestry) 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service (Matthew Room) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	<b>11</b> 11:00am Warming Center (Newman Wing, Vestry) 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	<b>12</b> 10:00am Peeling Party (Kitchen)	<b>13</b> 12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry)
<b>14</b> 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House) 11:00am Deacons' Meeting (Matthew Room)	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	<b>16</b> 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:00pm Property Trustees (Holman Parish House)	<b>17</b> 2:30pm Bereavement Support Group (Matthew Room) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	<b>18</b> 11:00am Warming Center (Newman Wing, Vestry) 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House) 11:00am Outreach, Justice and Witness (Matthew Room)	<b>22</b> 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	<b>23</b> 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	<b>25</b> 11:00am Warming Center (Newman Wing, Vestry) 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Old South Movie Studio (Old South Church) 11:00am Our Turn Gathering (Vestry)	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))					