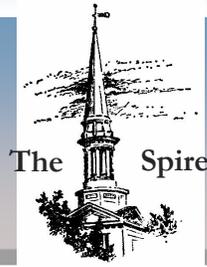


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A Note from Rev. Tina

Dear People of First Church,

Christmas has come and gone, the excitement and energy surrounds the holidays now fades as we settle into the winter months. However, there is much to celebrate. As of December 21 the days are once again getting longer and more importantly on January 6 we celebrate the Epiphany, the manifestation of the divinity of Jesus. Jesus has come, and Jesus is the Christ!

Between January 6 and Ash Wednesday we will walk together witnessing Christ's coming through miracles and teachings from long ago and Christ's movement among us now. One-way Christ is ever present with us is when we gather together. This winter (January and February) you are invited to join me every Thursday for our Community Soup Lunches from 11:30-1:00pm. These lunches are free and open to the public, so **invite a friend!** Let's share how much we enjoy First Church with others.

Also **parents, I would love to come one of your kids sporting events!** Each season if you would please send me the game schedules, I will do my best to make a game. One of my goals is to be out in the community as much as possible and what better way than to support and watch our youth!

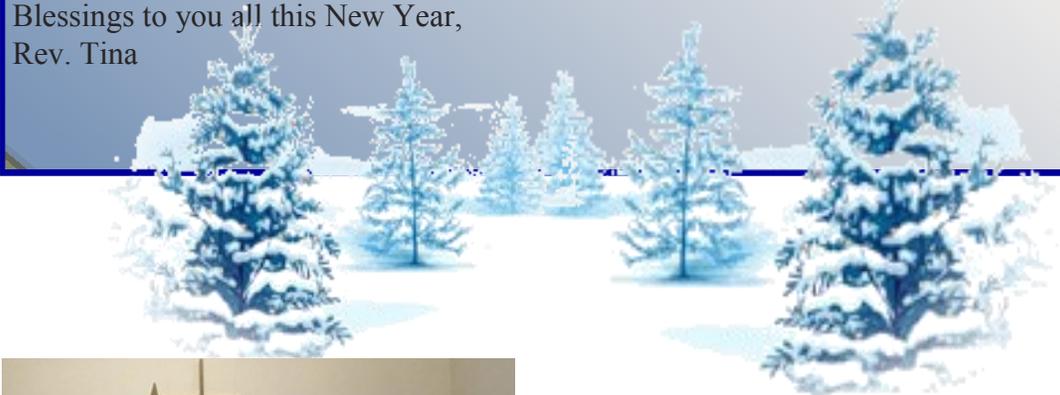
Finally, to all our snow birds; safe travels as you head south and remember us while we are shoveling!

Blessings to you all this New Year,
Rev. Tina



Christmas Pageant Update-

We had a little over 30 participants in this year's annual Christmas Pageant including a few adults. We just want to take a moment and say thank you to everyone who helped make it a success! Your Pageant Team: Joanne Saunders, Debbie Barrette, Janelle Bavota, Jerrica Waterhouse. Photos left provided by Debbie Barrett & Marcia Marino





Church School News

Church School Teachers and Assistants are needed; please contact Jerrica Waterhouse (508-888-0434 or jerrica@firstchurchsandwich.org) for more info. 'Hands on Bible Curriculum' is so much fun and easy to use. Everything you need to teach is right there in your learning lab box.

Youth News and Events

Sunday, January 6, 2018

6:00-8:00 pm: **Youth group** are invited to come together for candle-making on January 6, in honor of Epiphany!

Sunday January 27th

5:30-8:30 p.m.: **Youth group** meet to make soup and chili for the following week's "Souper Bowl" event, a fundraiser to support local food pantries. **Mark your calendar now: Sunday, Feb 3** is the "Souper Bowl" event.

SAVE THE DATE

Parents Night Out

VALENTINE'S DAY

Thursday February 14th @ 5:30-8:30

Contact [Jerrica@firstchurchsandwich.org](mailto:jerrica@firstchurchsandwich.org) to R.S.V.P Now.

Youth Group Christmas Party-

At the annual Christmas party for the youth group, we watched The Grinch and had spaghetti and meatballs with candy for dinner. During the lesson, Martine Canning spoke to the kids about how we can relate the movie to real life, that in a world full of Grinch's, we should choose to be more like Cindy Lou Who.



Youth Group Goes to the Streets and Needs Your Help

On **January 25-26**, the Youth Group will head into the mission field in Hyannis by participating in Street Reach, an overnight outreach program sponsored by Cape Cod Council of Churches. The program goals are:

- * To bring together youth and adults from different faith communities to explore the issue of homelessness on Cape Cod and to help them develop a passion for living out the message of the prophets and the Gospel in the world.
- * To empower formerly homeless and homeless individuals to use their gifts and talents in a positive way through sharing their stories
- * To help dispel the stereotypes identified with homeless individuals by spending time and sharing a meal together
- * To look at the root causes of homelessness and vision action to prevent it.
- * To have fun through praying and working together.

This is where YOU can help

The youth are asked to collect clothing and toiletries. Please ask your friends, families, co-workers, and neighbors to help. Below is the list of items needed.

- travel-size toiletries: (In individual Ziploc bags) soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes,
- blankets, nylon jackets and pants, ponchos, warm coats, sweaters, hoodies, sweat shirts, and sweat pants
- long sleeved shirts, jeans, khakis, and casual pants, waterproof boots, comfortable shoes, and sneakers
- hats, waterproof gloves, coats, belts

Thank you for your prayers and your support

Keep your collected items until the week of January 20th.



Let It Snow!

Please keep these friends in your prayers

Prayers for Healing: Charlie Marino, Alberta- Shirley Goldstein's sister, Richard Pendergast, Joe Maloney, George Kasper, David Schrader

Prayers of Sympathy: The Froman Family on the death of Judy's mother, Nancy Macleod, Lois Frost and Family on the death of her sister, and all others who have lost loved ones.

Home Bound: Hope Anderson, Mildred Lauzier, Eleanor Rose

Flower Sign Ups

Would you like to honor a special person, birthday or anniversary, or provide a special accent to the sanctuary altar? Perhaps a thank you to God for the blessings you have received. Please contact Ann Morrison at: amjoan@aol.com or sign up in the Gates Room.



Date	Name
Jan. 6	
Jan. 13	
Jan. 20	
Jan. 27	
Feb. 3	
Feb. 10	

Winter Soup Lunches Thursdays, starting January 3rd, 2019

Winter Soup Lunches are starting up for the year and
You are invited!!



We will have a selection of delicious soups created by our church family and from the generous contributions of community members. Bread and desert are included, all for the price of a smile. Come join us on Thursdays from 11:30-1:00 p.m., bring friends and enjoy a little sunshine in the middle of the cold, dark winter. We are handicap accessible. If interesting in volunteering please contact Walley King at: nredirect@gmail.com.

Make a New Year's Resolution: E-Giving Available

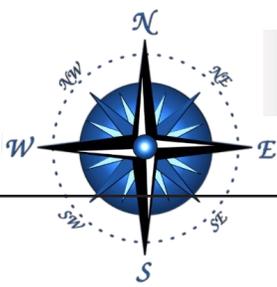
Did you know you have the option of debiting your contributions automatically from your checking or savings account or having them processed using your credit or debit card. The electronic giving program offers more convenience for you, a reduced workload for our volunteer counters, deposit coordinator, and Financial Secretary, and much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a monthly or weekly basis, you no longer need to write out 12 or 52 checks a year. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Rick Lawrence, Treasurer



Thank you again for your generosity. Because there is a per transaction charge to the church, please consider increasing your donation that much to cover the costs.



Joyful Noise Notes



Celebrations both big and small took place in our classes during November and December. The children created cornucopia artwork sending messages to families of what they are thankful for. Handmade turkey center pieces were designed to decorate Thanksgiving tables and candle holders with fresh greens made beautiful Christmas decorations. We learned about family traditions, how cranberries are harvested and that decorating gingerbread cookies can be so much fun! Reverend Tina

joined us to read the story of baby Jesus and the children rehearsed Christmas songs as a preview to our annual party.

Families filled the Gates Room for our annual Christmas party where the children sang joyful songs and shared delicious treats. Santa (aka Bill Powell) surprised us with an empty lap and listening ear. There were lots of laughs and hugs while on Santa's lap!

Both Annemarie and I are grateful to be part of the First Church community, especially now as we both experienced losses this year. My beloved mom and Annemarie's brother Frank passed away in the Fall. Please know that your warm hugs, listening ears, cards and smiles continue to comfort us. We look forward to another year of learning with love at Joyful Noise Preschool.

Terri Lippman, Director

Photos provided by Terri Lippman

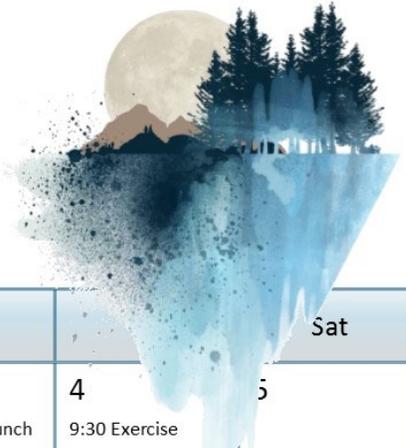


Indoor Snowball fight?

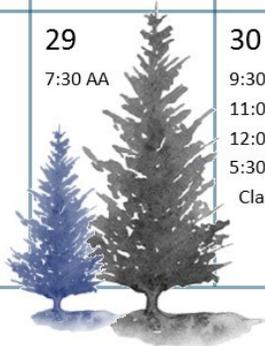
This year's church-wide Christmas Potluck and Yankee Swap was a fun evening of friends and laughter. After dinner Ed went around asking people to pull numbers from the hat for the Yankee Swap. After all the numbers were pulled, Pam pulled one for Ed which turned out to be #1! Cries of "it's ridged" rang through the air. It was then determined that #2 would instead be the first number to pick a gift, upon realizing that #2 was Rev. Tina again cries of "it's ridged" rang out (all in good fun of course!). Gifts were selected and passed, until Gina "stole" the "snowball fight kit". After selecting that gift, she opened up the cotton ball like snow balls and began the indoor snowball fight. Laughter filled the air as white balls took sail. In the end all had a wonderful time and new memories were created. Photos provided by Rev. Tina



January 2019



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Roof update

The entire roof has been replaced and looks great! Sorry for any inconvenience doing the work may have caused. I know you will agree, it was well worth it! The church has the good fortune of receiving, anonymously, two very generous donations by church members in the amounts of \$20,000 and \$15,000 to be used to pay for the roof replacement. As a church we are truly blessed to have such wonderful people supporting our church in many different ways!

We have also received a very generous donation of \$20,000 from Ruth Switzer’s family, in her memory, to paint the sanctuary. All these generous donations will allow us to move the time line up to repair the ceiling and paint the entire sanctuary! We are planning on getting quotes to do the work next summer.

Thank you, everyone, for your continuous support of First Church! With our new pastor Tina and all the wonderful things happening, we have a bright future ahead of us!

Dave Bergeson for the F&O Committee

Congratulations

Rev. Heidi!



Rev. Heidi Champagne shows off the new stoles she received as gifts at her ordination on December 16th. Congratulations Heidi! Your church family is very proud and wishes you all the best as you move forward in ministry.



Photo above provided by Chris Ranney, Photo left provided by Jerrica Waterhouse

Many Thanks First Church-

My family and I thought that Christmas time would be very sad as we have been through many events that have caused financial hardship this year. With the help of First Church we will have Christmas and our hearts are full.

Thank you so much!

A very grateful First Church Family

A Note of Thanks-

Thanks to each one of my church family for their loving expressions of kindness to me at my sisters passing.

Sincerely, Lois Frost



Jubilee-

On January 8th 7:00PM Jubilee will meet to discuss The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah. Please note this is a week later than our typical first Tuesday of the month, since the 1st Tuesday is New Year’s Day. We only picked our book to read in December, so PLEASE during your holiday gatherings get some “book suggestions” to share at our January meeting.



Thank You-

Dear Congregation,

Thanks, so much, for your amazing response to the Church Circle sponsored collection for A Baby Center and especially to my appeal for “wipes” – we were certainly “in the running” for a church that is so supportive of ABC and the Cape Cod Council of Churches.

Blessings, Nancy Lawrence

Vice-President, Cape Cod Council of Churches Board of Directors



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Please send an electronic 1 page or less report to Jennie in the church office by February 1st!

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