



Parish Visitor

First Congregational Church UCC

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July/August 2026

Friends,

I think warm weather and long summer days are greeted with special appreciation in New England, where the winter is so long and, at times, arduous. Though many of us scatter during these months. In August I will begin the first stage of retirement, but will technically be pastor through November. Preparation for the transition has already begun. This summer begins an important transition for all of us.

As always, I hold you all in my prayers and offer the following:

A Prayer for the Summer Months

O God of creation and creativity,
your love is abundant and apparent to us in the long, fragrant days of summer.

As our gardens plump with fruits of the earth, may we each and all sow seeds of reflection, fellowship, discovery and service. May your Spirit weave us together even as we are apart, so we may share our insights and inspirations with one another.

We pray for safe journeys and restful sojourns, whether at home or away. May our recreation refresh and reinvigorate us so we may renew our commitment to becoming the people and community you would have us be, in a world without end. Amen.

In Christ,

Richard Malmberg

Searching for a New Pastor



News from the Interim Search Committee

Please mark your calendars, on Sunday, August 23rd we'll be having a special guest. Rev. David Stinson will be joining us for our Sunday Service and will be staying after for a group meeting of members and friends of the church. He will be leading a discussion on what we are looking for, what we want and where we go from here. He will help guide us to our next step. We really need everyone's input, so please come and join us. We want input from friends who have stopped coming on how we can possibly improve in our future search and development. So, ask someone you know if they would like to join us. Rev. David Stinson was an interim for us before Rev. Richard. Many of you will remember his sermons and hopefully will want to hear him again.

On Sunday, August 30th, Rev. Linda Hirst, our Transitional UCC Search and Call Minister will be here to lead us in the service and will also stay after during Coffee Hour. She will answer any questions you may have and also get to know us better.

We have sent in our Interim Search Request to the NH UCC. They are processing it and we will be placed on the list to start receiving applications for an Interim Minister.

That's all for now,

Jana Sellarole, Peg Winnen, Ann and Paul Looney



Church Council Update

Our next meeting is on Saturday, July 18, at 9 am. Rev. Linda Hirst will be joining us on ZOOM. Hopefully, all of the committees will be represented. This will give us a chance to interact with her and ask any questions we may have. To facilitate the meeting we will lead with Tracey's report first and then will proceed with the rest of the meeting with Rev. Hirst present.

Peg Winnen

Church DEACONS

The Deacon of the Month for July is Ann Looney. Ann's phone number is 603-313-7458. The Deacon of the Month for August will be Mike Brodeur. His phone number is 603-499-0988.

Our other deacons are: Peter Graves, Linda Wright, Kathy Yardley, and Deb McCollister. As deacons we are responsible for supplying a minister each Sunday after Richard retires. Please let one of the deacons know if there is someone who needs a call, a visit or prayers. Thank you.

Linda Wright



Peter Graves	July 4
Patrick Looney	July 5
Felicia Phillips	July 10
Jan Martin	July 21



Chuck and Ellie Shaw	July 7
Tim and Judy Foley	July 11
Dale and Bonnie Woodward	July 19
George and Linda Jeffrey	July 21



Minna Good	August 6
Jacob Grasse	August 8
Richard Malmberg	August 9
Veronica Graff	August 11
Carol Malnati	August 13
Marilyn Blake	August 15
Carol Lamp	August 15
Judy Foley	August 18
Beki Bowen	August 29



Joe and Linda Graff	August 8
Eric and Kristin Graff	August 14
Alan and Linda Smith	August 28
Vincent and Carol Malnati	August 29

MISSIONS COMMITTEE



Mission and Action

The Mission and Action Committee would like to thank everyone who pitched in to help with our Spring Rummage Sale. Sales were a bit disappointing, with net proceeds totaling \$1,790.00 including food sales.

The committee is looking for new members as Jane Malmberg will be stepping down at the end of June. Come join a fun committee that serves both our local community and the wider church family.

Jane Malmberg



There are tentative plans to have our Chicken Barbecue in August. No date has been set yet. In order to continue with this fundraiser, we will need more help at the barbecue pit. If you are able to help out, let Linda Wright know by calling the church at 603-756-4075.





Sunday, July 5	Worship Service with Communion in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom	10:00 am
Sunday, July 12	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom	10:00 am
Saturday, July 18	Council Meeting with Linda Hirst on Zoom	9:00 am
Sunday, July 19	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom	10:00 am
Sunday, July 26	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom	10:00 am
Sunday, August 2	Worship Service with Communion in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom	10:00 am
Sunday, August 9	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom Richard's leading worship for the last time	10:00 am
Sunday, August 16	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom	10:00 am
Sunday, August 23	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom With Rev. David Stinson, discussion to follow	10:00 am
Sunday, August 30	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom With Rev. Linda Hirst, discussion to follow	10:00 am

Summer Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday – 10 am to 12 noon.
Wednesday - Friday, 9 am to 10:30 am

September 2026 Parish Visitor Articles Due: Monday, August 24, 2026



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