

# *First Church in Jaffrey*

## *Weathervane*

*January 2022 is a month of endings and beginnings for our church community.*

### **Farewell & Thanks**



**Rev. David Felton**  
**Interim Pastor**  
**Sept. 2019 – January 2022**

### **Welcome to First Church**



**Rev. Steve Miller**  
**January 2022**



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## **Worship Services in January – Dealing with COVID**

New Hampshire continues to experience high rates of COVID. Thus, First Church will continue its practice of holding worship in our spacious sanctuary at 10:30 on Sundays.

Every other pew is closed off with red ribbon to ensure distancing. Masks are required, and names of all attendees are checked off to facilitate contact tracing if needed. Coffee hour in the Parish House remains canceled, but we linger to catch up with friends in the sanctuary following the service. Gene Faxon and our wonderful trio continue to enhance worship with beautiful choral and instrumental music.

January is an important month for First Church, a time of major transition. Plans call for worship at 10:30 to continue in the sanctuary to allow distancing. The schedule is as follows:

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| January 9  | David's last Sunday as our interim pastor. We will celebrate his time with us in the sanctuary following the service. |
| January 16 | Rev. Ilona Kwiecien leads worship in this transition Sunday.                                                          |
| January 23 | Rev. Steve Miller leads his first worship service at First Church.                                                    |
| January 30 | Following the service, we'll convene our annual meeting at 11:30.                                                     |

***Because many in our congregation are 60 or older, vaccinations and the booster shot are strongly recommended to protect our community.***



## Call for FCiJ Annual Meeting

To All Members,

The Annual Meeting of The First Church in Jaffrey will be held via Zoom from the Parish House on **Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.**

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Receive and vote on reports for the year;
- Vote on the proposed 2022 Budget;
- Vote on officers proposed by the Nominating Circle for positions open this year:

Moderator

Three Trustees (of varying term lengths)

Clerk

Treasurer

And to undertake such other actions that may legally come before the meeting.

All members and friends are invited to attend via Zoom or in person (with mask). Information about the Zoom invitation will be forthcoming one week before the meeting. While all are welcome, only members and associate members can vote.

### **Slate of Officers**

**Moderator** - Sam Greene (2 yr. term) Term starts Jan. 2022, ends Jan. 2024

**Clerk** - Nancy Elder-Wilfrid (2 yr. term) Term starts Jan. 2022, ends Jan. 2024

**Treasurer** - Ann St. Cyr Gordon (2 yr. term) Term starts Jan. 2022, ends Jan. 2024

#### ***Trustees:***

Roy Lake - 2022 Term starts Jan. 2022, ends Jan. 2023

Pam Hill - 2023 Term starts Jan. 2022, ends Jan. 2024

David Bliss - 2024 (Committed for 1 year) Term starts Jan. 2022, ends Jan. 2025

Janet Grant - 2024 Term starts Jan. 2022, ends Jan. 2025

#### ***Trustees continuing to serve: (not on ballot)***

Tom Warren - 2022 Term ends Jan. 2023

Dan Wilfrid - 2023 Term ends Jan. 2024

*Nominating Circle: Bobbie Gilbert, Janet Grant, Sylvia Hamilton*

## Benevolence Circle Makes Year-End Donations

### Funds raised by Fair and Pie Sales



One goal for 2021 was to disburse the Fair money in the same year it was raised. In the past the Fair money was rolled over into the next year and distributed in the spring. In 2022, we hope to distribute donations in Fall, keeping everything in the same calendar year.

From the Pie Sales (summer & Thanksgiving) and the Fair, we had \$3,834 to give away before Dec. 31. This is based on the usual 51-49 % formula (community – church operating budget, respectively). In the 2021 calculations, the pie money was divided into thirds, with roughly \$2,000 being put aside to fund kitchen renovations (to make more, better pies). 2022 Scholarships will come from 2022 Fair money.



### ***The following organizations received donations in December 2021:***

Home Health Care Hospice and Community Services \$400  
 Meals on Wheels \$300 (under umbrella of HHC)  
 Monadnock Area Psychotherapy and Spiritual Services (MAPS) \$200  
 Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention \$300  
 Monadnock Community Early Learning Center \$300  
 Monadnock Family Services \$400  
 Monadnock Adult Day Care Center \$200 (under umbrella of MFS)  
 Shelter from the Storm \$500  
 Reality Check \$300  
 Got Lunch \$300  
 JR Memorial Ambulance Service \$200

### ***Benevolence Circle:***

*Marcia Breckenridge, Chair, Mary Jo Marvin, Toni Zajczkowski*

## News from the Wider Community

### UCC Small Church Collaborative in Rindge and MA

The First Congregational Church and Society, United Church of Christ, of Rindge has unanimously voted to join the Small Church Collaborative with United Church of Christ congregations in Ashburnham and Templeton, Massachusetts. The concept of the Collaborative has been developed by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Magill, who will serve as the founding pastor of the Collaborative. Rindge's membership in the Collaborative will begin in January.



**Help a Child ...**

**Become a CASA Volunteer.**

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) of New Hampshire volunteers make a life-changing difference for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Volunteers are urgently needed NOW. You can provide a voice for a child in need. Register online today for a virtual info session on January 26 at 5:30 pm that will focus on the need for volunteers in the Monadnock Region. Learn more and register at [www.casanh.org/infosessions](http://www.casanh.org/infosessions). If you sign up and are unable to attend, CASA will send you a link to the recorded session.