

## **Mutual Ministry at the First Church in Jaffrey**

Central to our congregational vision of faith and spirit is the idea that God is most richly reflected in the fullness of community. This means specifically that the ministry of the First Church in Jaffrey is a shared effort – everyone has a part to play whether you are a long-time member or a new friend. Our mutual ministry consists not only of the tasks we share, but in the spirit of love and care we bring to every moment of our time together.

### **Be Involved at First Church**

#### **Calendar this week:**

Monday, January 5, 6:30 pm – Jaffrey Scout Troop 33

Wednesday, January 7, 9:30 am – PRC on zoom

Wednesday, January 7, 4:00 pm – Worship Circle

Wednesday, January 7, 8:00 pm – AA Meeting

#### **Dates to Remember:**

January 11 – Rev. Cathy George

January 11 – New Member Information Session

January 18 – Rev. Nancy Elder-Wilfrid

January 25 – New Member Installation/Annual Meeting

#### **PASTORAL CARE**

During this time of transition, pastoral care will be provided on a rotating basis by Rev. Ilona Kwiecien, Rev. Bob Kyte, and Rev. Nancy Elder-Wilfrid. In case of pastoral concern or emergency, please contact our moderator, Sam Greene (603-533-5152) and he will reach out to the person covering at that time.

#### **WHO ARE WE WORKSHOP?**

Please join us for a fun and informative 45-60 minute workshop entitled "Who Are We?" immediately after worship today during coffee hour in the parish house. We'll be talking about who we are as a congregation and where God may be leading us. This workshop, with everyone's participation, will help the Search Circle complete our "Local Church Profile" as we prepare to seek a settled pastor. The workshop will be led by Rev. Linda Hirst (of the NH Conference). All are welcome!

**Subject:** Seeking the Spirit's Lead: Preparation for our upcoming meeting/Who are we? Workshop

#### **Dear Church Family,**

As we look toward our upcoming meeting on **Sunday January 4th**, I am excited about the opportunity for us to dream and discern together. We are at an important moment in our life as a congregation, and your voice is vital to understanding where God is leading us next. To help us have a deep and meaningful conversation, I'm sharing several questions that will guide our time together. I invite you to pray over these topics and reflect on your own experiences within our church home:

#### **1. Our Identity & Calling**

- **Who is God calling us to *become*?** Looking beyond what we do, who are we being shaped to be as a people of faith?
- **How are we reaching out?** In what ways is God calling us to address the new challenges and opportunities emerging in our local community and within our own walls?

#### **2. Our Life Together**

- **Our Life of Faith:** How would you describe the spiritual heartbeat of our congregation?
- **Our Strengths:** What are the positive qualities or unique strengths that make our church special?

#### **3. Our Gatherings & Growth**

- **Our Worship:** When we gather to praise God, what is that experience like? How would you describe the "soul" of our worship services?
- **Our Vision for Formation:** What is our hope for our educational programs? How do we see ourselves growing in faith across all generations?

**How to prepare:** There is no need to write out formal answers! Simply come ready to share your heart, your stories, and your observations. We want to hear where you see God moving and where you see opportunities for us to grow.

I am so grateful for this community and for the ways you live out your faith every day. I look forward to our time of shared reflection.

**In Peace,**

**Annie Gordon on behalf of The Search Circle**

**NB -if you are unable to attend the workshop this Sunday, please feel free to send any thoughts you have on the questions above and send to [admin@firstchurchinjaffrey.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchinjaffrey.org) and Karen Brown will forward along to the Search Circle.**