

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANOVER

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

We Strive to Be a Church that Welcomes All and Empowers All in
Christ to Share their God Given Talents.



Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 9:30 AM

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Sexton Karen Tripp: Tuesday and Thursday, 9-2

Our worship services can be viewed on YouTube.com (search First Church Hanover MA)

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Transfiguration Sunday

To Our Guests: We are grateful that you are with us this morning. As a people of God, our most important activity is worship. You are invited to attend any of the activities listed in the bulletin.

- **Children:** All children, regardless of their age, are welcome to stay in worship with their parents. There are activity bags located in the narthex at the front entrance of the church.
- **Sunday School:** Our exciting program is for children preschool to 8th grade. Sunday School starts at 9:20 am in Riley Hall across the street. Adults will lead the children from Riley Hall to the church to join the congregation at 10:20 am. **If you need a place to be with your infant or toddler**, we invite you to use the nursery located through the front door of the sanctuary to the right of the pulpit. The service can be viewed in the nursery on a flat screen television.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

*standing as you are able

RINGING OF THE BELL AND TIME TO BE SILENT

PRELUDE: Please enter a quiet time of reflection when the prelude music begins

***OPENING HYMN & CHOIR PROCESSION** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Red Pilgrim #35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF WELCOME AND *PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

People: **God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion, exalted over all the peoples.

People: **Mighty ruler, lover of justice, thou hast established equity; thou hast executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Leader: *Extol the Lord; worship at God's footstool!*

People: **Extol the Lord, and worship at God's holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!**

INVOCATION (in unison)

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Stella Rae Berardi
Daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth Berardi

Born on March 7, 2019

Godchild of Diana and Mark Montilio

***HYMN**

Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle (verse 1)

Red Pilgrim #277

Pastor: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God's call to us.

Pastor: The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God.

Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

Baptismal Questions to the Parents:

Pastor: Do you promise to live by the good will and love of God so that your daughter may grow in the love and nurture of God? Do you promise to grow with her in the Christian faith through regular prayer, study of Holy Scripture, and participation in Christian fellowship?

Parents: We do.

Congregational Response

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

The Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

***HYMN**

Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle (verses 2 & 3)

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SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

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¹²The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

*After the service please join us downstairs in the Vestry
for light refreshments and a time of fellowship.*



SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THIS MORNING

- ◇ Greeting you this morning is Claire Garrigan.
- ◇ Our Lay Reader is Al Alexander.
- ◇ The altar flowers are provided by Michaela and Meredith Crosby in memory of Audrey R. Crosby.
- ◇ The altar flowers are provided by Don and Louise Jackson in honor of the baptism of their granddaughter, Stella Rae Berardi.
- ◇ Coffee Hour is hosted by Ginny Hunt-Burbine and Ericka Penney.
- ◇ The Deacon of the Week is Al Alexander.

PRAYER LIST

- *Pamela Lapham, sister-in-law of Ruth Hall, with kidney failure
- *Patricia Blois, friend of Ruth Hall, with autoimmune complications
- *The family of Charles Hilgendorf, brother of Elaine Backer, who passed January 31
- *The family of Wayne Parlee, grandfather of Elaina Schlumper, who passed February 10
- *Joan Greene, friend of Craig Pettengill
- *Amanda Consiglio, granddaughter of Doris Hotten, injured in a car accident

- *Edward Alexander
- *The family of Theresa Hall, former church member, who passed January 28
- *Steven Vernazzaro, son of Dolly Johnson
- *Priscilla Cedrone
- *Laura Paine
- *Andrew Talbot
- *Johanne Morrison
- *Prescott Henderson
- *Susan Alexander
- *Karyn Hall, Lynn White's sister
- *Lynn White
- *Carol Caldeira

BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS: Please complete one of the cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or in the basket to the right of the altar, or give it to an usher. This will allow for the most accurate listing of your concern. Folks will remain on this list for 4 weeks unless you update your request.

CHURCH SPONSORED EVENTS TODAY AND IN THE DAYS AHEAD

Today:	9:20 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Worship Service 11:00 am: Kathi Carpenter, <i>Open and Affirming</i> , in vestry 6:00 pm: Youth Group meets in Riley Hall
Monday:	9:00 am: Spire Articles Due 7:00 pm: Bible Study in Riley Hall lower level
Tuesday:	7:00 pm: Diaconate in in church building 7:00 pm: Outreach and Service in Riley Hall meeting room
Wednesday	10:00 am-2:00 pm: Thrift Shop Open 6:00 pm: Soup Supper in vestry 7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday:	10:00 am: Spire Collation 7:00 pm: Yoga in church building
Friday:	7:30 pm: Merriweds at Church Hill Coffee House
Saturday:	10:00 am-2:00 pm: Thrift Shop Open
Sunday:	8:30 am: Choir Practice 9:20 am: Sunday School 9:30 am: Communion, Worship Service, Rev. Terry preaching, <i>Lead Me Through Temptation</i> , Matthew 4:1-11, Deacon of the week Deb Shea 11:00 am: Church Profile in vestry 1:30 pm: Meal Preparation in Riley Hall Kitchen for homeless shelter



TRANSFIGURATION REVEALS JESUS' DIVINITY FOR THE FIRST TIME

The disciples knew Jesus was different. He was the Messiah, the one earlier prophets had told was coming to save them from oppression and exile. On the mountain, Elijah and Moses both appeared; then the disciples heard a voice from heaven, "This is my Son." They had thought Jesus was the Messiah, but Jesus was so much more. Jesus was God's son. The event is so far outside our realm of experience, we have no reference for making meaning of it. We know it was unique. We know it was of God. But we are left wondering, "What does this mean?" Jesus' transfiguration is a magnificent mystery.



FEBRUARY 23: WHAT DOES A WELCOMING CHURCH LOOK LIKE?

How does a Church show it's welcoming? You are invited to join Kathi Carpenter, from the Southern New England Conference UCC, in the sanctuary after church today. Kathi will discuss what it means to be

DONATE WINTERWEAR TO MAINSPRING COLLECTION BOX IN CLOAKROOM

MainSpring is asking for donations of socks, men's and women's thermal tops & bottoms, and sweatshirts as well as sweat pants. Place your purchases in the Mainspring donation box in the coat room.



FINAL DAY FOR TOY DRIVE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Kelly Morrissey, a Senior at Pembroke High School, is coordinating a toy drive during the month of February among four area churches. The toys will be delivered to Boston Children's Hospital in early March. Toys should be in new condition, for infants through teens.

LAST DAY FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS

Support the UCC's efforts to offer warmth to our neighbors around the Commonwealth and the world. Honor someone you know with the purchase a CWS blanket for \$10.



EXPRESS WORSHIP JOY THROUGH RINGING

Wouldn't it be lovely to have bells add to the celebration of Easter Sunday?! Volunteers need no prior experience with handbells; however, the ability to read music is necessary. Rehearsals will be after church on Sunday mornings. Please see Chad or a member of the Music Committee for more information or if you're ready to join the handbell brigade.

EASTER LILIES WILL GO ON SALE MARCH 22 AND MARCH 29



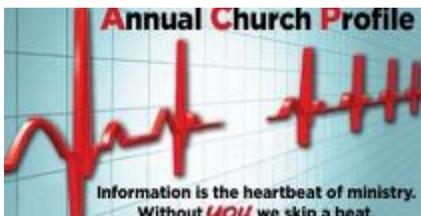


FEBRUARY 26 ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE

Come to the special Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at the church, **starting at 6 pm with a free soup supper and service at 7 pm.** Please let Linda Gilardi (garygila@aol.com) know if you would like to contribute a soup or bread. Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer through fasting and reflection. It is a time to prepare for the ultimate celebration of Easter.

MERRIWEDS COFFEE HOUSE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 7:30 PM

Join the Merriweds at the Church Hill Coffee House Friday, February 28 at 7:30PM. Dave Richardson will perform songs and ballads, weaving together threads of folk, country, and traditional music. Admission is \$10 at the door. Please contact Hal Thomas at halhanover@msn.com or 781-826-7952 for further details or if you plan to attend.



DON'T MISS THESE THREE BIG DATES FOR OUR CHURCH PROFILE

Come contribute your thoughts as the First Congregational Church of Hanover begins to develop our Church Profile at congregational gatherings directly after the Sunday morning worship service.

March 1 - We will determine "Who are we now?"

March 29 - We will declare "Who is our neighbor?"

April 26 - We will envision "Who is God calling us to be?"

Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this essential step to begin our search for a new pastor.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR *THE TROUBLE WITH CATS*, APRIL 24

Join the Merriweds for a performance of *The Trouble With Cats* at the North River Theater in Norwell on Friday, April 24 at 8 PM. Tickets are \$20 per person. Elaine Shea has offered to reserve and purchase tickets for the Merriweds. Due to limited seating, **please contact Elaine Shea by**



Friday, February 28 if you would like to attend:

elaineishea@gmail.com, H# 781-878-4688 or C# 781-799-0692.

An entertaining play and great fellowship make this a "don't miss" evening!