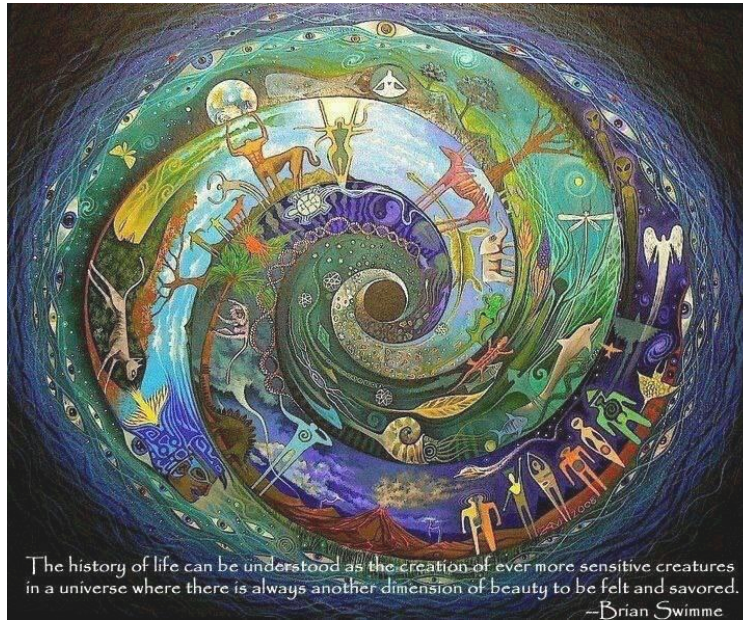




WEEKLY GOOD NEWS EMAIL
First Congregational Church of Hanover, Massachusetts
An Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ

from Pastor Terry
johnterry@fcchanover.org

April 25, 2021
A Celebration of God's Creation



Link to the church YouTube home page for the most recent Sunday service
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOZdozbwpMp1qbJeHbwAaA>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR this Sunday, at 10:30.
<https://zoom.us/j/94497541799?pwd=a2pSSjkxbUs2NIZ6RFZ0dG9XaU9FUT09>
Meeting ID: 944 9754 1799**Passcode:** 738510



In recognition of Earth Day, the Social Matters Committee will have a guest join us for Coffee Hour this Sunday at 10:30. Brian Taylor of the North and South Rivers Watershed Association will give us insight on how our rivers and ponds are affected by development, pollution, drought, and other issues, and how these in turn have a huge effect on the quality of our lives. Brian is the Environmental Education staff member for NSRWA. He will give us a view of what a “day in the life” of his work is like and how we in Hanover, and the 15 other towns involved in the watershed, can help in our own areas impacted by the North and South Rivers. Hope to see you on Sunday!

CALENDAR

Sundays at 10:30: Virtual Coffee Hour
Mondays at 7:00: Bible study
Wednesdays at 2:00: Fellowship Hour
Church Cleanup Day, Saturday, April 24 at 8:30 am

Come worship with us!

Spring is here! Join us for in-person Church Service!!

*Starting May 9th at 9:30 A.M.
In Riley Hall*



Following CDC recommendations, seating will be social distanced and masks are required.



Our in-person service will be recorded and available on You-Tube. Follow the link at www.fcchanover.org

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Please email your celebrations and concerns to John Terry or to the church office.

- ◆ Dolly Johnson would appreciate light housekeeping help two days a week from 9-12. She pays \$20/hr. Please give her a call at (781) 871-6838.



- In honor of Arbor Day, we want to acknowledge that the church is very grateful for the seven new sugar maple trees that are flourishing along the walkway!

- To FCC Family – In a period of isolation and uncertainty, you still had time to think of others. The card from Hal and the lily

plant from this church was overwhelming. Thank you so much for thinking of me. Best regards ~ Cynthia Smellie



Please Pray for:

- Luke Lukoski, undergoing surgery on April 28
- Bud Mosher in hospice
- Nancy Merrifield, daughter of Maddie Thomas, undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- Sally Grey, neighbor of Ruth Hall, lung cancer
- Pegge Powers, recovering from a fall
- Susan Alexander
- Giana Conti
- Linda Peterson, cousin of Ginny Hunt, with advancing late-stage Alzheimer's
- Dave Durand, friend of Sandy and Dave Vaughn, with metastatic cancer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE HYGIENE KITS: The last day to drop off health kits is Saturday, April 24. Karen Tripp will deliver them to the Brockton depot on May 5.

MAINSRING: Volunteers are needed to provide a meal for 60 people at the homeless shelter for **Sunday, May 2.**

Contact Karen Tripp (trippklt@aol.com) to make arrangements.



Father Bill's & MainSpring
NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

BRINGING HOPE
when it's needed most



SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

CHURCH CAMPUS SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY IS THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH.

Our annual spring clean-up is April 24. Stop by between 8:30 and 11:00AM to help with a light clean-up of the church campus landscaping and grounds in celebration of Earth Day! Bring a leaf rake and any light gardening tools you might need. Lawn/leaf bags will be available on site.

SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE SOCIAL MATTERS COMMITTEE!

We Are Collecting Toiletries for Carolina Hill House in Marshfield.



The Carolina Hill House provides a safe haven for women and children experiencing a family crisis. They are in need of all types of toiletries such as soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Drop off hours at Riley Hall:

Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Sat from 10 - 2

Make A difference! Make A Donation!



TIME TO APPLY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The First Congregational Church of Hanover will award a college scholarship to one or more high school graduating members of the church. This scholarship is awarded in recognition of a youth's involvement in church activities and is offered only to either a confirmed member of the church or to a student whose parents/guardians are covenant members. If you are eligible, please send in a completed application along with a letter of recommendation from a church committee member to the Christian Education (CE) Committee no later than May 30, 2021. All submissions can be made via email to katgilligan@gmail.com.

Baccalaureate Sunday is on June 4, 2021. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the scholarship/completion of application, please don't hesitate to contact Kate Gilligan at katgilligan@gmail.com.

ATTACHMENT OF THE WEEK from the Search Committee



PASTORAL
SEARCH
COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Search Committee would like to bring you up to date on the progress of our search.

As you know, our Church Profile was completed and posted on the UCC Conference website in late February. If you'd like to view the posting, you can see it on ucc.org under "ministry opportunities".

We received 16 applications to date (the Conference tells us this is a good response), and we have a list of five candidates with whom we have scheduled interviews. Our first (Zoom) interview takes place this week, with more planned in the next two weeks. We will continue to schedule first round interviews as promising applications are received. Second round in-person interviews will follow quickly thereafter.

As in any hiring process, candidates are interviewing simultaneously with other churches. Promising applicants may well choose other opportunities. So, we ask your patience as we

negotiate this very dynamic process. We are working quickly and deliberately to bring the best fit to our Church.

We trust that God will guide us in our search for a new Pastor. Your prayers will help us as we continue this important work.

We'll continue to provide updates as our process continues. Of course, details on candidates will need to remain confidential.

If any of you have questions or concerns, please contact any of our committee members.

We are:

Mary Dunn
Bob Meader
Andrew Talbot

Tina Donovan
Kate Gilligan
Kim Waugh

Dennis Falcione
Ava Sigsby