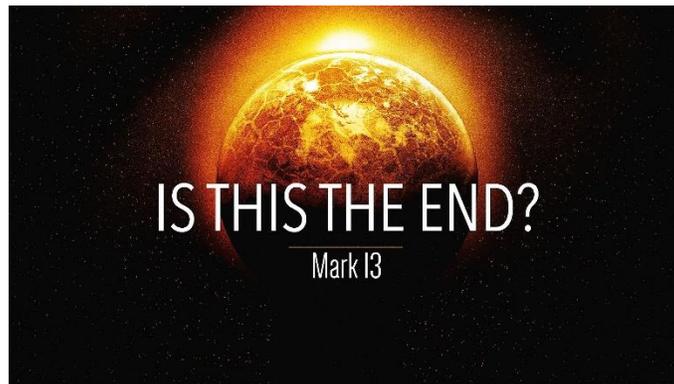




WEEKLY GOOD NEWS EMAIL
First Congregational Church of Hanover, Massachusetts
An Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ
from Pastor Ann Aaberg
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NOVEMBER 14, 2021
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 16 and Mark 13:1-8
SERMON: *FOCUS*

Covid and the Delta variant are very much with us. Masks are expected for services in the church building until further notice. Masks will be available when you enter the sanctuary.



Link to the church YouTube home page for the most recent Sunday service
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOZdozbwMp1qbJeHbwAaA>

FAREWELL

FAREWELL FOR REV. ANN AABERG, THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Following the worship service this Sunday, please stay for a goodbye cake and coffee hour for Rev. Ann in Riley Hall.



FALL CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 9-NOON

The Scout troops of our church have volunteered to help with the fall clean up on Saturday, November 13, from 9-12. If you can help, stop by with your rake or broom, and lend a hand!

BRING CHEER TO THOSE IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS

The Hanover VNA would like us to collect gift cards for Christmas. You may place the cards in the collection plate on Sunday or drop them off at the church office. **Cards for Christmas will be delivered to the VNA on Wednesday, December 8.**





OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL! The Christmas Pageant is coming! Please contact Kate Gilligan, katgilligan@gmail.com by 11/21/2021 if your child is interested in participating.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP STARTS NOVEMBER 21

Calling all 6-12th graders! Fellowship meetings begin on 11/21 at Riley Hill. Junior High Fellowship will meet from 11-12 and Senior High will meet from 7-9pm. Come check it out!



Greetings Members and Friends:

A Great big reminder from the Diaconate! Sunday November 21st is Rev. Peter Johnston's first Sunday with us. It is also Thanksgiving Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, and almost the start of the Advent Season! Exciting things are starting to happen again at the Church.

Come and join us for worship to welcome Peter and join in the excitement of a New Beginning here at First Congregational Church in Hanover! There will be a Stewardship luncheon after church on November 21 in Riley Hall.



See you in Church!
The Diaconate

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Please email your celebrations and concerns to the church office and to Rev. Aaberg at revann@fcchanover.org.

Let's Celebrate:

- ◆ The altar flowers today are given by the Karen Tripp in memory of her mother, Dorothy Tripp, and all women veterans.
- ◆ Julia Donovan was inducted into the National Honor Society



Let's Pray for:

- Heather, acquaintance of Deb Springhetti, in hospital with COVID
- For the family of Don White's brother-in-law Lincoln upon his passing last week
- Mary Lou Hill, home from rehab
- The Christensen family as they mourn the passing of Marianne's mother, Judy Caless, on October 25
- Dolly Johnson's son Steven, now on hospice
- The family of David Duran, friend of the Vaughns, who passed October 20

- The family of Bruce MacDonald, who passed October 5
- Christine, friend of Ken Cheo, recovering from removal of thyroid
- The family of Joan, dear friend of Glenda Larson, who passed on September 30
- Ericka, daughter of Ginny Hunt, on chemo therapy for leukemia
- Tom Evans, cousin of Marilyn Melchin, on chemo therapy
- Eli (and family), friend of Lisa Boucher, on chemo therapy for pancreatic cancer



Please continue praying for those with long-term needs:

- Don White
- Carol M, Amy Kelly's friend, lung transplant issues
- Kerrin, niece of Ginny Hunt, with health issues
- Aaron Lowman, Debby Zawalich's cousin

A NOTE FROM OUR BRIDGE INTERIM PASTOR

Our time together ends this Sunday, November 14, and I have nothing left to offer you now but my prayers and my gratitude. It has been such a privilege to accompany you during this period of re-awakening and re-engaging. In these past eleven weeks, you have emerged from a long period of careful physical limitations to:

- gathering again in the church sanctuary for in-person worship and the celebration of Communion;
- holding your first funeral in almost two years;
- opening your doors for the first Church Fair since 2019;
- offering Sunday School to your children;
- and, I hear, hosting a coffee hour in Riley Hall this Sunday after the service.

Not only have you emerged from the pain of a pandemic, albeit still with safety precautions, you have intentionally and joyfully prepared for the next fruitful season at First Congregational Church of Hanover: the arrival of a new settled pastor and the promise of a future steeped in faithful action. How appropriate that you will start with Thanksgiving on November 21 and the following week move right into the season of Advent, where hope, peace, love and joy await you!

May God bless you as you go forward from here. May God bless Rev. Peter and may God bless First Congregational Church of Hanover.

With much gratitude and wishes for a future filled with the Spirit,
Pastor Ann

