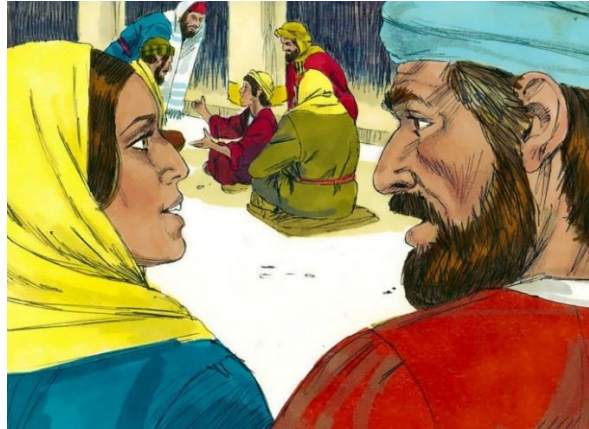




**WEEKLY GOOD NEWS EMAIL**  
**First Congregational Church of Hanover, Massachusetts**  
**An Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ**  
from Pastor Peter Johnston  
[rev.peter@fcchanover.org](mailto:rev.peter@fcchanover.org)

**JANUARY 9, 2022**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 2:41-52



Link to the church YouTube home page for the most recent Sunday service  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGOZdozbwPmp1qBJeHbwAaA>

Link to the Bulletin for the Sunday service  
<https://www.fcchanover.org/worshipperservices/sunday-bulletins/>

*Covid and the Delta variant are very much with us. Masks are expected for services in the church building. Masks are available when you enter the sanctuary.*



**COVID UPDATES FOR JANUARY**

Due to the recent swell in COVID numbers, we will be making some changes. Look for a special message from Rev. Peter in your email.



*Celebrations*

**LET'S CELEBRATE WITH:**

**Susan Conant:** Her son Brad celebrated his 50th birthday and her mother-in-law celebrated her 100 year birthday

**Barbara Itz:** She is once again a great-grandmother



## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

All are invited to attend the Annual Meeting to review the work of the church during 2021 and to look ahead to 2022. Members will vote on the budget and committee leadership for 2022. The Annual Meeting will take place at 10:45 following the worship service.

### YOUR DONATIONS TO HEIFER ADD UP

Thank you to all who participated in the recent "Alternative Gift Giving" (gift cards for friends and/or family), which was held in December. Another huge thank you to all those who continually contribute to the redemption of cans/bottles each week! This year, combining these two endeavors, FCC Hanover has sent \$330 to Heifer. The alternative gifts included donations for: 2 shares of Biogas stove; 2 shares of a Heifer; 2 shares of an Alpaca; 2 shares of sheep; 2 shares of a pig; 1 share of honeybees; and 1 flock of chickens.



In addition to sending all of this to Heifer, we also collect the flip tops from cans and send them - thru our local Masonic Temple - to the Shriners, who use this to fund transportation for children to the Shriner's Hospitals.



### Altar Flowers Ministry Opportunity

### SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2022

The sign up poster is wide open – step up and honor someone with flowers. Their beauty will remind you of that special person and will lend grace to the sanctuary.

### JOIN OUR TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE!

Join our technology Workforce and help us move FCC Hanover into the future. This is your opportunity to contribute to the church on an as-needed basis. Email Bob Sigsby at bob@sigsby.com or see me after church this Sunday. Together we can help the church run more smoothly, communicate better, and reach out more consistently to the community.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 2022!

The best gift is your presence! But money is pretty good, too.

### COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS AND EXPENSES NEEDED

Did you miss the deadline? Please submit your committee's 2022 Budgets and Annual Reports in Word format to Susan at office@fchanover.org ASAP!