

If your committee or group meeting or meeting place for September is not on the calendar, Rev. Debbi and the church office did not know about it. You can double check upcoming months at www.fcchanoverucc.org>Calendar. Please e-mail the church office with your upcoming DATES, TIME and PLACE for future meetings so there isn't a double scheduling issue. Thanks for your help as we get more organized!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The calendar has been updated since the <i>Spire</i> was sent last week. Please use this calendar instead.		1 7:30 Labyrinth Committee meeting - Rev. Debbi's office	2 7-9 pm Firewalk 9 am Bulletin/ InSpire Deadline	3	4	5
6 9 am Worship & Communion	7 Labor Day - church office closed	8 7:30 CE Committee meeting - Rm 7	9 9 am Bulletin/ InSpire Deadline 7-9 pm Firewalk 7:30 Teacher's meeting	10 Rev. Debbi at a conference	11	12
13 Fall's First Sunday 8:30 & 10 am Worship Sunday School Registration Pancake breakfast after 10 am service Middle School Youth 5-6:30	14 7:30 Search Committee meeting - vestry	15 7:30 Finance Comm. mtg - Vestry	16 7 pm Firewalk 7:30 Moonlighters Rm 5 9 am Bulletin/ InSpire Deadline	17	18 6 pm Merriweds Potluck in Vestry	19
20 8:30 & 10 am Worship Evening Worship 7:30 Stewardship meeting 11 am - Choir rm	21 <i>Spire</i> deadline at 9 am 7:30 pm - <i>Faith Conversations</i> - Vestry Hanover Clergy - St Andrews	22 Rev. Debbi in Kansas	23 7-9 pm Firewalk Rev. Debbi in Kansas 9 am Bulletin/ InSpire Deadline	24 1 pm <i>Spire</i> assembly - Rm 5 Rev. Debbi in KS	25	26
27 8:30 & 10 am Worship Middle School Youth 5-6:30 Stockholders Dinner 7 pm - Riley Hall	28 7:30 pm - <i>Faith Conversations</i> - Vestry 6:30 - Faith Formation - Rev Meg's Office	29 7:30 Outreach & Service Comm - vestry	30 9 am Bulletin/ InSpire Deadline			

Stay Connected!

Check us out online in these various ways:

Church Website: www.fcchanoverucc.org

- **SCHEDULES:** Next week the schedule of Church School, Book Conversations, Youth Diaconate Schedule and Youth Fellowship Activities will be online. Click on the **PROGRAMS** link.
- **MEETING TIMES:** In the **CALENDAR** link, the Riley Hall Calendar can be viewed to see the activities at the hall and vestry of church and community events. Current and archived issues of the *Spire* and *InSpire* are online too.

As we now have a new interim pastor, it becomes imperative that we communicate meeting dates of groups and committees to the church office. Our church secretary, Stacey Stahl, is compiling a new church calendar at Rev. Debbi's request. **Would you please contact the church office with the date, time and place of your upcoming group and committee meetings?** Stacey will add these to our online calendar.

Please double check the calendar to make sure your committee's meetings are listed. If not, please e-mail office@fcchanoverucc.org with upcoming meeting dates, times and where you will be meeting (Vestry, Room 5, etc.).

Facebook Group

Group name is First Congregational Church of Hanover - Youth Fellowship. Please sign up so Rev. Meg can send group messages and make announcements.

Contact Information

- Please make a note of Rev. Debbi's new phone number: 617-610-8344 (this is a change from what was listed in the September *Spire*). Her e-mail is dcarter@ants.edu.
- You may reach Rev. Meg at 617-843-9289 or pclapp@comcast.net.
- The church office phone number is 781-826-4762 and Stacey's e-mail is office@fcchanoverucc.org.



Weekly announcements from First Congregational Church of Hanover, UCC

For the Beauty of the Earth

“For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.”

This hymn, first written in 1864 by Folliott S. Pierpont, was penned during the late spring in his home town of Bath, England. Folliett Pierpont was so taken by the beautiful countryside with the winding Avon River in the distance, that he decided to express his gratitude to God for all of creation in the poem, “For The Beauty Of The Earth.”

May each of us see God's handiwork in the world and people around us, and then sing this hymn in the same spirit of gratitude to God that so inspired Mr. Pierpont!

Founded, formed and framed in the practices of prayer, our Church's strengths include: Caring for Youth & Children, Meaningful Worship, Empowering Leadership & Focus on Community

The following announcements show these strengths in action

PRACTICES OF PRAYER

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER: We will keep our Sanctuary open until 12:30 following our 10 am worship for those who would like to pray.

CARING FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN

CHURCH SCHOOL: Rotation-style church school begins today. Our theme is Jacob & Esau. Children are dismissed during the second hymn in the 10 am service and go to Riley Hall for their lessons and activities.

7th-8th GRADERS: Rev. Meg will begin Faith Formation classes on Monday, September 28. You'll meet in her office in Riley Hall each week. Schedule will be online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure next week.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Rev. Debbi will begin Confirmation Classes on October 18 after church. Schedule is online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure. Please e-mail the church today so we have your e-mail address and can communicate through e-mail if need be.

JUNIOR YOUTH: Our first gathering is Sunday September 27 from 5-6:30. This year's theme is "Footprints." Schedule will be online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure next week.

SENIOR YOUTH: The Stockholders Dinner is Sunday September 27 at 7 pm. Schedule will be online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure next week. This year's theme is "Footprints."

MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

EVENING WORSHIP: Join us for an informal and beautiful service of healing and prayer on September 20 at 7:30 in the sanctuary.

FAITH CONVERSATIONS: Join Rev. Debbi on Monday nights beginning next week, Sept 14 at 7:30 in the vestry for a discussion on the Biblical topic that is the focus of Church School for the children. The first conversations will be on twin brothers Jacob and Esau, the grandsons of Abraham. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if you are feeling intimidated to join the conversation, please don't let that stop you from coming and just listening. Schedule will be online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure next week.

Upcoming Conversations: The Jacob Story

9/21 - Biblical Background of Jacob & Esau

9/28 - Rivalry In The Ranks

LABYRINTH: Join us at the outdoor Labyrinth on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 for a Firelight Walk.

FLOWERS: The flower sign-up sheet is in the coat room. Many days are open for you to donate flowers in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$18, and you may take the flowers or have someone from the Flower Committee deliver them to a shut-in.

FOCUS ON COMMUNITY

HABITAT WORKDATE INFO: Our congregation has been invited to a workdate on Saturday, December 5th. People who are interested in participating in this program and will be contacted the latter part of October..

HABITAT - PROVIDING LUNCH FOR THE WORKERS: People who have signed up to prepare lunches will be contacted in late October. If you are interested in being part of this program there is a sign-up sheet located on the coffee table in the Vestry.

SAVE THE DATE: Our own Laura's Country Church Fair is the first Saturday in November, the 7th, from 9:30 - 2 pm.

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

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BULLETIN/INSPIRE DEADLINE: Please e-mail the church office by Wednesday at 9 am with your announcement and volunteer names for greeters, lay readers and flower donations.

MOONLIGHTERS: Welcome back to a new fall season on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 5 of Riley Hall. This will be an evening to review our new year, plan our programs, work on unfinished projects for the upcoming Church Fair and welcome any new members to our group. Moonlighters is open to all women of the church. Please join us and join the fun!

MERRIWEDS POTLUCK: Please join us on Sept 18 in the church vestry at 6 pm for our annual Merriweds Potluck supper. Everyone in the church is welcome to the event regardless of marital status. Entertainment will be provided and there is no charge to attend. Please call Linda Gilardi if you are interested in attending. Her phone number is 781-871-0409.

COFFEE DONATIONS NEEDED: We enjoy a cup of coffee after worship thanks to the donations of coffee from members like you. We are running low on coffee and would appreciate it if you could add a can of coffee to your grocery list to donate.

