

If your committee or group meeting or meeting place is not on the calendar, the church office does 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
September 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 & Svc - Choir Rm 7 pm Diaconate - Vestry	30 9 am Bulletin/ InSpire Deadline	1	2	3
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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: 617-610-3488 (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

Community

We each touch the heart of the faith through our individual interactions with God. This relationship is nurtured in community. It is expressed through community. We are strengthened through community. But at its center stands each of us, individually, being given glimpses of God's face in our community.

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 is 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 tomorrow, 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 tonight 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 tonight at 7 pm. Schedule will be online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure next week. This year's theme is "Footprints."

MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

FAITH CONVERSATIONS: Join Rev. Debbi on Monday nights 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. 9/28 - Rivalry In The Ranks.

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

LABYRINTH: CORRECTION: November 14 from 9-noon is the first indoor labyrinth. The outdoor labyrinth will be available for a Wednesday Firelight Walk until October 28.

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.

FALL FOOD FEST: Please join the fun at a fundraiser to benefit the Habitat house on Walnut street. Tickets are \$25 for the October 11 event at Hanover Mall can be purchased from Dick Bancroft. Please call him at 781-871-0871. He will deliver your tickets!

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

CALLED TO CARE: Please save the date Wednesday, October 7, from 6-7:30 pm for a potluck supper in the Church Vestry. The Spire will have detailed information. Present members and those who would like to find out more about Called To care are invited.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: If you are interested in joining the Prayer Shawl group, join us on October 2 at 7:30 in the Vestry.

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

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.

SEARCH COMMITTEE: The Search Committee scheduled a meeting on Sept 29, but the Diaconate rescheduled for that night because Rev. Debbi is out of town on Sept 22, and Outreach & Service meets that night. Hal Thomas is working on an alternate date. Look for an e-mail from him on a new date.

FALL MEETING - PILGRIM DISTRICT WOMEN: Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at Trinitarian Congregational Church, UCC in Scituate. Rick Ferguson of the First Trinitarian Church in Scituate will tell us about the Appalachia Service Project, an organization that gathers groups of both youth and adult volunteers to travel to rural areas of Appalachia. Join us for coffee at 9:30 am; Worship and program presentation at 10; hot lunch at noon.

FALL CLEAN UP: Troop 1 has volunteered for an outdoor clean up on the parish hall and parsonage grounds. Please join us to work outside on Saturday, October 3 at 9 am. See Don Morrison if you have questions.

