

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
4 8:30 & 10 am Worship 11:30 Book Conversations Junior High Fellowship 5-6:30 Senior High Fellowship 7-8:30 Mainspring	5 7:30 pm - <i>Faith Conversations</i> - Vestry 6:30 - Faith Formation - Rev Meg's Office	6 7:30 Teacher Mtg. - Rm 5	7 6 pm - Called to Care Potluck 7:30 Prayer Shawl 9 am Bulletin/InSpire Deadline	8	9	10
11 8:30 & 10 am Worship Junior High Fellowship 5-6:30 Senior High Fellowship 7-8:30	12 COLUMBUS DAY Church office closed No <i>Faith Conversations</i> or Faith Formation	13 7 pm CE Committee - Rm 7	14 9 am Bulletin/InSpire Deadline	15	16	17
18 8:30 & 10 am Worship 7:30 Evening Worship Confirmation Class begins after church Junior High Fellowship 5-6:30 Senior High Fellowship 7-8:30	19 7:30 pm - <i>Faith Conversations</i> - Vestry 6:30 - Faith Formation - Rev Meg's Office 9 am Spire Deadline	20 7:30 pm - Finance - Meg's Office	21 7:30 pm Moonlighters - Rm 5 9 am Bulletin/InSpire Deadline	22 1 pm <i>Spire</i> Collation	23	24
25 8:30 & 10 am Worship Confirmation Class after church Junior High Fellowship 5-6:30 Senior High Fellowship 7-8:30	26 7:30 pm - <i>Faith Conversations</i> , Vestry 6:30 - Faith Formation - Rev Meg's Office	27 7 pm Diaconate-Vestry	28 7:30 Church Cabinet - Vestry 9 am Bulletin/InSpire Deadline	29	30	31
NOVEMBER 1 8:30 & 10 am Worship Confirmation Class after church Junior High Fellowship 5-6:30 Senior High Fellowship 7-8:30	2 7:30 - <i>Faith Conversations</i> - Vestry 6:30 - Faith Formation - Rev Meg's Office	3	4 9 am Bulletin/InSpire Deadline	5 Church Fair Set-Up	6 Church Fair Set-Up	7 Church Fair 9:30-2

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

Dream Catchers

The lore behind the dream catcher is that Native Americans believe that the night air is filled with dreams, both good and bad. The dream catcher, when hung over or near your bed, swinging freely in the air, catches the dreams as they flow by. The good dreams know how to pass through the dream catcher, slipping through the outer holes and slide down the soft feathers so gently that many times the sleeper does not know that he/she is dreaming. The bad dreams not knowing the way get tangled in the dream catcher and perish with the first light of the new day.

To make a Dream Catcher:

Using a hoop of willow, and decorating it with findings, bits and pieces of everyday life, (feathers, arrow heads, beads, etc.) the dream catcher is believed to have the power to catch all of a person's dreams, trapping the bad ones, and letting only good dreams pass through the dream catcher.

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: *Schedule is in the "Walk by Faith" brochure.* 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: *Schedule is in the "Walk by Faith" brochure.* You'll meet in Rev. Meg's office in Riley Hall each week from 6:30-7:30.

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

JUNIOR YOUTH: *Schedule is online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure.*

YOUTH DIACONATE: *Schedule is online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure.*

SENIOR YOUTH: *Schedule is online and in the "Walk by Faith" brochure.*

MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

BOOK CONVERSATIONS: *Schedule is in the "Walk by Faith" brochure.* Join Rev. Meg after the 10 am service today for a discussion on the book, *The Shack*.

FAITH CONVERSATIONS: *Schedule is in the "Walk by Faith" brochure.* 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.

LABYRINTH: Join us at the outdoor Labyrinth on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 for a Firelight Walk until October 28.

LABYRINTH: November 14 from 9-noon is the first indoor labyrinth of the fall.

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 7 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.

KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT): To better minister to our young people away at college, a group of people at church want to *Keep In Touch* with them. Would you please let the church office know the name and address/PO Box of your student(s) at college or vocational school? The KIT ministry group will send them cards and notes, as well as the church office will send them the *Spire*. Please see Kathy Talbot with questions and ideas.

FROM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: This year's theme is "Generosity as a way of life." Beginning the last Sunday in October at both the 8:30 and 10 am services we will be having Stewardship Moments from our own church members. Our stewardship guests preacher will be the Rev. Kathy Talbot, chairperson of this year's Stewardship Committee. More details of our church's stewardship campaign will be forthcoming.

