

First Congregational Church

“Old South”

United Church of Christ

October 2019 Telstar

No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

A Prayer for Our Community*

Holy One, You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve. Let the prayers of those who are in trouble rise to you. We pray for those who are ill or are suffering loss and long for your healing touch. Make the weak strong, the sick healthy, the broken whole, and affirm those who serve them as agents of your love. To everyone in distress, grant mercy, relief, and refreshment. As we begin to rebuild, we commend our community to your care. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your love and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted. Help those who feel hopeless, or who are filled with fear. Help us to remember that You are here, God, in the midst of all that we are going through. Help us remember that you are a God of love, and that you love us. Amen.

On Monday, September 16, an explosion destroyed the LEAP building in Farmington on the Farmington Falls Road. An employee and several firefighters were critically injured, and one firefighter was tragically killed. There are many ways that you can respond to our local community after the explosion and the resulting devastation. If you would like to contribute financially, you may donate at Franklin Savings Bank in person or online via PayPal directly to the accounts (Firemen's Benevolent Association for the firefighters and first responders and the Disaster Relief Fund, dedicated to families and individuals who have been displaced or injured in the explosion) managed at Franklin Savings Bank here: <https://www.franklinsavingsbank/special.html>

You may also donate through United Way of the Tri Valley Area (electronically at <https://www.uwtva.org> or at their office located at 218 Fairbanks Road in Farmington) to the LEAP Explosion Fund to help LEAP employees, firefighters and others who were affected. There are also GoFundMe pages for raising funds for individuals including Larry Lord, who saved many lives by evacuating the people who were in the LEAP building just before the explosion.

There is a Facebook page created by our United Way of the Tri Valley Area office where one can share items that may benefit the impacted individuals. Do you have bedding to share? Food?

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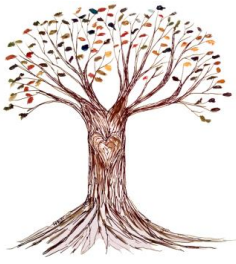
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Furniture? An apartment to rent? If you have something to offer, you can learn how to share it with the community most impacted on this Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/farmingtonexplosionassistance/>

There are several benefit events being planned in our community. Please check the Daily Bulldog online or call us at the office to learn more about these activities. There will be a benefit concert at Old South (Oct. 22, 6:30 pm). You can help at this event by providing baked goods or volunteering your time. Performers include GoldenOak, Dennis F. Breau, and Steve Muise and the Franklin County Fiddlers. All proceeds from the event will benefit the displaced families of the LEAP disaster in Farmington. Please contact Debbie Davis Robinson at 207-491-5919 to help.

We are grateful to all the members and friends of Old South First Congregational Church for your loving response to the explosion....organizing the evening vigil held at Old South on September 16, providing prayer shawls for the firefighters and families that were most directly impacted, managing and volunteering at benefit fundraising events, contributing financially to the recovery efforts, standing with your community in their pain with love in your hearts, and praying for the Farmington community and for all those who are in need of love, strength, and healing in the aftermath of the explosion at the LEAP building. God be with you.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
through its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
(from Psalm 46)*

*Prayer adapted from *A Prayer in a Time of Distress*, pcusa.org

Rev. Marraine's Musings

As we step into October and continue to launch into the church program year, I feel myself wanting to adapt the lyrics of "June is Bustin Out All Over" from the musical Carousel to a fall theme. Fall is upon us. The leaves are changing. There is a crispness in the air and likely even a frost by the time you get this newsletter.

Just like that we are in the midst of an abundance of activities here at Old South including Worship, Choir, Sunday School, Community Meals, Learning Opportunities, and much more. As I have prepared to head out for my journey along the Camino in Spain, I have been awash in the details of all sorts of events that are happening here at the church this fall. What a full and rich calendar ahead of us. As excited as I am to embark on pilgrimage with my dad and our family friend, I am also looking forward with great anticipation to return to the flock to continue my journey with you.

As we travel together may we keep in mind one of our verses from the hymn, "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant."

"We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load."

Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

Rev. Marraine



Would you like to meet with Rev. Marraine?

Rev. Marraine will have open office hours from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays. She is in the office on other days of the week as well. Sometimes her beloved canine friend, Rusty, is here with her too. If you have dog allergies or prefer not to come to office when dogs are present, please let us know! If you would like to schedule a time to meet with Rev. Marraine (with or without Rusty!) please contact her at RevMarraine@FarmingtonUCC.org or call 778-0424.

Executive Council

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From The Moderator

Life can give you whiplash.

On Sunday, September 15, I drove up to Jackman for the Living Water Association's annual fall outdoor worship service, a tradition that was initiated a few years ago at Titcomb Mountain. First I got to see the lovely Moose River Congregational Church, which like our own church building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Then we went down to the basement for lunch, a happy, bustling affair during which I got to meet some of the 80 attendees from our eighteen association churches – for example, the sister of one local co-pastor (who also happened to be the lunch organizer), and the mother of the other local co-pastor. And then, best of all, we walked over to the Moose River itself for a moving outdoor worship service, graced by trees and water and sky and a campfire and, as an unplanned closing flourish, a swimming flock of ducks. It was a *wonderful* day.

The next day was anything but wonderful.

On Monday, September 16, Farmington's new L.E.A.P. building exploded, with one firefighter killed and several other people injured. That evening there were three vigils held by three churches, with people from the St. Joseph's vigil processing across town to join our own candlelight vigil. I don't think any of us realized just how many people would attend our vigil: the sanctuary was full and then some, with folks lined up against the wall. As the unofficial greeter directing newcomers to the sanctuary, I saw first-hand the wide range of people coming through our doors, the solemn faces, the tears shed, the churchgoers and the unchurched, the long-time residents and the UMF students, all needing a space to grieve our losses.

I'm not wise enough to grasp why life features both joy and pain. Instead I'll suggest that what linked these two events is our deep need for community. What made the day in Jackman special is that it was shared with others, some of whom I already knew and some I was meeting for the first time, all enjoying each other's company and all sharing delight in God's Creation at our riverside worship site. What made the night in Farmington bearable is that it was shared with others, that there was mutual support, that we had the comfort of sharing a space with others mourning the death and the injuries and the random incomprehensible tragedy. Both in joyful times and in painful times, life is best when we open our hearts and live it together.

And here's a related link: stepping in to lead our vigil, and to offer pastoral care to our town in the days that followed, were four Maine UCC ministers, three of them from the Living Water Association. You just never know when you'll need your community to be there for you.

In Maine, in the Living Water Association, in Farmington, and in our Old South congregation, we have each other to share the good and the bad. Thanks be to God for that.

And all God's people said. . . .

The Deacon's Corner

Dear Church Family,

September 2019 has been a difficult month. The explosion at the LEAP office building shook Farmington to its core and the catastrophe will continue to affect life in our area for months and years to come.

And yet, in the aftermath of the explosion, four wonderful pastors stepped forward to help Old South offer comfort and solace to the people of our town. On the evening of September 16th, the day of the explosion, Old South held a silent candle-lit vigil. Retired Reverend Margaret Proctor of Wilton was here to give a moving prayer. Reverend Sara Bartlett of the Alfred Parish Church, UCC, was also here, offering support and words of hope to the very large crowd.

On the two days after the explosion, Old South opened its doors to anybody in the community who would like to talk or pray about the week's events. On the first day, Pastor Heather Sylvester was here, having driven down from The Forks so that she could be available to our community for pastoral care. On the second day, Reverend Chrissy Cataldo came from the Winthrop First Congregational Church UCC also to offer pastoral care.

The Deacons would like to offer a huge "Thank You!" to these caring and generous pastors!

Another "thank you" goes out to our photographer, Gil Riley, who took a group photo of the deacons this month. Thanks to Gil, I can now introduce our new Diaconate Team with faces to go with their names! In the picture below they are as follows: standing (left to right) Reverend Marraine Kettell (with whom we work closely), John Demers Linder, Christine Merchant, Roger Condit and Brent Laflin. seated (left to right) Shelley Griffith (chair), Mary Sinclair, Michelle Scribner, Margaret Gould Wescott and Karen Paul. Carole Trickett, who is also a valued member of the Diaconate, was not able to join us for the picture taking.

In this difficult time and any time, your Old South deacons are here to serve you. If you have questions, concerns, needs or you'd just like someone to talk to, you can come to any one of us. We'd love to listen!

May God bless us each and every one!

Shelley



News and Upcoming Events



Committee Meetings

Christian Ed: Wednesday, October 2, 10:00 am/Chapel

Executive Council: Thursday, October 3, 6:00 pm/Church Office

Financial Trustees: Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 pm/Church Office

Outreach, Justice, Witness: Tuesday, Oct. 8, 5:30 pm/Matthew Rm

Property Trustees: Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 pm/Office

The deadline for submissions for the November Telstar is Noon on October 10. Please submit all articles to the church office (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org). Thank you!



Old South Church

235 Main St, Farmington

Saturday, October 5th, 10am

All animals (and their people) are welcome to join us on the lawn of the church for a service of blessing of the animals .

If it is raining cats and dogs we will have a tent to cover us

Retirees' Lunch: October 7

Mark your calendars and join us for lunch on October 7 for the next Retirees' Lunch. Bring a dish to share if you would like and join us if you are able! For more information, contact Dick Giard at 897-6228.



Old South Church Book Study

The Universal Christ:

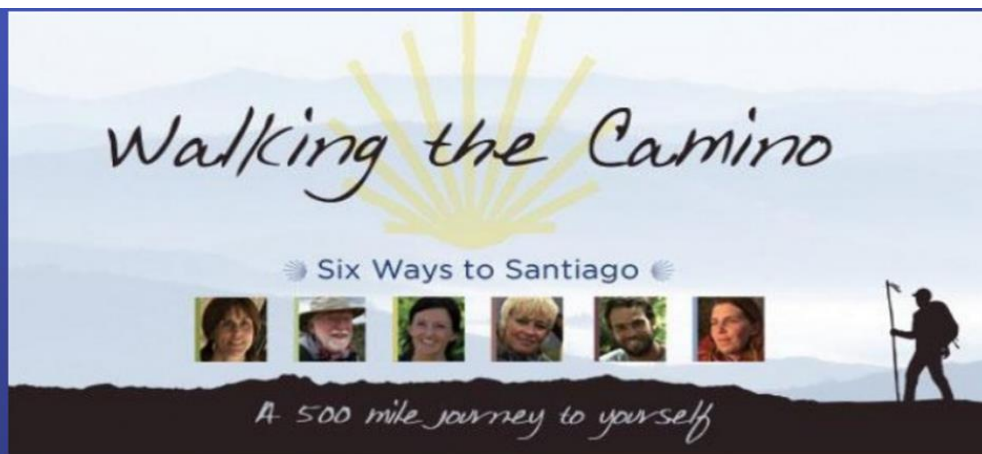
*How a Forgotten Reality Can Change
Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*

by Richard Rohr

Mondays October 7th- November 24th

6:00-7:30pm

Join Rev. Marraine Kettell for a 8 week study on Richard Rohr's latest book. We will be following a study guide from the publisher covering roughly 2 chapters per session. Our approach to the discussions will take the form of Rohr's suggested contemplative practices.



The Camino comes to Old South!

Come watch the documentary

"Six Ways to Santiago"

October 17th, 6:00pm, Matthew Room

Cohosted by Revs. Marraine Kettell

and Dick Waddell

Old South Concert Series



Golden Oak



Franklin County Fiddlers



Dennis Breau

Help and Healing Benefit Concert, October 22, 6:30 pm

Please join us at this benefit concert to support the families impacted by the explosion in Farmington. If you are unable to attend, you can still help by providing baked goods, fruit, or cheese and crackers to serve during intermission. Thank you!

If you would like to help with the concerts or if you can contribute food donations, please contact Debbie Davis Robinson. With the exception of the October which will benefit the families impacted by the explosion at LEAP and the December concert which benefits EcuHeat, concert proceeds benefit Old South Capital Campaign projects. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Upcoming concert dates:

Farmington Explosion Benefit Concert with GoldenOak, Dennis F. Breau, and Steve Muise and the Franklin County Fiddlers on October 22 at 6:30 pm

Archie Fisher on November 7

EcuHeat Benefit Concert with Còiğ on December 12

High Time on March 1

Réalta on March 8.



Archie Fisher
November 7, 2019



Còiğ
December 12, 2019



Realta
March 8, 2020



2020 Women's Retreat at Marie Joseph Spiritual Center

We are looking forward to the 2020 Women's Retreat which will be August 29-31. It's not too early to "save the date" and start making payments (twelve month plans beginning now are available). The retreat costs \$245 for 2 nights and 6 meals, a private room, and lots of fun and spiritual re-kindling. Save your space today, with a \$40 deposit or begin your payment plan today! Confidential scholarships are available. Please see Phyllis in the church office to learn more about payment plans and scholarship.



Hannaford and Merchant Gift Cards

Hannaford cards and merchant gift cards may be purchased on Sundays before Church and during coffee hour and at the church office during office hours. Check out the selection of ready to use gift cards of local, regional and on-line merchants at the Fundraising Committee Table or in the church office!



Don't forget to support Old South by doing your Amazon shopping on Amazon Smile and selecting our church as your charity! You must use the Amazon Smile page to login your account to have a percentage of your purchase benefit Old South. If you aren't sure how to donate in this easy way, please contact Brenda Scribner (tatabug47@hotmail.com or 299-3686). Thank you for your support!

Worship & Music



Revised Common Lectionary

The Revised Common Lectionary is a list of Bible passages followed by the majority of mainline Christian churches, including the United Church of Christ. Rev. Marraine will be following the Revised Common Lectionary each week. You will find the lectionary readings below for October

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 6, 2019	<u>Lamentations 1:1-6</u> <u>Lamentations 3:19-26</u> <i>or</i> <u>Psalm 137</u>	<u>Habakkuk 1:1-4</u> ; <u>2:1-4</u> <u>Psalm 37:1-9</u>	<u>2 Timothy 1:1-14</u>	<u>Luke 17:5-10</u>
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</u> <u>Psalm 66:1-12</u>	<u>2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c</u> <u>Psalm 111</u>	<u>2 Timothy 2:8-15</u>	<u>Luke 17:11-19</u>
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2019	<u>Jeremiah 31:27-34</u> <u>Psalm 119:97-104</u>	<u>Genesis 32:22-31</u> <u>Psalm 121</u>	<u>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</u>	<u>Luke 18:1-8</u>
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 27, 2019	<u>Joel 2:23-32</u> <u>Psalm 65</u>	<u>Sirach 35:12-17</u> <i>or</i> <u>Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</u> <u>Psalm 84:1-7</u>	<u>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</u>	<u>Luke 18:9-14</u>



Mission & Outreach

Outreach, Justice & Witness

Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 8. This is an open ministry with no fixed membership, and we encourage you to stop in, see what plans are in action and help us to serve God's people both locally and globally.



Food Closet Requested Item of the Month: Toilet Paper

Your donations of this and other nonperishable food and toiletry items are welcome. Toilet paper is an ongoing need. You may bring items to the church, and donations will be delivered to Care and Share. Thank you for your continuing support of this ecumenical ministry.



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. This year's theme is Love of Children. We will receive this special offering on **October 6, 2019, as** part of World Communion Sunday observance.



October Community Lunch

Please join us for the Community Lunch on Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Vestry of Old South at Noon. The menu for this month's meal is baked ham, mashed potatoes, peas, and biscuits with cookies for dessert.

Look for ways you can help on the signup poster located on the door between the church kitchen and vestry or contact Stan Wheeler at wheelerstan9@gmail.com. Thank you!



The next consolidated order date for fairly traded coffee, chocolate, etc., from Equal Exchange is **October 14 by 6 pm**. Go to the website <https://shop.equalexchange.coop/> to view the wide variety of products and the prices (note that the wholesale price applies only to “case” lots). Submit your order with payment to the coordinator, Myrna Vallette (myrna.vallette@gmail.com or 778-4387), or contact her for more information. The items will arrive by October 18.

Halloween is coming up soon, so please consider including chocolate in your order. With cacao sourced from democratic co-ops, Equal Exchange’s Fair Trade and organic chocolates and sugar benefit small-scale farmers in Latin America, and support a more equitable, alternative supply chain. (According to <https://blog.equalexchange.coop/child-labor-in-the-cocoa-industry/>, less than 5% of the world’s cocoa is currently purchased according to Fair Trade standards. Many large corporations—like Hershey’s, Mars, Nestle, and Russell Stover—profit indirectly from forced child labor in West Africa, where 70% of the world’s cocoa is grown.)

Prayer Shawl Ministry Request

Old South’s Prayer Shawl Ministry is truly blessed with an abundance of shawls, throws and lap robes! Sincere thanks go to all those who have lovingly made the shawls that are given to anyone in need of comfort or healing. The knitters and crocheters donate their time, talent and yarn to make these wonderful gifts.

If you would like to support this ministry, donations are greatly appreciated so we can buy yarn and supplies. Monetary gifts may be made to Old South Church (designated for Prayer Shawl Ministry).

Please see Rev. Marraine, Phyllis Pederson, or Myrna Vallette to request a shawl. For more information, including guidelines and patterns, contact Myrna Vallette at 778-4387 or myrna.vallette@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE.....

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

Sunday, November 17
Special BFW Worship
Offering of Letters
“There is enough”

Stay tuned for more information



Children and Youth

Sunday School

God promises to be with us—That’s a running theme of our Sunday school lessons this fall. In October, we learn how God guides Noah to build an ark, and how Noah and the animals were saved from a tremendous flood. Then, we’re introduced to Abraham and Sarah, who trusted God to guide them to a new home, and to a child of their own.

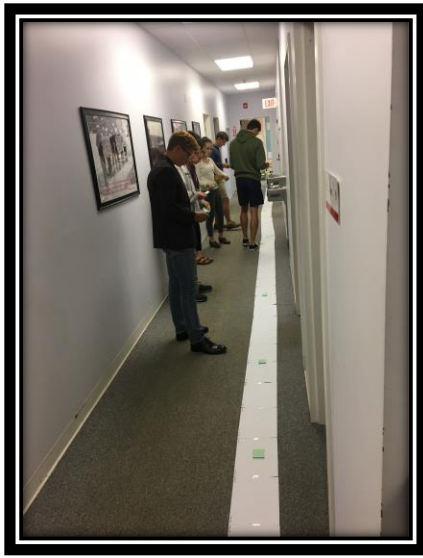
On October 13, we’ll break from regular classes for a Movie Studio Morning. All kids in grades K - 5 are invited to help us prepare a short video, complete with costumes and props. The video will then be uploaded to YouTube for everyone to enjoy.

Our fabulous “veteran” Teacher Assistant, Jess Cloutier, returns to lead the Middler class. And we warmly welcome UMF students Duncan Farley (a junior from Wells, Maine) and Olivia Sanborn (a senior who is also a research assistant for Dr. Karol Maybury), who will be assisting in the K - 2 and 3 - 5 classrooms.



Nursery

Please join us in welcoming UMF students Toni and Jamie, who will be sharing the Nursery Supervisor position. Sophomore Toni Facciponti recently served as a camp counselor at a Girl Scout overnight camp in Pennsylvania, and Jamie St. Pierre, a junior, also instructs young children at a local dance academy.



High School & Beyond

We spend the first Sunday of the month, Oct. 6, at Coat & Cupboard, getting it spiffy for the upcoming winter season. Please dress in “work” clothes—we’ll be sweeping floors, moving the tables and clothes racks, and hanging many coats. We will open to the public on November 3.

We’re in the Sanctuary Oct. 13 and 20, then return to the Matthew Room on Oct. 27 to continue our Old Testament studies. This month, we take a look Moses, the ten plagues, and the escape from slavery in Egypt.



The Pancakery Cafe

The Middler Youth Group continues our delicious mission project--our “pop up cafe” to serve free brunch to our community. Twice this month, we offer soups, quiches, and pizza paninis, and of course, pancakes. Our pancake specials include fresh apple pancakes on October 13 and pumpkin spice pancakes on October 27. Plus, our barista will be serving up cappaccinos, and we’ll enjoy live acoustic music from talented local musicians, including Peter Campion on Oct. 27.



Youth Group

Our final Twilight Vesper Service will be Sunday evening, October 6. Simple and reflective, the 20-minute service will include quiet music, poetry, and candlelight, concluding with Communion, served by Rev. Marraine. Everyone is welcome to join us as we gather on the church lawn at 7 pm.

How Do I Find Out More?

Don't miss a single youth activity! Sign up for our email newsletter, "Old South Kids This Week," to receive updates, news, photos, and more. Just send a note to Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org.

October 2019 Youth Programs Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 6: Sunday School; High School is at Coat & Cupboard (Youth Group: Please arrive at 9 am to help open the "shop"). Youth Group's Twilight Vesper Service at 7 pm (Please arrive at 6 pm to set up; we will conclude by 8 pm).

Oct. 13: Movie Studio Morning (Sunday School); no High School class; Pancakery Cafe 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; Youth Group 6 - 8 pm.

Oct. 20: Sunday School; no High School class; no Youth Group

October 27: Sunday School and High School classes; Pancakery Cafe 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; Youth Group 6 - 8 pm.



From the Property Trustees

Summer warmed back up for the end of the Farmington Fair and some of us embraced it gratefully, though some “snow bunnies” I’m sure were not as pleased.

Our thanks to Stan Wheeler for the repair of the oven that had been giving users fits for some time now, the crew who cleaned up behind the stove, Roger Condit for his handy work in the Vestry entrance door area, and to the crew who have been sprucing up the Matthew Room. We also appreciate all who turned up for the grounds clean up day. Thank you. It takes a village!

It’s a joy to see our younger church family returning from summer vacation. Time with the Children, with the entire group, was missed by many. The Pancakery was back in full swing last month and the food was as delicious as ever. The children seemed to move smoothly in their work.

The Property Trustees are currently looking into redoing the roof of both the Newman Wing and main Church building. We are exploring which options best suit our needs. We are also getting updated quotes on the north wall project.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Property Trustees,
Daniel Bachelder, Chair

Old South Property Trustees: Amanda Adams, Tim Hinckley, Alton McCleery, and John McKim

The Living Water Association, Maine Conference and the United Church of Christ

Would you like to know more about the Living Water Association and Living Water Honduras Partnership? Please contact the church office (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org), to learn about our connections with other UCC churches in Maine and about opportunities to make connections with them.



We offer our prayers for the work of the Maine Conference and the member churches at the 88th Annual Meeting this month (Oct. 25-26). To learn more about this event or to sign up to attend, look for information on the Conference website: www.maineucc.org

If you would like to receive monthly communication from the Maine Conference office, please subscribe to the A.C.E. (All Conference Email) through the link provided on their website: www.maineucc.org



Would you like to learn more about the United Church of Christ? Please check the United Church of Christ website for more information about our denomination: <http://www.ucc.org> On this site, you may sign up for “Weekly Seeds” a reflection based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each Sunday of the year. There is also a link to an electronic daily devotional called, “The StillSpeaking Daily Devotional.”

Get Connected and Stay Connected!

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Old South Statement of Identity

"In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one..."

(Galatians 3:28)

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God's Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God's Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God's beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00am Christian Ed (Chapel) 7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)	3 6:00pm Executive Council (Church Office) 7:00pm Climate Crisis Group (Matthew Room)	4	5 10:00am Blessing of the Animals (Old South Church Campus)
6 9:30am Farmington Friends* (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship with Neighbors in Need Special Offering (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Outdoor Vesper Service (Old South Church Campus)	7 12:00pm Retirees Lunch (Vestry) 6:00pm The Universal Christ Book Group (Matthew Room) 6:00pm Buddhist Group* (Newman Wing)	8 5:30pm Financial Trustess (Church Office) 6:30pm Outreach, Justice, Witness (Matthew Room)	9 7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)	10 2:00pm Just Friends Group (Chapel)	11 1:00pm Bereavement Support Group* (Matthew Room)	12 12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry) 2:00pm Piano Recital* (Sanctuary)
13 9:30am Farmington Friends* (HMH Gathering Room) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Discernment Group (Matthew Room) 11:30am Pancakery (Vestry) 6:00pm Youth Group (Matthew Room)	14 6:00pm The Universal Christ Book Group (Matthew Room) 6:00pm Fair Trade Coffee Order Deadline (With Myma Vallette) 6:00pm Buddhist Group* (Newman Wing)	15 6:00pm Property Trustees (Church Office)	16 7:00pm Choir (Matthew Room)	17 6:00pm Walking the Camino Movie Event hosted by Revs. Kettell and Waddell (Matthew Room)	18	19
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