

THE TIMES NEWSLETTER

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**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men..
(Colossians 3:23)**

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON SEPT. 18

Sunday school starts back up on Sept 18. Children can come into church with their parent for the first hymn and Anthem, then we will walk down to the classroom.

There will also be Sunday School on Sept. 25, October 9, 16 and 23 and November 13 and 20.

Please speak to Liane Giambalvo if you would like to help with the Sunday School.

SUMMER SERMONS AVAILABLE FROM REV. SHUPE

Rev. Paul Shupe has provided the office with copies of most of his sermons from this Summer. Please contact the office if you would like one e-mailed or mailed to you, with the date of the worship service.

A QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE & YEAR END (6/30/22) REPORT

was made following the August 21 Worship Service. Please call the office if you would like to receive these electronically or have them mailed to you.

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

You may have noticed a new feature of our Church sanctuary. There are two wooden railings, neatly positioned near the Pulpit and the lectern used for Scripture readings. The railings lead up the three steps from the main floor to the Altar. They will be a great help to people who would like to grasp or hold a rail when climbing steps.

The installation was a labor of love, accomplished primarily by Dick Grotton and Greg Goforth. Dick was the Project Manager and shared his concept with Susan Hilton, who drew a sketch of the proposed railings for members to comment. Dick purchased the materials and Greg Goforth expertly constructed the railings. Thank you for a great job.

CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? — SEE BELOW

The Church continues to stream Sunday services using ZOOM. The link is below. We suggest you save the link in a specific folder so you can find it each week. The link is the SAME every week.

You can obtain a copy of the Order of Worship (Bulletin) by calling the church office before Sunday and we will e-mail it to you.

If you have a Prayer Request, whether of celebration, concern or sorrow, please send it to the church office (e-mail) and the Congregation will pray with and for you. Our email is: fcchurch@fccscarborough.com

LINK TO CHURCH SERVICE STREAMING

Topic: FCC Recorded Service

Time: 09:25 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun,

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZAtfuitpj4uGNZUjBwXiyYT5sMulgNM-iGF/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGsrjlrHgyQtBuFRpwlAor4d-_xiCVbjY1nqRXnFBhaezrCY_FvJ5t4PvWd

Join Zoom Meeting

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AUTUMN WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR SEP- TEMBER 17

The members of the Ministry of Governing and Finance invite you to join them Saturday morning, **September 17th, from 8:30 AM - Noon** to work outside on projects at the Annex and Parish Hall.

Items to bring (if available) : gloves, rakes, wheelbarrow, broom, hedge trimmers, loppers, and enthusiasm!



WOMEN'S RETREAT PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 1

The FCC Christian Education Ministry has been busy developing a women's retreat for this fall. Based on prior events and recent discussion groups, there appears to be a desire to connect with other women and build fulfilling relationships after the long isolation of the pandemic.

Rev. Cheryl Anderson is an experienced retreat leader. She preached at FCC earlier this summer and was very receptive to the idea of leading a retreat for us. Her focus will be Finding Peace in a Troubled World. The event will be held Saturday October 1, from 10 AM until 3 PM. Come a little early for social time if you like!

We will meet at St. Nicholas Episcopal church here in Scarborough. St. Nick's has great parking, easy access and can easily accommodate 20-30 women without feeling cramped.

While FCC women will be invited to sign up initially, other church women from West Scarborough Methodists, St. Nicholas, and Bluepoint Church may be included if space permits. We will limit the group to 30 participants.

Each participant will be asked for a \$15 donation to help cover the cost of the event. Lunch will be a super simple "pot-luck" salad or sandwich to share (bring enough for two people), with beverages, cookies and fruit provided.

If you are interested in joining us, please let Elaine at the church office know soon. For more information, please contact Liane Giambalvo, liane.giam@icloud.com. I'm looking forward to seeing you at this event!

SINGERS & STRINGERS NEWS

Singers & Stringers are coming back! We have updated our binders and set the following dates (the 2nd Saturday of each month) to gather and sing, to have fun and fellowship! Most of the time we will gather in the sanctuary, but if there is a funeral or a wedding or anything else that needs the sanctuary, we'll relocate for that day – probably in the big room of the Parish Hall (the building in back of the church).

Masks are not required, but if you feel more comfortable wearing one, please do.

2022

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10

2023

January 14

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

The gathering times are all at 10 am for about an hour.

Ray & I are excited to welcome “old timers” back and to welcome “new timers”. You only have to love to sing and have a good time! It's not required that you know how to read music because our mantra is:

FEEL THE MUSIC.

We will sing at a church service occasionally – I'll give you plenty of notice. We also put ourselves on the summer music schedule that Wendy organizes – if you're available to sing once a month for the months of June, July, and August.

Also, in the past, we've gone to Assisted Living facilities and Nursing Homes in Scarborough to either sing carols or at other times to do “generic” sing-a-longs. We can talk about that when we get together on those Saturday mornings.

It's a very moving and rewarding experience to go to those settings and sing!

We look forward to seeing you in September and beyond - to make beautiful music!

Please contact either Brenda or Ray with any questions or to just let us know that you'll be joining us.

Brenda & Ray Birkner
207-650-4514 (Brenda)
Grabirk94@gmail.com

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SAVE THE DATE: September 27, 2022 5:30 pm in the Vestry of the Church

POT LUCK SUPPER and welcome back to everyone!

All the women of the church are invited to enjoy our fellowship and chatter!

The Women's Fellowship meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, starting at 2:00 pm (in October). Come join us and listen to our speakers and enjoy each others company.

You may call Joanne Brown (883-2057) with any questions.

MEMBERS, FRIENDS & CHURCH LIFE NEED HELP WITH NEIGHBORING

Many of us are looking forward to the resumption of Neighboring after church services. This is the responsibility of the Ministry of Members, Friends and Church life to organize, but volunteers from the Congregation are needed to setup the neighboring or provide snacks.

There is a Sign-up Sheet on the bulletin downstairs in the Vestry. The church provides: coffee, tea, cream, sugar, cups, plates napkins and juice. The people designated for that Sunday needs to setup and brew the coffee, heat tea water, and bring a sweet, a pastry, fruit or whatever you choose. Any questions, please speak to Joanne Brown (883-2057)

MINISTRY OR WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL CARE SOLICITS YOUR HELP

We are thrilled to be reunited in Sunday services...but those services need Ushers, Scripture Readers and Flowers on the Altar. If you can commit to help in any area, please look for the Sign-Up sheets in the Narthex, talk to an usher or notify the office so we may "work you into the service" Thank you.

HOW DO WE COMMUNICATE?

If you need to reach a church member or friend, the church office can put you in touch. We maintain a Database of our members, active and inactive; a Directory of our active members and engaged friends; and we have the e-mails of everyone who has supplied one so we can communicate quickly with an "E-Mail Blast"

FCC SUGGESTION CORNER

My name is Brenda Harrison—one of my positions at the church is Member-at-Large on the Church Council.

The Church Council meets once a month, the first Tuesday of the month. If anyone has a question or a concern about anything at the church and would like it brought to the Church Council, please e-mail me.

If you would like to talk to me in person, please email your phone number and the best time to get in touch with you.

Thank you. Brenda Harrison

Email address: FCCSuggestions@gmail.com (rev. 9/4/22)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER?

- Sept. 6 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting - Ladies Parlor
- Sept 7 6:00 pm Boy Scouts #47 - (Parish Hall)
- Sept 8 Noon Reception for Richard Peterson funeral (Vestry)
- Sept 8 3:00 Men's Fellowship (Annex)
- Sept 8 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsals Resumes
- Sept. 9 AA (Meets every Friday from 5:30-6:30 in the Vestry)
- Sept. 17 8:30 - Noon Outdoor Work Day (Governing & Finance)
- Sept. 17 11:00 Funeral Service for Gary William Fries
- Sept. 18 9:30 am Sunday School Resumes
- Sept. 18 2:30 - 4:00 Girl Scouts resume weekly meetings (Parish Hall)
- Sept. 19 Evening call - Ministry of Governing & Finance
- Sept. 21 5:00 pm MOE'S Barbecue Take Out
- Sept. 23&24 Libby Family Reunion - Parish Hall
- Sept. 27 Women's Fellowship Pot Luck Supper (Vestry)
- Oct 1 10:00 - 3:00 Women's Retreat - St. Nicholas Episcopal Church (See reverse side of this Insert)

TO CONTACT US

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2022 EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Please help us prepare our sanctuary for the glorious celebration of Easter on April 17th. Flowers may be dedicated “**in memory of**” or “**in honor of**” loved ones. The dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Please fill out the order form, then mail it or bring it to the church office at 161 Black Point Road with your check.

Any questions, please call Elaine at the church office@883-2342. You may also bring in your own Spring plant of any variety to the Vestry or church office by Friday, April 15th.

The deadline for ordering plants is Wednesday, April 6th.

Please indicate quantity of the item you wish to order.

___ Double Lily (8” pot)\$30.00

___ Tulips (6” pot)\$20.00

___ Hyacinths (6” pot)\$20.00

Dedication - *Please circle one* (in memory of / in honor of)

Given by

Phone number _____ **E-mail** _____

Bringing my own plant_____

PLEASE take your plants home after the Easter Sunday Service. Thank you.

