

First Congregational Church of Fall River

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Parish Guide



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## From Reverend Andy

**'Pilgrimage** - pīl'grə-mīj - noun

A journey to a sacred place or shrine.

A long journey or search, especially one of exalted purpose or moral significance.

A journey undertaken by a pilgrim; a traveling on through a strange country or to some place deemed sacred in order to perform some religious vow or duty, or obtain some spiritual or miraculous benefit.

**As participants in the Warriors on the Way, we are on a Pilgrimage'**

These words are the beginning of my orientation where, in a few weeks, on the 14th of September, I am stepping off to walk 180 miles of the Camino de Santiago in Spain and spend a month on Sabbatical. I am immensely grateful to the church for this time to deepen my own pilgrimage and take time away (Luke 5:16). For over a thousand years, pilgrims have come from all over the world to walk the path from France across Spain to Santiago, known as the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of Saint James. My path, from Astorga to Santiago in Northern Spain will be with an organization called Warriors on the Way (<https://warriorsontheway.org/about/>). If you were at our last All Church Family Night you got to hear from its leader, my friend and colleague Fr. Steven Rindahl.

This opportunity to walk with other combat veterans in a journey of witness and healing over sacred ground is a blessing of a lifetime. I am both excited and apprehensive, unsure what I will find in the mountains of Spain and on its ancient paths, but always certain the Lord has blessing for us when we go looking for Him.

I am excited that during my time away the church will have the opportunity to spend time with Rev. John Carson, a dear friend and one of the best pastors I know. I have full confidence in his commitment, service, and care for the church in my absence. There are a number of things coming up I'll be sad to miss and I am sure that John and the church will greatly enjoy as we lean into the fall season. I pray you'll all follow me along the way of Saint James. The standard greeting on the Camino is, "Buen Camino" meaning "Good Way!" or Good Journey". It is used as a salutation as pilgrims meet and depart, and local will greet 'peregrinos' (pilgrims) with the phrase as well. To the church and to each of you who are dear

to my heart, I say, 'Buen Camino!' I pray this time of journeying apart is a Good Way, not just for the church as a whole but for each one of you. That you might know blessings and grace in the days ahead and that there is a deeper and wider sweetness of Spirit present amongst us all in my return.

So I say to you my brothers and sisters in Christ, "Buen Camino!" for we, 'As participants in First Congregational Church of Fall River, are on a Pilgrimage.'

Peace and Grace,

Blessings, Rev. Andy



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Hello Friends,

As our beloved Pastor, Rev. Andy Stinson will embark on his sabbatical time (Sep 14- Oct 16) and after an extensive and meticulous search, Rev. Andy concluded that a great fit to cover these tasks during this time will be Rev. John Carson.



**Rev. John Carson** was born and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a child and a member of North Shore Congregational Church.

After high school, John received his undergraduate (BA) degree from St. Olaf College, majoring in psychology and religion; his graduate (M. Div.) degree from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, and a post-graduate (S. T. M.) degree from Yale Divinity School.

Ordained in 1982, John has served as minister of five NACCC churches: Plymouth Congregational Church in Lansing, MI; Third Congregational Church in Middletown, CT; First Congregational Church in Tacoma, WA; Central Congregational Church in Galesburg, IL and the Elijah Kellogg Church of Harpswell, ME. He also served our churches as Associate Executive Secretary for Missions, Church Development and State and Regional Partnerships for nearly 10 years.

John and his wife Susan currently reside in Harpswell, ME. They have three children: Amanda (now married to Zach Griffith) of Portland, ME; Joshua (now married to Sarah Memory) of Cincinnati, OH and Susannah, a graduate student, living in Burlington, VT.

Since retiring in June of 2022, John enjoys time with family and friends, traveling and reading, music, biking and exercise. He's also glad and looking forward to serving the people of Fall River Congregational Church while his dear friend, Andy, is away on sabbatical.

**Welcome  
Rev. John Carson !!**

# “Diaconate Corner”

## A Glorious Summer Comes to an End

It has been an amazing summer, both in my personal life and in my life of faith. My faith journey did not take an “August break”, and it was a delight to be joined by so many of our Church family. Such a great way to appreciate our many blessings together!

Although we missed Rev. Andy dearly, we had encouraged him to enjoy a couple of weeks of precious family time, and we’re pleased that he did just that. Rev. Gates and Rev. Fisk filled our void nicely, we thank them for their endearing response to our call. It was a pleasure to share the pulpit with each of them for the first half of each service. I am so grateful that two of our Deacons - Lisa Blanchette and Nancee Brightman- stepped up to join me. I am blessed to have such a supportive Board of Deacons. Thank you all!

As most of you know by now, Rev. Andy will be taking a one month sabbatical from Mid-September through Mid-October, and we had the joy of meeting Rev. John Carson, our replacement, on August 23rd at our combined Church Council/Deacon/s meeting in Bethany Hall. He seems to be a delightfully warm, wonderful person. Andy has found for us a soon to be true friend of FCC in John. He will be spending a great deal of time with us during his one month tenure here in addition to his Sunday services. Please make a point of meeting him- you’ll be glad that you did. So please SAVE THE DATE of September 10th to wish Rev. Andy the best of fortune for his Pilgrimage through Spain. And also SAVE THE DATE of September 17th to welcome Rev. John. They are already the best of friends, and I’m sure we’ll soon have another dear friend as well in John. We have a “Cookie Day Gathering” planned for the 17th, so it’s a perfect time for all of us to meet and greet each other. September will begin as always with our sharing of “Bread and Wine” on September 3rd.

And, for those that prefer to start your Sunday service a little later, we’ll return to our usual schedule of 10:00 AM on that day. Can’t wait to greet you all with a big welcome on that beautiful day!

This quote from one of our past services comes to mind as we approach a new season this month:

May the strength of God sustain us,  
May the power of God preserve us,  
May the hands of God hold and protect us,  
May the days with God direct us,  
And may the love of God lure us toward him, this day and forever more.

Love, Peace, and Grace,  
Senior Deacon, Susan Lanyon

## First Congregational Church of Fall River Invites you to an *All Church Retreat*



Topic: *The Power of Pilgrimage in Everyday Life*

When: Nov 13-Nov 15, 2023

Where: Glastonbury Abbey  
(16 Hull St. Hingham MA)

Check in: November 13 by 4:00 PM

**Only 16 slots available**

A sign up list will be available in the Narthex as of Sunday September 17, 2023

## Scholarship News



Our big day arrived, and we celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of our seven young scholars on Sunday, August 20th. Our service was followed by a lovely Gathering of many scrumptious goodies. Thank you Cheryl Furze for your help in this endeavor.

The recipients were:

- » Samantha Alston, granddaughter of members Jack and Judy Alston, majoring in Nursing at UMass. Boston
- » Sarah Alston, also granddaughter of Judy and Jack Alston, majoring in Accounting at UMass. Dartmouth
- » Sophia Fernandes, member and daughter of Gary and Linda Fernandes, majoring in Pre-Med at Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
- » Aleciana Gonzalez, member and daughter of Michael and Alicia Ward, majoring in Sociology & Early Childhood at Bridgewater State University
- » Jenessa Medeiros, granddaughter of member Cheryl Foley, majoring in Business at UMass Dartmouth
- » Casey Melo, member and granddaughter of Audrey Poitras, entering an LPN program at Diman
- » Mary Poitras, member and granddaughter of Audrey Poitras, majoring in Business at Valencia College in Florida

We are truly grateful to our judges of the “Joan Twaddle Scholarship” portion of our program. These folks were kind enough to volunteer their time and expertise to rank the essays of our applicants for one additional award, to be given to one student in Joan’s name. Joan was an educator herself, our volunteer Treasurer for many years, and a generous donor and supporter of our Scholarship program. She passed away a few years ago. It was only fitting that we should institute a Scholarship in her name, this began in 2021. The judges were:

- » Kim Smith of the United Way
- » Rev. Don Bliss of the East Freetown Congregational Church
- » Jack Frost from the Antioch School in Fall River
- » Sandra Wood, member of FCC, former English teacher, and dear friend of Joan

The winner this year of the “Joan Twaddle Scholarship” was Sophia Fernandes, an active member here since her birth. All of the essays were beautifully written and came from the heart. Enclosed in this Parish Guide are the Highlights of their essays for your reading pleasure. Be prepared to renew your faith in the younger generation, these young students have written from a place deep within their souls. The Scholarship budget has been the result of several major fundraisers of years past, but mostly from donations of families that have dedicated plaques to loved ones on our “Scholarship Memorial Tree”. The interest this year of our budget was much reduced, so we do feel the need to raise some extra funds. On August 20th, we requested our first donations, and were grateful to receive \$142.00 as of today. We thank the following donors for their generosity:

Nancee Brightman, Larry LoVerde, Robin, and Ava, Stefanie and Jack Alston, Judy and Jack Alston, Debbie Just, Lee Wordell, Sue and Ken Lanyon, and 2 anonymous donors. We’ll have donation envelopes on September 3rd for anyone else that might be interested in contributing to this worthy cause. We appreciate your generosity!!

You’ll be hearing more from us between now and June of ‘24 of other fundraisers. Please keep the future of our young scholars in mind. They are all treasures indeed. Finally, I deeply thank all members of our Committee for their enthusiasm and support of our youth. They’ve been a joy to share ideas with, always with the work of God in our hearts.

Blessings to All!!

Committee Members:

Susan Lanyon, Chairperson, Rev. Andy Stinson, Robin Pavao, Secretary, Ken Ward, Treasurer, Cheryl Furze, and Bill Farnham

### Enjoy these excerpts from our Scholar’s Essays:

They all answered the question:” At this point in your life, you’ve probably realized that you have certain talents or ‘strengths’. What is one of your ‘strengths’ and how has it played a role in developing your strength? Could this strength help to further develop your faith journey?”

#### Samantha Alston: Communication

College is a time of growth. As I enter my final year, I realize that my biggest strength is Communication. These skills play a significant role in my nursing career. I am confident in my ability to listen to patients’ needs, provide clear instructions, and be a comforting person to confide in. Ephesians 4:29 states that “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.” Through God, I have learned to be humble and kind, and speak for those who cannot. By trusting in the Lord, I can grow my strengths to help others and myself.

### Sarah Alston, Empathy

Personally, I have discovered that one of my strengths lies in the power of Empathy. Throughout my faith journey, empathy has played an important role in my personal growth. Within the teachings of my faith, I discovered an emphasis on compassion, kindness, and understanding. My faith journey has deepened my appreciation for having strong connections with people, instilling in me a sense of responsibility to care for others. Guided by my faith, empathy has allowed me to forge meaningful connections and help others while embodying the values and teachings of my faith.

### Sophia Fernandes, My Faith

**“I can do all this through him who gives me strength” (Philippians, 4:13) is a quote that will forever be imprinted in my mind. While I was attending confirmation class, I learned so much about myself, my peers, and about God’s relationship with all of us. The biggest takeaway was how strong God’s Love is for me, and that I can always look for strength in Him. For as long as I can remember, I have felt God’s presence within me. I am strengthened by my faith, and my faith is rooted in my close relationship with God. My devotion to God has made me feel a great amount of love towards everyone I am acquainted with. I carry this love with me into my friendships, into the workplace, and into my daily interactions.**

I always find myself most fulfilled in the activities that involve helping others. The reason that I became involved in volunteering is because of my Church family. I started volunteering at the soup kitchen alongside my Church family and it quickly grew into something that I was excited to go to every month. I felt fulfillment in giving food to people who needed it. Not only did I have an impact on the people I served, they also had an impact on me. These experiences are what inspired me to become a healthcare provider. I will use my relationship with God to bring small glimmers of love in times of hopelessness.

### Aleciana Gonzalez, To Conquer Adversity

**As I’ve grown into adulthood, I’ve faced the harsh reality that being an adult is not as pleasant as it appears. The sweet essence of childhood becomes a faint memory, and the duty of adulting expands its prominence like mosquitoes on a hot summer night. What hits even harder is when your parents don’t have the ability to protect you from the harsh truths of the world anymore. You just have to stand tall and face them. The biggest strength that God has gifted me with is the ability to look adversity in the face and conquer it.. Even when the low, melancholy moments of life strike, I use it as a source of energy to fuel myself, get back up, and try again. Rather than allowing misfortunes to define my life, I look deeper within them to find the lesson they’re trying to teach me. Psalm 73:26 states, “My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” In times of extreme failure when it feels like my faith has withered down into a thin piece of thread, I turn to God for a light out of the darkness.**

### Jenessa Medeiros, Persistence

My strength is not giving up easily and learning new things, this has enabled me to pursue my passion of owning my own business, and my faith in believing in a higher power has given me the ability to start my career. My strength lies in persistence. In addition to my determination, my God-given talent lies in my creativity. My present job allows me to be artistic with floral decorations; however, my true passion and talent is crocheting. I am blessed to have found such a fulfilling activity at such a young age.

### Casey Melo, To Never Give Up

**Life is full of surprises. You must take the good with the bad. I’d have to say that one of my personal strengths would be that I never give up. My mother told me that you have to work hard for things you want in this world. If everything came easy there would be no value in our accomplishments. This has always stuck with me. I was in a very abusive relationship for 12 years of my life, when only just starting adulthood. I do have 2 beautiful children that came out of this. It took strength and willingness not to give up, to make sure that my children were not brought up in this situation. My mother’s voice, and my faith that God had something better planned for me kept me going.**

I knew I always wanted to work in the healthcare field. The rewarding feeling of helping someone that usually cannot help themselves is a feeling that is indescribable. **Knowing it was up to me to change my children’s lives, I just kept praying to God that if I worked hard enough, I would someday be able to become a nurse. I will be starting Diman’s LPN program in the Fall, and I hope to continue to a program of Anesthesiology.**

### Mary Poitras, Kindness, Compassion, and Empathy

I have come to realize that I have certain talents that set me apart. My kindness, compassion and empathy all sound the same, but they are all so different. Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Compassion is classified as sympathetic pity and concern for others. And finally, empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. Put these **three things together and you’ve got me, an expert listener with a gentle loving soul.**

My journey of faith has been bumpy and random at times, but the role it played in developing my strength is because it gave me access to people I might not have met otherwise. Lifelong friendships have been made at church, youth group, and during my private education. **I was always treated with kindness, compassion, and empathy at these places of worship. I’m proud to say that it rubbed off on me and I blossomed into who I am today.**

## Missions News!!



Here at FCC we have closed the summer of 2023 with the shared blessings of doing God's work as church family and pilgrims on the path. It was great fellowship on our Get Steppin' 5K Walk by the waterfront to raise funds for First Steps Inn/Steppingstone. I feel we always learn more about each other through these shared experiences, deepening our bonds and committing our efforts and energies to help the vulnerable of our city. We thank all who participated.

And who doesn't love to see the joy on a child's face as they skip up to a table of ice cream sundaes on their last week of summer camp. We served YMCA's Camp Weetamoe 200 sundaes at both Fall River and Swansea sites and we have Nonno's Ice Cream Shoppe (Seabury St Fall River) to thank for making this special day possible.

We have concluded our "Teachers Closet Back to School Drive"and have forwarded all supplies to the United Way for distribution to Fall River students. Missions is so grateful for the very generous response of our church family.

I have made a visit to "Laundry Love" - a great initiative launched by Rev Andy and Rev Medley (Church of the Holy Spirit) and was moved by the energy and conversation on display throughout the bright and cheerful space. Missions will meet a need for a donation of laundry detergent and dryer sheets on a quarterly basis. In addition we will work toward more exposure to this new ministry by distributing flyers to food pantries, Veteran's groups, and Branch Supper guests at First Baptist. "Laundry Love" takes place at Kam's Laundromat, 415 Second St on the last Wednesday of the month from 9:00 am to noon. Feel free to check it out. They are welcoming volunteers.

With the turning of the calendar page toward the coolness and colors of fall we will be planning for the "United We Move" 1.1 mile walk and new this year a 5K walk both through the Bioserve, supporting the United Way's Annual Appeal. This is another opportunity for fellowship, fun and fresh air and is planned for Saturday Oct 21.

It promises to be another amazing church year at FCC. Join us for the feeding of your spiritual life and know the joy of serving God and his people in all walks of life.

Blessings,  
Deb Vautrin, Missions Chair



## Mission Work In Ghana



Hello! My name is Sophia Fernandes and I am an active member of the church. I attend Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences where I am a member of my University's chapter of Global Brigades. Global Brigades' mission is to inspire, mobilize, and collaborate with communities to achieve **their own health and economic goals with a vision to “give millions of empowered community members the resources and capacity to thrive.** In December 2023, I will be attending our first medical brigade to Ghana where I will volunteer my time to implement mobile clinics in communities that otherwise would not have access to healthcare. I will have the opportunity to assist in triage, take vital signs, and facilitate health education workshops. Through money raised by volunteers, Global Brigades is able to provide community members with pro-bono general medical consultations, vision screenings and other specialized care. Global Brigades has been able to perform over 1.5 million medical consultations and I hope to be able to help raise that number. Global Brigades is almost entirely funded through volunteer fundraising. The funds that I raise go towards providing medical care to those who otherwise would not have access to it, and they will allow me to physically travel to Ghana to donate my time to help implement clinics in underserved communities. If you are interested in donating, please write out a check to the First Congregational Church with Sophia Fernandes Global Brigades in the memo and hand it in to the church office!

For more info about the club you can visit the below link!!  
<https://fundraise.globalbrigades.org/empowered/chapter/massachusetts-college-of-pharmacy-and-health-sciences-medical-telebrigade-december-2023-international>



Scan for the Global Brigades Info →

**From the Music Minister:**

**Music MINISTRY**

The Choir has had a fairly exciting summer break time: we were asked to perform at Heritage State Park in July, for a program commemorating Frederick Douglas. And we attended "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Zeiterion, for our choir appreciation event. Choir will start up again on September 24th; everyone in the church is welcome to join in. We rehearse Sundays 8:30 - 9:30.

The September organ concert will be Friday September 29th at noon. It will be played by Providence organist Peter Krasinski, one of whose specialties is accompanying silent movies. He will be ending his program with an improvisation on a theme I will give him just before he sits to play.

Judy Conrad, Music Minister

**MOPS**  
this is motherhood

First Congregational Church of Fall River

**M O P S**

Next meeting  
Wed Sep 06, 2023  
@ 5:30 PM

FMI please call or text our group leaders:  
Linda Fernandes (508) 272-6152/  
lfernandes@comcast.net  
Lisa Blanchette (508) 493-4616/  
lisa.blanchette@steward.org

**SOUP KITCHEN**

This has been a very worthwhile endeavor that our church has embraced and we need volunteers to help with the preparation as well as serving.

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Upcoming Dates: Sep 05, 2023 Oct 03, 2023

Please plan to be at church by 2:00 PM

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FALL RIVER

CONCERT

**Back to School**

LIGHT A CANDLE DR

FRI 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 7 PM

William SANDY YAN

282 ROCK ST, FALL RIVER, MA 02720

First Congregational Church of Fall River

Is honor to host

**WILKIN SANDY YAN PAPA GOZO**

Benefit to

*The Back to School Light a Candle Dominican Republic Concert*

Friday September 8th, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

282 Rock St, Fall River MA

Free to all!!!  
Donations accepted!!!

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**First Congregational Church ANNUAL**

**All pets welcome!**

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Sunday October 08<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 10 AM

**Petting Zoo & Pony Rides**

(Please bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier please)

**First Congregational Church**

**Free Yoga Classes**

@ 6:00 PM

282 Rock St.  
(Please use Cherry Street door)

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Free and open to the public (13yrs and up)

All levels welcome!!  
Please refer to our Facebook page for all class cancellations or changes.

**11 Minutes of 11:11**

As Rev. Andy embarks to his sabbatical time (Sep 14-Oct 16) there will be **NO 11:11 Live** message, but we will be uploading

**"11:11 Greatest Hits"**

Every Tue-Wed-Thurs

**During Rev. Andy's time away.**

Stay Tuned!!!!

*"Be a part of something larger than yourself"*

**Religious Education REGISTRATION**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

FOLLOWED BY **COOKIE SOCIAL!!!**

**New Students Always Welcome!**

Have you ordered your brick to help complete our Memorial Walkway in the James Ward Memorial Garden?

Order forms are available in the Narthex or by calling/ emailing the church office at (508) 672-5862 or churchoffice@fccfallriver.com



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# September 2023

UP COMING EVENTS!!

Office hours  
Monday-Thursday  
9:00 AM -2:00 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Worship Sunday @ 10:00 AM	Labor Day HO OFFICE CLOSED	Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Soup Kitchen @ 2:30PM YOGA @ 6:00 PM	RE Meeting 1:00 PM MOPS Meeting @ 5:30 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM	YOGA @ 6:00 PM	Wilkins Papa Gozo Concert @ 7:00 PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Worship Sunday @ 10:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Knitting Circle @ 6:30 PM	Huddle Meeting 10:15 AM YOGA @ 6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM	YOGA @ 6:00 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical	Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Choir Rehearsal 8:30 RE Registration Day Worship Sunday @ 10:00 AM RE Cookie Social @ 11:15 AM Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	Prayer Shawl Knitting Circle @ 6:30 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	Huddle Meeting 10:15 AM YOGA @ 6:00 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	UWGFR Board Meeting @ 8:00 AM YOGA @ 6:00 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Worship Sunday @ 10:00 AM Rev Andy Sabbatical Henry Vac	Prayer Shawl Knitting Circle @ 6:30 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical	Huddle Meeting 10:15 AM YOGA @ 6:00 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical	Laundry Love Volunteers needed 415 Second St. Fall River @ 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Church Council @ 7:00 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical	YOGA @ 6:00 PM Rev Andy Sabbatical	Lunch Time Organ Recital 12:00 PM Guest Musician Peter Krasinski Rev Andy Sabbatical	Rev Andy Sabbatical

# Congratulations and Best Wishes

We know these lists may be incomplete, so we ask that anyone whose name is not included be sure to call the Church Office with the necessary information.

## Happy Anniversary!!

5-Sep

Susan & Robert Hadley

12-Sep Beatrice Whitney-Dean & Michael Dean

15-Sep

Linda & Robert Cunha

17-Sep

Carol & John Viveiros

I choose you everyday & always

## Happy Birthday

### September Babies

2-Sep Jean More Limoges

2-Sep Frances Waring

3-Sep Doris Ashworth

5-Sep Todd McKenna

6-Sep Lilley Ann Cabral

7-Sep Christian Mulrooney

7-Sep Denise Ward

9-Sep Timothy Mulrooney

12-Sep Alexander Menard

16-Sep Linda Noble

17-Sep Damon Rice

17-Sep Avery Brian Tea

21-Sep Jared Brown

24-Sep Alicia Ward

25-Sep Nancy Rioux

27-Sep Debra Bentley

27-Sep Elizabeth Cookson

28-Sep Rudolph Nickerson

29-Sep Cliff Moniz

30-Sep Robert Cunha

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SEPTEMBER  
2023

Prepared especially for ....

YOU!

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Moving??? Please let us know; don't forget to notify the church office...



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## First Congregational Church Worship Service 10:00 AM

Telephone: (508) 672 5862  
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Email Address: [churchoffice@fccfallriver.com](mailto:churchoffice@fccfallriver.com)  
Website Address: <http://fccfallriver.com/>  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FccFallRiver/>  
SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-281358520>  
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
9:00AM - 2:30 PM

The Staff  
Rev. Andrew Stinson  
Senior Minister  
Denise Ward-Moderator  
Judith Conrad-Music Minister  
Cheryl Foley-Bookkeeper  
Ivette Alarcon-Church Admin.  
Henry Parker-Sexton