

# FIRST CHURCH

## Weekly Update

October 14-21, 2017

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 15

10:00 AM Worship

led by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Pugh

*Sermon: Gratitude*

**Liturgist:Bartha Hathaway**

**Musicians: Joanne McMahon, Chris Blagg,  
Lucas Callahan,**

**&**

**The First Church of Ipswich Choir**

**With a special solo**

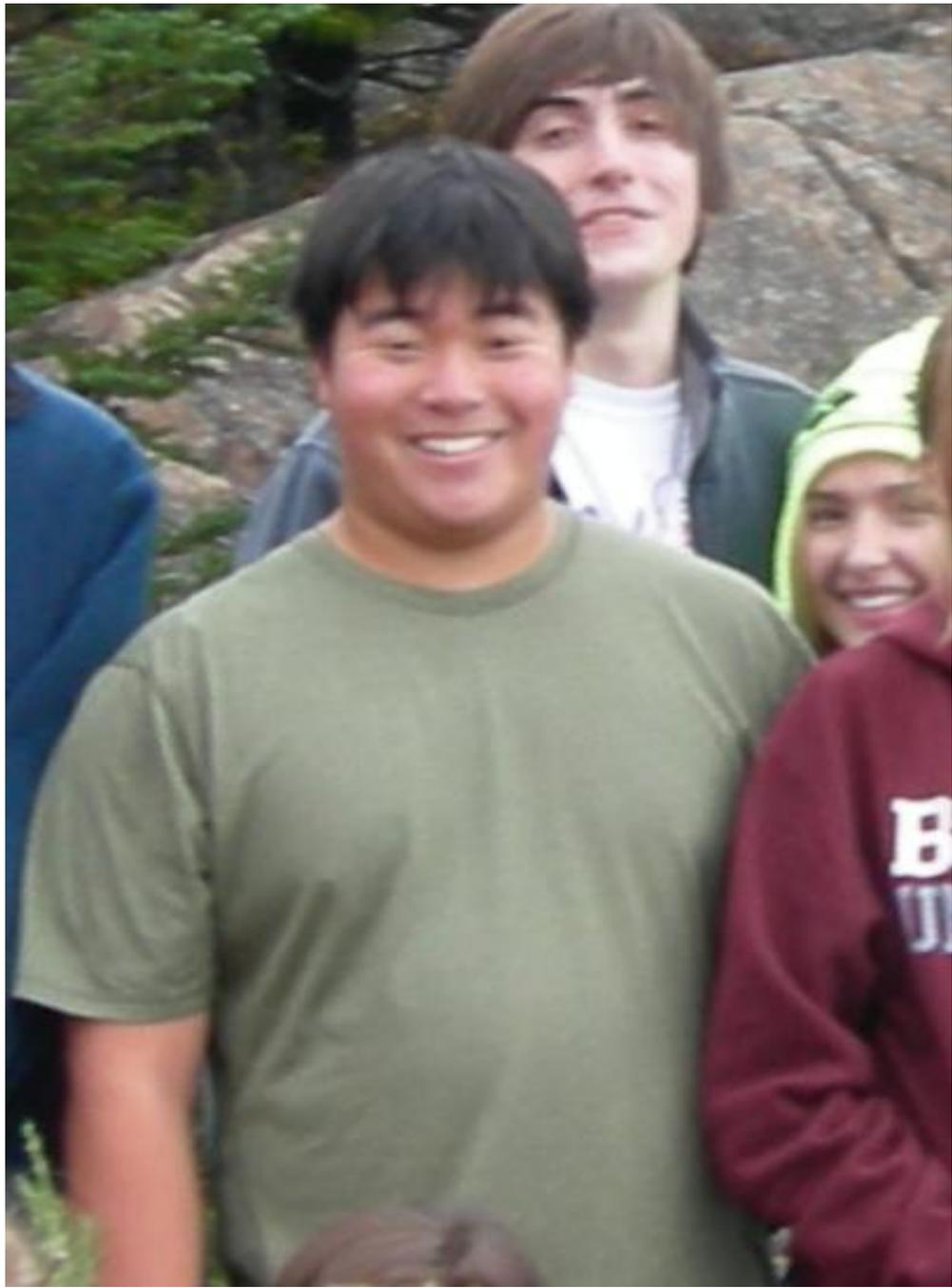


**by Chris Blagg**



**And a prelude**





**by Lucas Callahan and Joanne  
McMahon**

**Sunday School**

**Theater and Arts**

*Who? Grades K through High School*

**Sunday, October 1 - Sunday November 5**

**10:15 AM with James Turner and Alex  
Edwards**

**Join us as continue crafting of Joseph and**

**the Technicolor Dreamcoat, our own 20 minute  
Version!**

**We meet in the parlor for our opening circle  
and then walk together to the Meetinghouse  
after the Children's Sermon for our third  
practice.**





## ***Bible Study***

***October 16***

***10:00-11:00 am***

**Matthew 22: 15 - 22**



## **Addiction Recovery in Ipswich**

Four options for recovery in Ipswich:

1. Come to one of Ipswich's Recovery meetings:

*(Free, no paperwork to fill out)*

Monday 8pm at the Baptist Church: AA

Tuesday 6pm at the Baptist Church, Women's AA

Tuesday 7:30 pm at the Methodist Church, NA

Wednesday 6:15 pm at First Church: AA

Wednesday 7:30 at First Church: Al Anon

Thursday 6:00 pm at the Baptist Church, AA

Friday 9 am at First Church, AA Women's meeting

Friday 7pm at the Methodist Church, NA

Saturday 10:30 am at First Church, AA

2. Come to church to pray for God's help and give thanks for our many blessings

3. Seek treatment. The Ipswich police are standing by, along with 15 volunteer angels who serve as allies to the addict seeking recovery, to locate and transport to residential treatment. Funds are available, through the PAARI, for treatment, if you don't have health insurance.

4. If you are affected by a loved one who is struggling with addiction, come to Al-Anon on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm, for support and help.



**Several ways to work for compassion,  
peace and justice this week**

Support elders in Ipswich and in the First Church family. Several elders in need of a visit, a friend, a prayer, and help with their friendly pets are now in the awareness of the church. Call the church office and ask to speak with John Soderblom.

Contribute to Our Church's Wider Mission and help families in Puerto Rico, who, after Hurricane Maria, are living without water, fuel, electricity. Our church's donation will help on the ground to offer urgent support.

Reach out to refugee and immigrant families. First Church has helped a family to come from Iraq with Catholic Charities; they are hoping to bring an elderly grandmother and a young adult sister as well; let us know if you are able to get involved.

In addition, four new immigrant families have arrived in the last five years. One family from Egypt needs support with medical appointments as they face surgery, and plans for a new baby to arrive, help with housing, and a friend to help them get here to church.

A family from Guatemala faces housing challenges, math tutoring in spanish (algebra) and trips to the grocery store. They welcome your allegiance, kindness, and support. Spanish language skills are helpful.

A new neighbor from Uganda is looking for a job doing home nursing and elder companionship. She speaks fluent English.

**For more information, call the First Church**

**office at:**

**978-356-2211**

**The Ipswich Refugee Program website is up!**

**Check it out to learn more about IRP  
activities and events.**

**You can also sign up for our quarterly  
newsletter on the website.**

**<https://www.ipswichrefugeeprogram.org>**



## Bonfire

for the senior youth group  
tonight

7:00 - 9 :00 pm



## Art Show

7:00 - 9 :00 pm

October 19

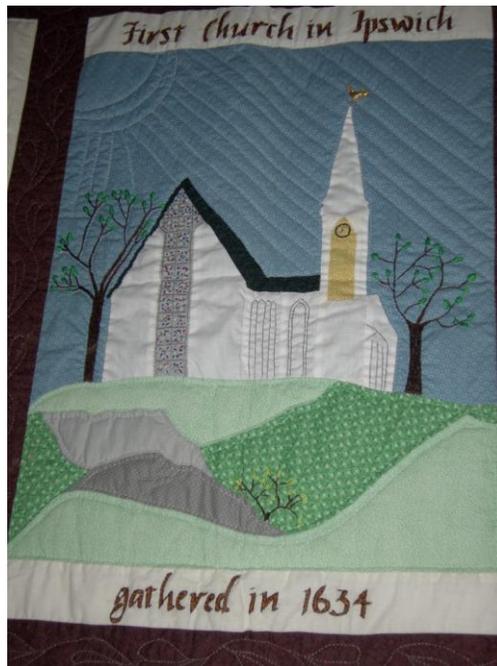
Meet the artists, socialize with friends,  
Enjoy a preview of our brilliant art.

## Silent Auction

7:00 - 9 :30 pm

October 21

Music, raffle drawing, wonderful auction items,  
Beautiful Hors D'oeuvres.



## The Retiree's Luncheon

October 24

at 12:00 Noon

at Windward Grille in Essex!

We meet once a month for conversation, good food, a preview for Sunday's Scripture, and a few good jokes. If you would like more information or wish to be on the email list of this group, please speak to Donna Gordon, Sue Baker or Rebecca.



**Saturday, October 28, 7PM**

**Jeff Warner**

**Traditional American Folk Songs**

*Along The Way Coffee House*

*12 Meetinghouse Green, Ipswich, MA*

*\$10.00 at the door or*

*at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)*

*Refreshments available*

**Sponsored by First Church In Ipswich**

## **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESL)**

Join our new class at First Church, which is directed at beginning speakers of English, including people who have just arrived in the U.S. We practice using and pronouncing common words, learn some basic rules of grammar, have simple conversations, and play a few word games.

**We meet in the Parlor at First Church, twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.**

People who are just starting out in English are invited to come from 12:30 pm & stay until 2:30 pm.





**The Middle School Youth Group trip to New Hampshire was a succes !  
Please join us next time !**

## **This Week's Calendar**

**Saturday, October 14**

**10:30 am ~ AA**

**Sunday, October 15**

10:00 am ~Worship at First Church

10:15 am ~ Sunday School Theater Program

**Monday, October 16**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**Wednesday, October 18**

12:30 pm Beginner ESL Class (in the Parlor)

1:00 pm ~ ESL Class (in the Parlor)

6:15 pm ~ AA

7:30 pm ~ Al-Anon

**Thursday, October 19**

7:00 pm ~ Choir Practice

7:00 pm ~ Art Show

**Friday, October 20**

9:00 am ~ Women's AA (in the Parlor)

**Saturday, October 21**

10:30 am ~ AA

7:00 pm ~ Silent Auction

## **Farewell and best wishes**

to John Soderblom

We are grateful for the time that John has been with the First Church in Ipswich, and we wish him the best as he moves to another educational opportunity.

**Support First Church**

## **with Your Offering**

Offerings of financial support and of time are welcome !

## **And your Pledge**

We are grateful to the pledges which help the church keep the lights on and the water running, and the ongoing outreach of mercy and welcome. Would you like to join the team? We are collecting the last few pledge cards for the life of the church in the coming year, and cards are available in the pew pockets, or you are welcome to pledge on line.

## **and in Your Will**

Leave a legacy that lasts, for the congregation of First Church and its outreach to the world, with a simple note in your will to leave the Church a percentage of your savings when you no longer need them. For more information, speak with the Finance Committee.