

Seeds Need Nurture...

Dear Friends,

It is springtime in Vermont and for First Church. There is excitement in the air as we think about all the things we want to do in the warmer sun-filled days of the months ahead. The gardeners amongst us have thought about what they are going to plant and all the preparations they need to do to ensure colorful gardens and a bountiful harvest. The same is true for us at First Church.

We have endured a long winter and used it as a time of reflection and visioning. Now our springtime is here, and it is time to get to work to put our plans into action. Gardeners know that just planting the seeds is not enough to produce a colorful garden or a bountiful harvest. Those seeds need to be ardently and faithfully nurtured and cared for to obtain the desired results.



First Church has planted some seeds:

- A complete staff of talented and creative individuals
- A new church organizational structure
- Lay led worship opportunities
- New outreach and service opportunities and interests
- Ideas as to how we can build the personal connections within and outside of our faith community
- Ideas about how to best use our building in service to the ministries to which we are committed

These seeds need the same nurturing that your garden seeds need. They need your stewardship, your financial resources and your time and talents. If we are generous with our dollars and our time and talents, we will see wondrous life-sustaining ministries emerge and bloom with the vibrancy that only God can manifest. Let's not miss this springtime opportunity that we have waited for so long. Let's all be extraordinary gardeners and stewards in this springtime of renewal.

In Faith,

Steve

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