



# THE ROLLING STONE

## Rollstone Congregational Church

United Church of Christ  
199 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA

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SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

### Pastor's View

## Welcome Back

Dear Family and Friends of Rollstone Congregational,

As we return to September it is wonderful to see signs of the church coming back to life after a long period away. We will begin to restart much of our programming at the church and are instituting new things to keep everyone involved. Some may be questioning how we can do that when Covid-19 and the Delta variant are exploding. We will practice safe social distancing and wear masks, plus if you are not feeling well, we will ask that you refrain from coming to church for that week or the event that is happening. I believe we need to own up to the reality that this virus may never be completely wiped out because of many reasons, so we will deal with it in a responsible manner to keep ourselves and everyone else safe.

There have been questions raised about various topics which I will attempt to answer in this space:

#### **When will Fellowship Hour begin?**

We will begin Fellowship Hour on Sunday, September 12th with coffee, tea, and cold beverage. The food will be added once we can figure out a safe way to offer food that is either individually wrapped or passed out by servers. Speak with Mary Anne Smith if you are willing to do either of those options. We will limit the number of persons at a table to be 4 individuals.

#### **When will meetings be conducted at the church?**

We are encouraging the chairpersons of the committees or boards to begin having their meetings at church following social distancing protocols.

#### **Can Christian Education opportunities begin?**

Yes, we will have Sunday School available with masks in place. Adult Bible Study will return on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM with protocols in place starting September 15th.

#### **When will the choir begin?**

We are starting in September, exact date is not known. If you are interested in singing you need to let Pastor Dave and Gavin know so that we can plan. We



will be singing twice a month to start, plus need to begin working on Christmas music, yes Christmas is just around the corner.

#### **Is there going to be anything else happening?**

Yes, there will be several new opportunities for people to be involved in activities at the church. Included will be Adult Day Time Fellowship twice a month. There will be Adult Fellowship one Saturday a month where we will venture out to things like dinner, the movies, the theater, or anything else that is financially feasible for us to do. These opportunities are a way to invite friends and family to be involved in the church life of Rollstone Congregational. If you have ideas, please share with the office or Pastor Dave for them to be explored.

#### **When is the Pastor in the office?**

He is in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 AM until about 2:00 PM. He is available also

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on Thursdays by appointment and for emergencies (note: he is around, the hours will vary on Thursday.) Again, if there is an emergency please call his cell phone at 978-821-9571. Visitations will be done at any time, please invite him because he wants you to feel comfortable when he is there.

### What other things are coming up?

There are several things that we need to place on our calendars which are important.

**September 12th** – Homecoming Sunday

**September 19th** – Final hearing on the proposed by-laws

**October 17th** – Annual Meeting for 2020, vote upon proposed by-laws

**November 20th** – Relay for Life Vendor's Fair

**November 21st** – Budget Meeting (pending approval of the proposed by-laws)

**December 5th** – Concert of Sacred and Christmas Music  
(*This is a tentative date*)

Please add the Adult Fellowship on a Saturday evening with dates to be announced soon.

As you can see, we will begin to get very busy, we need your support to make them successful.

**Programs + Participation (support) = Success (growth)  
a vibrant church**

*Pastor Dave*



### September Birthdays

- 4 Paul Stansel
- 16 Linda Wolfram
- 24 Amanda Sicard
- 27 Lorraine Michaud



Beth Porell has retired  
as a teacher from the  
Fitchburg School System.

# Cookman Hall to Host Artists As Part of City Special Event

By Eileen Berger

**R**ollstone's Cookman Hall will host five local artists on September 25-26 as part of the Fitchburg Cultural Council's Open Studios event. This is the first year that organizers have worked to bring the event to the city and the first year that Rollstone has been a host.

"In prior years, attendees were given maps and often

drove as far as 25 miles to artists' homes and studios," said Eileen Berger, Fitchburg Cultural Council treasurer. "This year we wanted to bring the event closer to home so that local restaurants, galleries and businesses could participate. Our Church Council has been gracious enough to provide a spot for five local women to exhibit and discuss their work."

They include:

**C.M. Judge**, who works in 2D and 3D creating drawings, paintings, sculpture, video, and installations. She has been exhibited worldwide and is the inaugural recipient of the ArtsWorcester Present Tense Award.



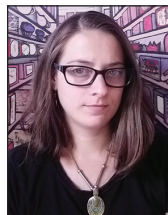
**Elsa Voelcker**, an adjunct professor for many years at Franklin Pierce and St. Anselm's College often photographs flowers from her own garden.



**Helen Obermeyer Simmons**, who taught design and photography at Fitchburg State for almost three decades, works in mixed media, often with photography featuring family history.



**Joanne Stowell** lives in Ashburnham and works with themes of family.



**Susan Wadsworth** is recently retired from 27 years at Fitchburg State. She taught many art history and studio courses and has an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art and an MA from Tufts University in art history. Her work is in pastel, often with ink outlines.



The event is free to all. It will run from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, Sept. 25, and 12 pm to 5 pm on Sunday.

Masks will be required.

For more information and a brochure listing where you can meet participating artists go to: [www.fitchburgopenstudios.com](http://www.fitchburgopenstudios.com)

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## The Wayside Pulpit

### Bellow Joyfully

**A** man competing in the Iditarod dog sled race stopped along the trail where a previous competitor had left his sled. Fearing the absent racer might need assistance, he went to investigate, and found the driver on a nearby bluff overlooking a frozen lake. Seeing him, the other motioned for him to be quiet and sit beside him.

Below them they saw a musk ox break from the thin brush and charge toward the lake rim. Planting his front hooves on the ice, and giving an oblique push with his hind

legs, he went sliding, spinning slowly, some eighty feet across the ice. When he slid to a stop, he raised his head and bellowed in pride and joy a prayer of praise to its Maker.

When you find yourself in a wilderness where all around you is frozen, look around for something you might do to give yourself cause to bellow with pride and joy. Your Maker will be watching, and sharing your triumph.

**Chuck Funk**



# By-Law Synopsis

August 24, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Rollstone Congregational Church,

At the Annual Meeting of January 2020 the church body voted to review and re-write the by-laws of the church for presentation to the congregation for ratification. We completed the task and started to conduct reading sessions to help you understand what was changed and why. We have observed that the attendance at the sessions has been low and thus a concern that many may be unfamiliar with the changes when they are brought forward for a vote. To minimize confusion and avoid a meeting lasting for hours, it was suggested that we write a synopsis and justification of the changes.

Please read this synopsis before we arrive to vote on October 17th. If you have any questions we are available to respond to your questions.

## Overview of the Rollstone Congregational Church 2021 By-Law Proposal

The Rollstone Congregational Church's by-laws were commissioned to be reviewed to present changes as proposed with the following purpose;

- Clarify the governance of the church
- Clarify the terms of membership
- Consolidation of Committees and Boards
- Address and improve the communication within the church
- Expedite the decision processes at the church
- Prepare the church to function under the current societal trends

## Process to Change the By-Laws

To change the by-laws of our church/organization there are certain steps which we must follow before they are enacted.

A committee is created to review, which then writes the proposal of changes to the existing by-laws.

The proposal (DRAFT) is distributed to each member for review.

A listening and questioning session(s) are made available for the membership to provide feedback and to obtain clarification if needed.

At a legally called meeting the proposal (DRAFT) is presented for final discussion and a vote for ratification is taken.

After the vote for ratification is approved and reviewed by legal council to ensure that they are in compliance with the laws and statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Final and Certified Version of the By-laws are enacted. The certified copy of the revised by-laws must be available for review by the Massachusetts Secretary of State Office should any questions arise.

The SYNOPSIS of changes to Rollstone Congregational Church By-Laws

Article # and Description of Changes

## Article #1 – Name and Seal

There is a minor change to the language.

## Article #2 – Purpose

The change is to correct a date that was inconsistent with a previously stated date.

## Article #3 – Belief

The change is made to reflect the changes made in our affiliations within the United Church of Christ caused by a merger of the historical Massachusetts Conference, the historical Connecticut Conference, and the historical Rhode Island Conference which is now the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Minor changes were made to the language to reflect our political correctness.

## Article #4 – Membership

The changes are reflective of what is expected and required of members. Previously we had multiple categories of membership which was confusing and created divisions in the church community. The changes define the requirements of joining, the obligations of membership, the definition of exemptions to obligations, and eliminates the multiple categories. The proposal is to create two categories which are members and friends, thus defining clearly who can and cannot vote on church matters. There is also stated the process for removal from membership, either voluntarily or involuntarily.

Please review this section closely as the changes are numerous, but all are done with the intent of clarifying our membership requirements.

## Article #5 – Sacraments

The changes are to clarify language and to clearly define the rules regulating the sacraments.

## Article #6 – Officers and Church Council

These changes redefine our leadership and the governance of the church. The proposal reworks the church cabinet of days gone by and creates a church council which has a larger representation of the congregation and the ultimate authority to act on behalf of the church.

## Article #7 – Pastor

These changes are reflective of the issues relating to the pastorate. The changes now will give the Church enhanced options for whom they call to serve as pastor.

## Article #8 – Church and Pastoral Relations Committee

The purpose and function of this committee has been completely redefined to create positive and supportive communication between the pastor and the congregation.

## Article #9 – Additional Pastoral/Ministerial Leadership

Changes provide more opportunities to allow our trained leaders to be pastoral interns (members in discernment).

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## BY-LAW SYNOPSIS

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### **Article #10 – Clerk**

Minor language changes to clarify the Church Clerk's responsibilities.

### **Article #11-Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer**

The changes are to bring clarification to responsibilities of the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

### **Article #12 – Collector Committee**

This section was completely re-written to reflect how we have been operating for the past several years.

### **Article #13 - Moderator and Assistant Moderator**

The changes reflect the duties and responsibilities of those serving with the implementation of the Church Council.

### **Article #14 – Board of Deacons**

The changes bring clarification of the duties and responsibilities of the board which were necessitated by the elimination of the stated sub-committees that reported to the Deacons. With these changes we will no longer select or elect specific individuals to perform tasks that could be done by either any member or board member.

### **Article #15 – Board of Trustees**

The duties and responsibilities of the Trustees are modified to reflect the changes to the committee itself. The House committee is eliminated and consolidated into the function of the Trustees. The size of the board is expanded to allow those interested in the building to be involved. The requirement that every member must serve in a cycle of positions is eliminated. The Treasurer is no longer on this board as the creation of the budget falls to the Church Council.

### **Article #16 – Board of Christian Education**

The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Christian Education are modified to reflect the changes to the committee itself. The Scholarship committee is eliminated and consolidated into the function of the Board of Christian Education. The size of the board is expanded to allow for the coverage to all programming that falls under their review.

### **Article #17 – Nominating Committee**

The changes bring clarity to their responsibilities.

### **Article #18 – Auditor**

The changes bring flexibility as to how an auditor can be selected.

### **Article #19 – Staff Members**

This brings clarification to the process of hiring and dismissal of additional staff used for church purposes.

### **Article #20 – Term of Office**

This brings clarification in regards to length of term and term limits.

### **Article #21 – Vacancies**

Changes bring clarification and modification as to how a vacancy may be filled.

### **Article #22 – Meetings of the Churches**

Defines how, when, and who may be involved in a church meeting. This adds a new category of "Budget Meeting" that is separate from the Annual Meeting. It also defines how meetings are to be run as well as the recording of meeting minutes.

### **Article #23 – Fiscal Year**

Defines the dates of our fiscal year in relation to the calendar year.

### **Article #24 – Annual Reports**

Clarification of when annual report submissions are required.

### **Article #25 – Voting**

Clarification of voting and how a vote is ratified.

### **Article #26 – Delegates**

Defines who may be voting delegates representing the church at denominational gatherings.

### **Article #27 – Stewardship Committee**

Defines duties of those responsible for a stewardship campaign.

### **Article #28 – Additional Boards and Committees**

Provides authorization for the Church Council to appoint temporary or special boards or committees that are not re-occurring.

### **Article #29 – Chairpersons of Boards and Committees**

States the process to select/elect a chairperson of a board.

### **Article #30 – Organizations**

Brings clarity to how groups can be associated with the church and its ministry.

### **Article #31 – Sub-Corporations**

Minor change to add clarity.

### **Article #32 – Amendments**

No changes

# Frederick Fosdick

## ....Businessman, City Leader, Church Leader

By Andy Lipasti

Called one of Fitchburg's most beloved and respected citizens, Frederick Fosdick's legacy has taken its place in our local history. The companies he worked for and the businesses he led were part of Fitchburg's industrial growth from the late 1800's to the early 1900's. Fosdick was very active in social and civic affairs, helping to promote, grow, and lead his city. He also brought his passion and leadership skills to Rollstone Congregational Church and gave of himself materially and spiritually for over 50 years.

Frederick Fosdick was born in Groton, MA on April 24, 1850, the son of Rev. David and Sarah W. Fosdick. He grew up in Groton and was home schooled under his father's direction. He left Groton and moved to Fitchburg in 1870 along



Fitchburg Steam Engine Company at 106 Water Street.  
Photo from Fitchburg Historical Society.

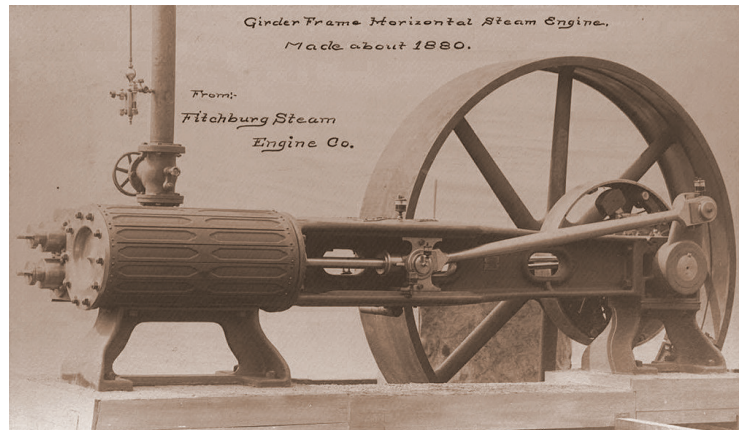
with his older brother Charles.

### Employment and Business Years

After arriving in Fitchburg Fosdick started working in the office of the Burleigh Rock Drill Co. and was employed there for two years. Another Fitchburg industrialist, John F. Haskins, left the Burleigh Rock Drill Co.



Frederick Fosdick photo from "1887 Fitchburg Past and Present" by William A. Emerson



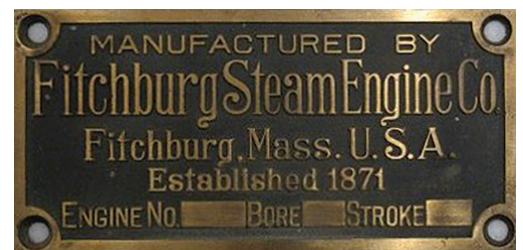
Horizontal Steam Engine ca. 1880 from Fitchburg Steam Engine Co.

Photo from Fitchburg Historical Society.

and formed the Haskins Machine Co. in 1871. In 1873, Fosdick became a draftsman for two years in the shop of the Haskins Machine Co.

In 1875, Frederick Fosdick, his brother Charles Fosdick, and businessman Hale W. Page purchased the Haskins Machine Co. and changed the name to The Fitchburg Steam Engine Company (FSEC). The plant was situated at 106 Water Street from 1872-1892 and had up to sixty employees. The company was run by Hale Page, president, Frederick Fosdick, treasurer, and Charles Fosdick, superintendent. The company Manufactured Horizontal and Vertical Automatic Cut-Off steam engines with sizes up to 500 horsepower, with some of these engines being used for High Speed Electric Light Engines.

The steam engines manufactured by this company were sold across the United States, South America, and parts of Europe. The success of this company was largely due to the close attention to the details of the business by the Fosdick brothers. When Mr. Page died in May 1887 Frederick took over the office of president of the company. The Fitchburg Steam Engine Co. moved to a new plant at 52 Cleghorn St. off Oak Hill Rd. where it operated from 1892-1925. FSEC was famous for the low-speed engine named "The Fitchburg" and the high-speed engine nicknamed "The Chief." 1,2,3



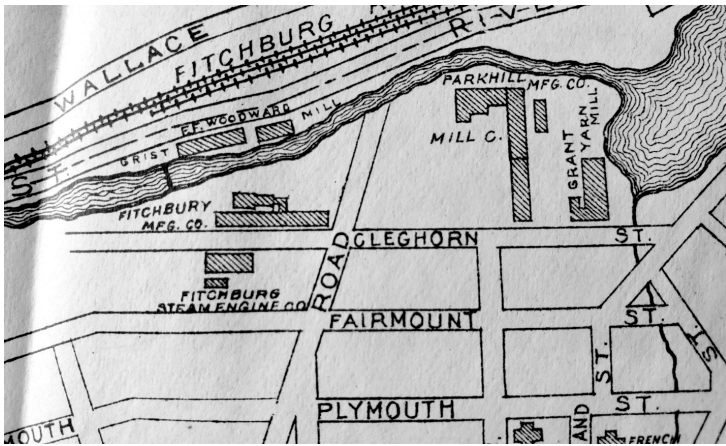
Bronze "Manufactured By" plate from Fitchburg Steam Engine Co.

Photo from Fitchburg Historical Society.

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1. 1887 Fitchburg Past and Present by William A. Emerson
2. Info from Francis D. Morrison, [www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/447/Timeline-Of-Fitchburgs-Machine-Tool-Shop](http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/447/Timeline-Of-Fitchburgs-Machine-Tool-Shop)
3. Fitchburg's Golden Age Industry and Philanthropy 1863-1923 by Ruth Ann Penka





Early 1900's Fitchburg Street Map showing the second location of the Fitchburg Steam Engine Co. on Clegghorn Street off Oak Hill Road.

Photo taken from street map in city directory at Fitchburg Historical Society.

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### Family Life

Frederick & Lucy (Hill) Fosdick were married in 1873 and had four children: Frederick W., Nellie, Richard, and Miriam.

Frederick Woodbury Fosdick (1875–1943). Frederick W. Fosdick became a Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

Nellie Fosdick (1878–1917)

Richard Coffin Fosdick (1883–1956)

Miriam E. Fosdick (1890–1971)

Frederick Fosdick's Wives:

Lucy Maria (Hill) Fosdick (1849-1907) (m. 1873)

Delia Marie (Elliott) Fosdick (1857-1951) (m. 1911) 4



The Fosdick family house at 98 Pleasant Street in Fitchburg.

Photo from [www.apartments.com/98-pleasant-st-fitchburg-ma](http://www.apartments.com/98-pleasant-st-fitchburg-ma)

The Fosdick family lived at one of Fitchburg's historical houses at 98 Pleasant Street. They lived there from the late 1800's to the early 1900's, later moving to a residence at 169 Prichard Street.

### A Leader in the City of Fitchburg

Fosdick became interested in city affairs and became a member of the School Committee from 1876-1878. In 1881-1882 he represented Ward 4 on the Common Council (City Council) and was president both years.

He was elected the ninth Mayor of Fitchburg and served for one term 1886-1887. His election was backed by the Citizens Temperance Party. Under his administration and backed by a no-license vote, the liquor laws were enforced as never before. He was one of the earliest members of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League, and served as its chairman for several years.

Giving a strong effort for the promotion of Fitchburg and its people, Fosdick was always a willing worker. He taught an art class during night school, and as a member of the Fitchburg Literary Club did much to develop higher learning among his associates. 5

In 1910, 74 percent of Fitchburg's population was made up of immigrants of various backgrounds and their children, and the majority of them were illiterate adults. At that time, 80 percent of workers in most factories and workplaces could not understand English. That led to the YMCA starting a nationwide department, headed by former Fitchburg Mayor Frederick Fosdick, to help those folks learn English to contribute to safety in the workplace, to help them study for the naturalization exam, and to register to vote. 6

He was a member of the Board of Trade, served as its president from 1895-1897, and helped with its consolidation with the Merchants' Association becoming director of the new organization. He was also a director of the Fitchburg Mutual Fire Insurance Co. since 1906.

The Fitchburg Rotary Club was organized in February 1918 and Frederick Fosdick is listed as the first president of the newly formed club, and also listed as a charter member. Being the first president of the Rotary Club, it has to be assumed that Mr. Fosdick did much to help organize the new club.

Fosdick was a great reader all his life and had accumulated a great deal of information on many subjects. He had a quick wit and was a most interesting conversationalist, and he was always at the center of every group of people in which he found himself. 7

### A Leader at Rollstone Congregational Church

Soon after coming to Fitchburg, at the age of 21, Frederick Fosdick became a member of Rollstone Congregational Church on May 5, 1871. He was interested in all phases of running a Church and he became an active Church leader. On Oct. 31, 1873, Lucy Fosdick, Frederick's wife, joined the Church. Mr. Fosdick was truly a great member of Rollstone Church, a hard worker who served the church in many areas for many years.

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4. Family info from [www.findagrave.com/memorial/158247441/frederick-fosdick](http://www.findagrave.com/memorial/158247441/frederick-fosdick)

5., 7. Fosdick Obituary Fitchburg Sentinel July 7, 1924

6. Sentinel article: "Fitchburg State University celebrates the Constitution" by Alana Melanson

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He initially helped run the Sunday school, and on March 1, 1875, he was chosen Clerk of Rollstone Church and served for 20 years in that capacity. He kept excellent hand-written records, and it is interesting to read his works. In 1883 he was elected a Deacon and served in that role for more than 20 years. As a note of interest, under a new rule adopted by the Church, members had to take interval breaks between terms in the deaconate. Fosdick continued to serve as Deacon for three out of every four years since the new rule.

Besides serving on many special committees, he was elected to the Standing Committee for three years beginning March 2, 1891. He was Moderator in 1892, and was a member of the auditing committee for a number of years. Fosdick served Rollstone Church as its delegate to the Massachusetts Conference of Congregational Churches, and also was elected for a term as Moderator for the Conference. 8

As one of the leaders in the Christian Endeavor extension, he helped with the formation of the present Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). He was its first president holding the office for ten years from 1887 to 1897, and worked on getting the YMCA building erected in Fitchburg. Having a natural gift of oratory he was a favorite speaker at the YMCA and other religious conventions. 9

## Death of Frederick Fosdick

Announced as one of the headlines of the Fitchburg Sentinel on Monday, July 7, 1924:

"Frederick Fosdick, Ex-Mayor, is Dead"

Prominent Manufacturer, Long Active in Anti-Saloon League, Congregational Church and Other Organizations, Stricken With Heart Disease; Funeral Wednesday Afternoon  
Obituary in Fitchburg Sentinel July 7, 1924:

The Honorable Frederick Fosdick died at his home, 169 Prichard St. on the morning of Monday July 7, 1924. Mr. Fosdick, who was 74 years old, had played golf at Oak Hill Country Club on Saturday, and officiated as Deacon during the Sunday morning Church service at Rollstone Congregational Church.

His funeral was held on the afternoon of July 9 at Rollstone Church. He was interred at Groton Cemetery.

## Fitchburg Sentinel Wednesday July 9, 1924 (two articles):

### 1. Homage Paid to City's Ex-Mayor

Hundreds, Including Business Men and City Officials, Attend Funeral of Frederick Fosdick

Hundreds of relatives and friends, including past and present city officials, representatives of the Metal Trades' associations, business men and citizens in all walks of life gathered at Rollstone Congregational Church this afternoon to pay their last tribute to ex-Mayor Frederick Fosdick, one of Fitchburg's most widely known and highly respected citizens who dies suddenly at his home, 169 Prichard St. early Monday morning.

## 2. Rotarians Honor First President

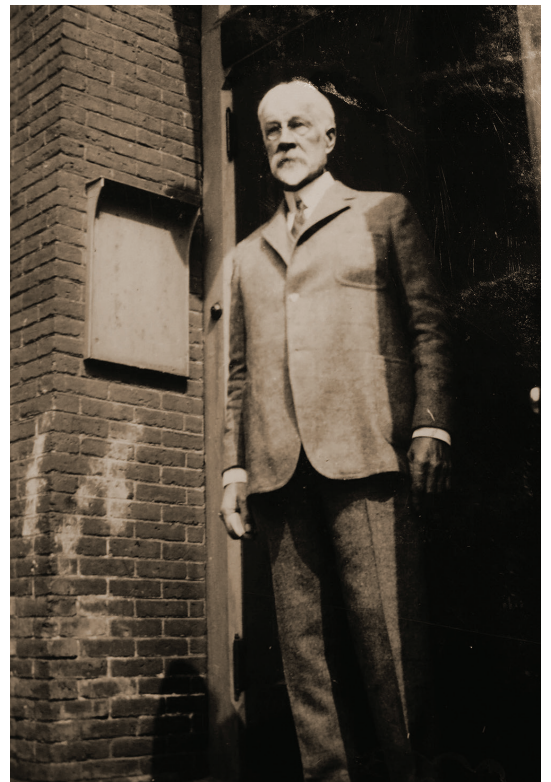
Hon. Frederick Fosdick Praised at Meeting Devoted to Tributes to Ex-Mayor

The meeting of the Fitchburg Rotary Club at the Hotel Raymond yesterday was devoted to tributes to the memory of Hon. Frederick Fosdick, charter member and first president of the club. Lincoln R. Welch, who was vice-president of the club when Mr.

Fosdick was president spoke briefly. "Mr. Fosdick was a good friend, a true friend, and a dependable friend," he said. "During the infancy of the club he kept it in excellent shape. He enjoyed the meetings of the club, especially the music and congregational singing. He was always frank, honest, and ready to help others."

## Eulogy from a Rollstone Church Bulletin in 1924:

In the death of Mr. Frederick Fosdick, Rollstone loses one of its oldest and most honored members. Associated with the Church for over 50 years, active in its Young People's Work, its Bible School, and serving on its Standing Committee, its Music Committee, and as Moderator and Deacon, he gave himself and his splendid talents freely to the upbuilding of the Church materially and spiritually. His love of Rollstone Church was a passion with him and his presence among us always an inspiration. At the annual meeting of our State Conference in Brockton last May he brought further honor to his Church by being made the Moderator of the Conference for the coming year. Mr. Fosdick was also a helpful leader and counselor in many of the wider activities of our fellowship and of the Kingdom of God in such organizations as the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the city and state YMCA, and the state and national Anti-Saloon League.



Deacon Frederick Fosdick  
Born April 24, 1850 ~ Died July 7, 1924  
Last Known Photo of Frederick Fosdick,  
74 years old. July 6, 1924.

Photo from the Archive Books at  
Rollstone Congregational Church.

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8. From the book: "Stained Glass Windows Rollstone Congregational Church" by Solon B. Wales

9. Fosdick Obituary Fitchburg Sentinel July 7, 1924



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The following lines recently written and dedicated to Rollstone Church by our Sexton, Mr. Riley, and which the Pastor, before the death of Mr. Fosdick, had selected for our Calendar Quotation for today, seem to refer to him most fittingly:

And those who worship year  
by year and then pass on,

Shall leave within the very  
timbers here a spirit-power,

And unsensed gift, a help to  
each and every one,

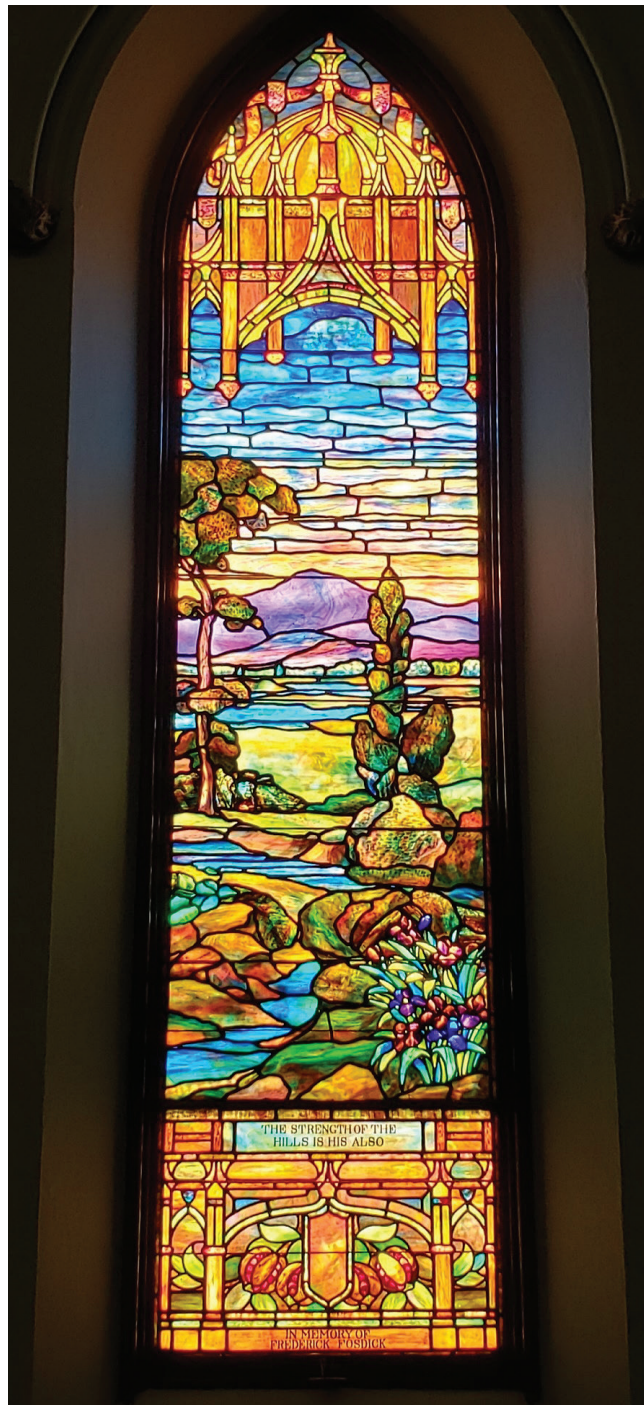
A moral force that, cumulative  
hour by hour,

Shall build a temple compos-  
ite and strong,

Of all that human souls ide-  
alize;

A temple in each heart, endur-  
ing long,

The Brotherhood of Man to  
realize.



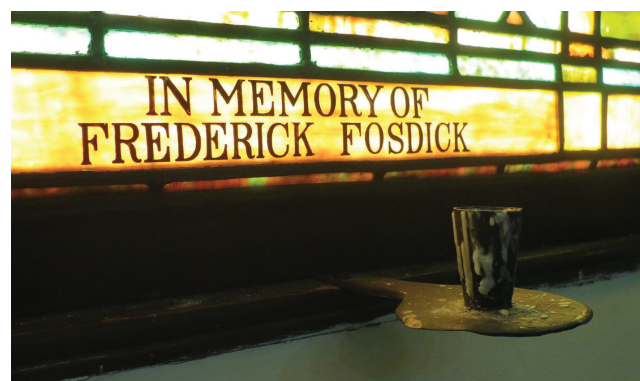
## Fosdick Memorial Stained Glass Window at Rollstone Church

Notes from the book:  
“Stained Glass Windows Rollstone Congregational Church” by Solon B. Wales

It is recorded under the date of Feb. 19, 1928, in the clerk’s record book pertaining to the Fosdick Memorial Window: “The last window on the east side of the sanctuary is a landscaping representing the Psalmist’s words, ‘The Strength Of The Hills Is His Also.’ The window is presented by the Fosdick family in memory of Mr. Frederick Fosdick.”

Psalm 95:4 “In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also.”

The Fosdick window has some beautiful and unique colorings, and looks like a “Tiffany-type” window, however it was designed and installed by the George W. Spence Co. of Boston, MA.



“THE STRENGTH OF THE HILLS IS HIS ALSO”

Frederick Fosdick Memorial Window  
Rollstone Congregational Church



# Church School News:

## <<Looking back and looking forward>>

A look back to June 29th for a short yet sweet Day Camp week. Our theme was Kindness Counts. The focus of kindness to each other, nature, animals, and our veterans was perfect for our re-gathering after 2 years. Each group had a turn to care for the flag ceremony and also participate in a “do-gooders” task. Daily the games, crafts, and of course SWIM time make the day amazing. Many thanks to our adult volunteers as well as our teen leaders. To Wellville who went above and beyond this year to make spaces & modifications available for us to hold camp with Covid restrictions... for sure “*Your Kindness Counts*”.

Enjoy a peek at the fun:







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**A look forward to September 12th - Homecoming Sunday.** We are looking forward to our Sunday Services with continued safety measures. When the church leadership feels it is safe for the youth to gather in classrooms we will resume our Church School Lesson and will likely be looking to begin offering a nursery option as well. So exciting! Beginning anew can be a blessing – come and take part – invite someone to join us.

Beth and Hal



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