

Women's Connection News!
Saturday February 15th at 8:30 am all ladies are welcome to our thirteenth annual Valentine's Day breakfast in the dining room.

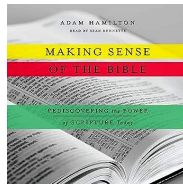


This is always a good time to make your favorite breakfast casserole and enjoy all the good food with great friends. There is a sign-up sheet on the church office window with a list of different foods to sign up to bring. You can also sign up to just attend and enjoy. This year we are going to do something a little different... Please read carefully... We are going to do a Valentine's Yankee Swap. Everyone who comes will need to go to the Dollar Tree Store and buy something for \$1.25 that will fit into a brown lunch bag. It can be a Valentine's item but it doesn't have to be. It just has to fit into the brown lunch bag. Use your creativity and have fun shopping. The bags will be given to you when you arrive at the breakfast. Also, while you're at the store, buy a Valentine's Day card to bring. Sign your name inside the card and write "Happy Valentine's Day" on the envelope. The card will go into a Valentine's Day box to share with each other. If there are any questions please call either Pam at 603-582-5876 or Denise at 603-714-5023.

Bible/Book Study with Rev. Stevens
Held 10:00 AM in the parlor 1/16 & 1/30.

***Making Sense of the Bible, Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton**

Reach out with questions via email: cstevens@FCCManchesterNH.org.



Please note that Rev. Stevens will be offering future sessions of this same study at different times/modes (zoom) to accommodate different schedules.



January 19, 2025 We are pleased to welcome members, friends and guests. If you are a first time guest and would like to receive a **Welcome Bag**, please speak with an usher. We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card** found next to the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

THIS WEEK AT FCC

- Sunday, January 19th**
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 11:30 AM Open & Affirming Committee Meeting
- Monday, January 20th**
 Church Office Closed for MLK Jr. Holiday
- Tuesday, January 21st**
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Outreach Committee Meeting on Zoom
- Wednesday, January 22nd**
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:30 PM *Interfaith Women of NH: Humor, Wisdom & Faith Event held at Church of Latter Day Saints, 105 Windsong Avenue in Manchester*
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

UPCOMING WORSHIP

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- Sunday, January 19th 10:00 AM**
 Ushers: Pam LeBlanc, Craig Finefrock
 Greeters: Tracy Jung, Daniel Jung
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Barbara Papagian leads Worship

- Sunday, January 26th 10:00 AM**
 Ushers: Tom Irving, Mark Sowa
 Greeters: Linda Sowa, Barbara Brawley
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday Friends

- Sunday, February 2nd 10:00 AM**
 Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne, Larry Dearborn
 Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Terri Pattee
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday Friends
Chapel Communion Service following Worship

- Sunday, February 9th 10:00 AM**
 Ushers: Kathy Nelson, Scott Thornton
 Greeters: Carolyn Lane, Marsha Neubert
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday Friends

PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Your monetary gift has a big impact on our ministries and those we serve. Scan this QR code to learn more...



1. Place smart phone camera over the QR code and click the link that appears.
2. Scroll the giving categories and make your offering.



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UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Sunday, Jan. 19th 11:30AM—ONA
- Tuesday, Jan. 21st 6:30PM—Outreach on Zoom
- Monday, Jan. 27th 6:30PM—Trustees

Interfaith Women of NH Presents their Winter Event!



Humor, Wisdom & Faith
January 22nd at 6:30pm
 Held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
 105 Windsong Avenue,
 Manchester

(check in begins at 6 pm)

Our Presenters:

Rev. Barbara Brawley—Interfaith Chaplain at Elliot Hospital

Munise Ulker—Muslim Member IWNH Leadership

Arielle Kaplan—Jewish Leader/Actor

*In person and streamed live on Interfaith Women of NH Facebook page! Join us for social time and refreshments after the program.

Please RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 603-233-7760. Visit us online at

interfaithwomennh.org.

IFWNH Mission: To share religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order to develop understanding and friendship between us and within our community.

FCC Food Pantry News!

Our Food Closet food of the month in January is peanut butter - 16 oz jars or less. We are also grateful for the contribution of paper grocery bags, if you are able to save and bring those into FCC.

We welcome volunteers to assist with the Food Closet by serving our visitors twice per week on Mondays from 9-12 and Thursdays from 12-3 PM at FCC. Please sign up on the office window!

Sunday Friends Meets Next Sunday!

Bring your family and friends and join us! Sunday Friends, our children & youth program, meets in the rec room after the *Musical Offering* and includes lessons, crafts and games. We can't wait to see you there! **We meet next Sunday, 1/26.** Upcoming February dates are 2/2, 2/9 & 2/16.



Offering Envelopes now available

Please find offering envelopes in the narthex. Boxes have your name on them. If you do not have a box of offering envelopes but you would like one, please reach out to FCC Bookkeeper, Nikki Brown at NBrown@FCCManchesterNH.org or call her at 603-625-5093 x 230.



The church office is closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Inclement Weather and Church Office Hours

FCC Church policy is that when Manchester schools are closed or open late due to inclement weather, the Church office follows the same schedule.

Please note that Worship Service cancellations are posted on WMUR.com.



Live Streaming Worship!

Going to be away on a Sunday?
 Access our Services online from our website on Sundays at 10AM. Go to www.FCCManchesterNH.org/online



HOME TEAM January Volunteer Opportunities Announced!

Join the FCC team by signing up on the office window or call Lauren during the week at 603-625-5093, or by contact Liz Verity by email at liz-v@comcast.net or by call or text to 603-494-6785.

Help serve the evening meal at Families in Transition (FIT)/New Horizons from 4:30 to 5:45 pm



Held at the Adult Emergency Shelter at 199 Manchester Street. **Upcoming dates: Friday, January 24th. In February: 2/11, 2/19 & 2/28.**

Join FCC Volunteers at the FIT Food Pantry!

Tuesday, January 28th

We sort donations and stock shelves and help wherever needed—just 2 hours of your time to help the food insecure in Manchester.

FIT Family Center: Do crafts with kids (ages 5 - 12) while parents are preparing their dinners in the kitchen on **Wednesday, January 29th from 6 pm - 7 pm.**

Conversation Cafe's with the ENA program: Morning Conversation Café is Monday, January 27th from 10:45 - noon and an Evening Conversation Café is Monday, February 3rd with a time to be announced. Volunteers provide conversation, laughter, connection and encouragement for the students.

Resilience Reins At UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center: We are now once again serving and providing dinner for this wonderful program on **Wednesday, Feb. 5th at 6 pm.**



Prayer Requests

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If you have a prayer request for Sunday mornings, there are boxes in the narthex and hallway for you to put your requests in. Please submit them by

9:30 am. If you do come in after that you can hand your request to an usher who will get it to me. During the week you are welcome to email your request to me at

BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org. I can take email requests up until 9:00 am on Sunday morning. I'm honored to have the privilege of raising your prayers during the service.

- Rev. Barbara Papagian, Associate Pastor -

Please send *thinking of you/get well soon* messages to Linda Rackliffe as she recovers from the flu and finds relief for her back pain.

Rev. Linda Rackliffe
 60 Greenview Drive #27
 Manchester, NH 03102



FCC ONLINE PICTURE DIRECTORY

Church Members and Friends are welcome to access our online directory by going to: <https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com>. You will create an account by entering your email and choosing a password. You must use the same email that you provided to the church. Call the office if you need assistance: 603-625-5093.

Special Olympics Young Athletes meets Mondays at 5:30 pm.

The program is housed at the Manchester Community Music School. Additional volunteers are always welcome! Interested folks can contact Coach Bill Jones via cell or email to get more details: 603-860-1236 or wjones0615@comcast.net.

