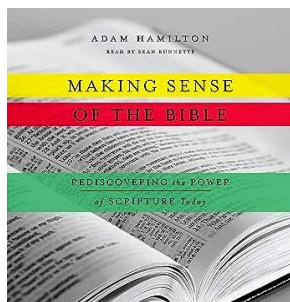


**Rev. Stevens Announces 6-session Bible/Book Study**

Held 10:00 AM in the parlor on 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/19, 1/02 & 1/16.

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

Reach out with questions via email [cstevens@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto: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.

**Church Window Newsletter Changes!**

FCC will soon be transitioning to an electronic format only for the Church Window Newsletter. The monthly newsletter will be distributed by email and will no longer be mailed to your homes. If you would like to continue to receive the Church Window Newsletter by regular postal mail, please reach out to Lauren Henderson in the church office and let her know. Call the office at 603-625-5093 or email her at [LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org) or call her at 603-625-5093 x100.

**The Kindness Team at FCC Needs Cookies**

They spread support, comfort, kindness and smiles to members and friends of FCC. They currently need cookies for holiday distribution!

Please consider baking and donating as your act of kindness will show the recipients how much we CARE! For questions and more information, please contact Peggy at [frannys1@aol.com](mailto:frannys1@aol.com).



**December 15, 2024** 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, December 15th**

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends  
2:00 PM Christmas Cantata

**Monday, December 16th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Hours (until noon)  
9:30 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting  
5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*  
6:30 PM Church Trustees' Meeting

**Tuesday, December 17th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
12:00 PM Staff Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 18th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
4:30 PM *FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening*

**Thursday, December 19th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
10:00 AM Bible Study  
12:00 PM Food Pantry Open Hours (until 3)

**Friday, December 20th**

No Church Activities

**Saturday, December 21st**

9:00 AM *Salvation Army Toy Shop Volunteer Opportunity (at Doubletree Hilton on Elm Street)*

**Sunday, December 22nd**

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends  
11:30 AM Respite Service

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

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**Sunday, December 15th 10:00 AM**

Ushers: Pam LeBlanc, Craig Finefrock  
Greeters: Tracy Jung, Daniel Jung

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Guest Preacher, Rev. Stephen Cushing**  
**Sunday Friends**

**Christmas Cantata at 2:00 PM**

*Featuring the FCC Chancel Choir, Community Singers and Orchestra.*

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**Sunday, December 22nd 10:00 AM**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday Friends**

**Respite Service held in the chapel following Worship Service (11:30 am)**

*We welcome you to join us at our service of respite (formerly the Blue Christmas Service). All are welcome. It will be led by Rev. Barbara, Rev. Chris, and the Parish Care Team.*

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**Tuesday, December 24th 7:00 PM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

*Join with your friends and neighbors as we joyfully await the coming of our Savior and celebrate his birth. A traditional Candlelight service with special music by the Chancel Choir.*

**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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# Hope!

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*Joy to the World! Hope is born!*



**JOIN US TODAY  
AT 2 PM!**

Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm  
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## Sunday Friends Meets Today!

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! In December we meet 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 & 12/22.



## Join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service



**Tuesday, December 24th at 7 P.M.**

*Join with your friends and neighbors as we joyfully await the coming of our Savior and celebrate his birth. A traditional Candlelight service with special music by the Chancel Choir.*

## FCC Food Pantry News!

The FCC Food Closet has seen an uptick in visitors in the past month. Your donations of soups in November is gratefully appreciated! In **December**, we are collecting **canned fruits and canned vegetables**. Please bring donations to the labeled box in the hallway behind the sanctuary. 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!



**\*Annual Reports Due!\***  
All Committee Chairs must submit their annual reports to FCC Bookkeeper, Nikki Brown by Friday, December 27th.

Please email your reports to:  
**[NBrown@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:NBrown@FCCManchesterNH.org)**



## Respite Service Sunday, December 22nd Following the 10 am Worship Service

Christmas can be a time for many who are in need of reassurance and comfort. Perhaps you are grieving over the loss of a loved one, or are struggling with illness, or have experienced the loss of a job. You wonder how you will get through the holidays. If you are looking for comfort and healing at this time when joy fills the air around you, we welcome you to join us at our service of respite (formerly the Blue Christmas Service) Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 11:30AM in the chapel. It will be led by Rev. Barbara, Rev. Chris, and the Parish Care Team.



## HOME TEAM 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](mailto: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:

**Wednesday, Dec. 18th & Friday, Dec. 27th.**



***This will be a busy month at the FIT Food Pantry! ... December date & time TBA***

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

## UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Monday, December 16th at 9:30AM—Senior Fellowship Board
- Monday, Dec. 16th at 6:30PM— Trustees
- Sunday, Jan. 5th at 11:15AM—Deacons
- Tuesday, Jan. 7th at 6:30PM—Membership
- Sunday, Jan. 12th 11:15AM—Outreach
- Monday, Jan. 13th at 6PM—Stewardship
- Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 6PM—Council
- Sunday, Jan. 19th 11:30AM—ONA
- Monday, Jan. 20th 6:30PM—Trustees

## Prayer Requests

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](mailto: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 -

## Women's Connection News!

Mark your calendar for January 13th, 2025 for our annual Zoom BINGO night!

It's always a lot of fun playing the game and catching up. Those of you who are already BINGO Queens, dust off your crowns to wear that night. Who will be the first BINGO Queen of 2024! Come and play, it might be you.....! Sign up on the BINGO sheet on the church office window or just email Pam LeBlanc at ([blanclp@comcast.net](mailto:blanclp@comcast.net)) or Denise Beurivage at ([beau.de@comcast.net](mailto:beau.de@comcast.net)) to let us know you want to play, and you will receive the Zoom invite a few days before. If you need a BINGO playing card let us know that too.



## Have you used the First Congregational Church Online Picture Directory?

It makes finding your church friends easy! You are welcome to access the Directory by going to [www.members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](http://www.members.InstantChurchDirectory.com). If you need any help signing up, please reach out to Lauren: [LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org) or by calling the office at 603-625-5093.