



January 12, 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 12th
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends
Monday, January 13th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Hours (until noon)
 5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*
 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
 6:30 PM Women's Connection Zoom BINGO
Tuesday, January 14th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM *FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening*
 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 15th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 4:30 PM *FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening*
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, January 16th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 9:00 AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM Food Pantry Open Hours (until 3)
Friday, January 17th
 No Church Activities Scheduled
Saturday, January 18th
 No Church Activities Scheduled
Sunday, January 19th
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 11:30 AM Open & Affirming Committee Meeting

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 12th 10:00 AM
 Ushers: Kathy Nelson, Scott Thornton
 Greeters: Carolyn Lane, Marsha Neubert
First Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday Friends

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
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Women's Connection News!
Our Zoom BINGO gathering this is tomorrow, Monday, January 13th at 6:30 pm.



It will be the first BINGO game of the new year. We felt that being winter and possible bad weather it would be better to do January's event by Zoom. We always have a lot of fun playing the game and catching up with everyone. Those of you who are already BINGO Queens, dust off your crowns to wear that night. *Who will be the first BINGO Queen of 2025!* Come and play, it might be you...



Please sign up on the church office window or email Pam LeBlanc blanclp@comcast.net or Denise Beaurivage beau.de@comcast.net if you would like to attend and you will receive the Zoom



invite a few days before. If you need a BINGO playing card let us know and it will be emailed to you before that evening so you will have time to print it and fill it in.

Saturday, February 15th is our Annual Valentine's Day Breakfast!




Look for the sign up sheet on the church office window to sign up and choose a food you would like to contribute to the meal. Our activity will be some fun Valentine games and some other surprises. Come and enjoy! Oh yes, don't forget to bring a Valentine card to give to one person. Just put your name on the inside with Happy Valentine's Day on the envelope.

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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from the Kindness
Team to the bakers
and cooks who
contributed to
"Thanking" the
choir for their
music!!!

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Monday, Jan. 13th at 6PM—Stewardship
- Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 6PM—Council
- Sunday, Jan. 19th 11:30AM—ONA
- Tuesday, Jan. 21st 6:30PM—Outreach on Zoom
- Monday, Jan. 27th 6:30PM—Trustees

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! **January dates are Sunday, Jan. 5th; Sunday, Jan. 12th and Sunday, Jan. 26th.** Upcoming February dates are 2/2, 2/9 & 2/16.



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!



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.

Annual Reports Due!

All Committee Chairs must submit their annual reports to the FCC office as soon as possible. Please email your reports to: LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org

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.



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: Tuesday, Jan. 14th, Weds., Jan. 15th & Fri., Jan. 24th!**

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 get well soon messages to Charlie Stetson who fell and broke his hip this past week. He is now recovering from surgery.



Charlie Stetson
5 Hummingbird Lane
Hooksett, NH 03106

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 - it will be listed in your printed directory.

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.