

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.

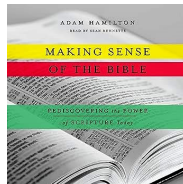
Bible/Book Study with Rev. Stevens

Held 10:00 AM in the parlor on 1/30 (final session).

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

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

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 26, 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 26th

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends

Monday, January 27th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Hours (until 12)
 10:45 AM ENA Morning Conversation Café
 5:30 PM Special Olympics Young Athletes
 6:30 PM Church Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, January 28th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 1:00 PM FIT Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, January 29th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:00 PM FIT Family Activity Night
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 30th

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

Friday, January 31st

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, February 1st

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, February 2nd

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends
 11:15 AM Deacons' Meeting
 11:15 AM Chapel Communion Service

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 26th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Tom Irving, Mark Sowa
 Greeters: Linda Sowa

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

Sunday, February 16th 10:00 AM

Sixth 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

- Monday, Jan. 27 6:30PM—Trustees
- Sunday, Feb. 2 at 11:15AM—Deacons
- Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30PM—Membership
- Monday, Feb. 10 at 6PM—Stewardship
- Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6PM—Church Council
- Monday, Feb. 17 at 6:30PM—Church Trustees
- Outreach & ONA in February to be announced...

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!



Upcoming February dates are 2/2, 2/9 & 2/16.

FCC Food Pantry News!

Our February Donation food for Food Pantry will celebrate heart friendly canned tomato products such as tomato sauce, diced or stewed tomatoes, pasta sauce, tomato paste. We already have plenty of tomato soup, so sauces would be especially welcome.



Thanks so much for your support!



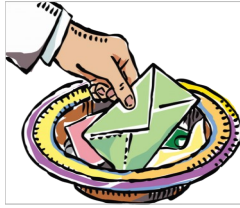
We welcome volunteers to assist with the Food Pantry by serving our visitors twice per week on Mondays from 9-12 and Thursdays from 12-3 at FCC. Please sign up on the office window!

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



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.



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.



FCC ONLINE PHOTO 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 church office if you need assistance setting it up: 603-625-5093.

Kindness Team at FCC

The Kindness Team at FCC shares support, comfort, kindness and smiles with the members and friends of FCC.

Please consider baking cookies, soup or a casserole for their outreach.

Your act of kindness shows the recipients how much we CARE! If you would like to contribute or have any questions please reach out to Peggy Neveu at frannys1@aol.com.



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 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 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

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 your condolences to Jonathan and Jennifer Plourde on the recent passing of John's father.



Jonathan & Jennifer Plourde
15 Holbrook Road
Bedford, NH 03110

FCC has transitioned to an electronic format (emailed) for the Church Window Newsletter. If you would like to receive the Church Window Newsletter by regular postal mail, please reach out to the church office at 603-625-5093.



Prepared to Serve 2025

Prepared to Serve is the annual workshop day put on by the New Hampshire Conference.

Prepared to Serve will take place on **February 22nd, 2025** at Pembroke Academy. For more information, please visit:

www.nhcucc.org/events/pts-2025.