



Interfaith Women of NH is pleased to present their Spring event for

2025: NH Connections: Quakers, Shakers, Native American held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025
 Program starts 6:45 pm check-in begins at 6:15 pm at **First United Methodist Church, 961 Valley Street in Manchester**
Our speakers: Maggie Fogarty, Veronica Molloy & Denise Pouliot
 Please RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 603-233-7760.
 Visit us online at: interfaithwomennh.org.

Please Welcome Guest Musician, Jan Kolar!



Jan began cello studies at age 11 in his home town of Madison, CT, studying with Ann West of Guilford, and later with Steven Thomas of New Haven. At age 17, he won the annual New Haven Youth Symphony Concerto Competition, culminating in a performance of the Dvorak Cello Concerto at Yale's Sprague Hall. Inspiration to play came from his grandfather, Vaclav Stoupa, principal cellist and founding member of the Prague Chamber Orchestra, famous for performing without a conductor. Mr. Kolar holds the Bachelor of Music, Master of Music, and Performer Diploma from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University-Bloomington, where he was a winner of the Cello Concerto Competition. His undergraduate and graduate teachers at Indiana were Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi and Janos Starker, respectively. Most recently, while still living in Rochester, NY, he continued studies under the mentorship of Prof. Emeritus Alan Harris of the Eastman School of Music. In addition to performing locally, Mr. Kolar enjoys flying as a pilot for a major airline, and competing in martial arts. He attained the 4th degree black belt in Taekwondo, a Master rank, as recognized by the Kukkiwon authority in Seoul, S. Korea. Mr. Kolar plays on a unique Italian cello made by Antonio Gibertini of Parma, c. 1845.



FCC **March 30, 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, March 30th—Fourth Sunday in Lent
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends
 11:15 AM New Member Orientation (in Chapel)
Monday, March 31st
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*
Tuesday, April 1st
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, April 2nd
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 3rd
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Workshop
 10:00 AM FCC Food Closet Open Hours (until 2)
 6:00 PM *Resilience Reigns Dinner Service*
Volunteer Opportunity at UpReach
Friday, April 4th & Saturday, April 5th
 No Church Activities
Sunday, April 6th—Fifth Sunday in Lent
New Member Joining Sunday
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends
 11:15 AM Deacons' Meeting
 11:15 AM Chapel Communion Service
 11:30 AM Bible Study

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 30th 10:00 AM
 Ushers: Ruth Knowles, Becki Krueger
 Greeters: Sam Knowles, Martha Perich
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday Friends
New Member Orientation following Worship

Sunday, April 6th 10:00 AM
 Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne, Larry Dearborn
 Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Ruth Mills
Fifth Sunday in Lent
New Member Joining Sunday
Sunday Friends
Chapel Communion Service

Check out Upcoming Membership Events at FCC!
New Member Orientation
 Today! In the Chapel following Worship Service
New Member Joining
 Sunday, April 6th at 10 am
 If you are interested in membership at FCC, please reach out to Ellie Stetson at Ebstetson@aol.com or join us today in the Chapel following the service!

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.



THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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Today is the deadline to order Easter Lilies or Tulips for the Easter Altar!



Please find order forms printed on pink paper on the hallway information table outside the Sanctuary and return with payment to the church office today.

2025 Palm Sunday Breakfast!



Join us on **Sunday, April 13th at 8:30 am** for this annual event hosted by Music Ministry Director, Adam Peithmann and the FCC adult choir. The cost is \$5/pp and the menu will include pancakes, eggs, and sausage along with coffee and orange juice.



2025 Church Scholarship Opportunities

Check the new Scholarship Brochure located in the Narthex and in the back of the Sanctuary! Applications are due May 15, 2025 to Ellie Stetson at ebstetson@aol.com. Contact Ellie for the appropriate application.

Holly Berry Fair Thursday crafting has returned with fun, friendship, and snacks! In April we will meet on April 3rd and April 17th from 9-12.

Please join us for some or all of the time - and bring a friend! You do not need to have crafting skills - only a smile and the willingness to help. In May, we will start meeting every Thursday until Oct. 18th - the Holly Berry Fair! ***We need donations of old/used CD's!***

Volunteer Opportunities at FCC!

Help serve the evening meal at Families in Transition (FIT) from 4:30 to 5:45 pm
Held at the Adult Emergency Shelter at 199 Manchester Street. **April opportunities include: 4/8, 4/16 & 4/25!** Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

Join FCC Volunteers at the FIT Food Pantry: Tuesday, April 22nd from 1 pm to 3 pm. We sort donations and stock shelves and help wherever needed—just 2 hours of your time to help the food insecure in Manchester. Please see the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

FIT Family Center: Thursday, April 24th from 6pm to 7 pm. Do crafts with kids (ages 5 - 12) while parents are preparing their dinners in the kitchen. See the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.



Resilience Reins at the UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Center

Provide and serve a family dinner for at risk children during the 7-week Resilience Reins program. **Join us Thurs., April 3rd at 6 pm.** Family dinners provide an opportunity for family members to come together, strengthen ties and build better relationships.



Special Olympics Young Athletes meets Mondays at 5:30 pm at the Manchester Community Music School:

Volunteers are always welcome! Interested can contact Coach Bill Jones via cell or email to get more details: 603-860-1236 or wjones0615@comcast.net.

Questions? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Liz Verity, by email at liz-v@comcast.net or by call or text to 603-494-6785. Call Lauren in the office during the week at 603-625-5093 and she can sign you up.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, Apr. 1 at 6:30PM—Membership
- Sunday, Apr. 6 at 11:15AM—Deacons
- Monday, Apr. 7 at 9:30AM—Sr. Fellowship
- Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 6PM—Church Council
- Monday, Apr. 14 at 6PM—Stewardship
- Monday, Apr. 21 at 6:30PM—Trustees
- Sunday, Apr. 27 at 11:30AM—ONA

Bible Study Opportunity: "The Ministry of Jesus"

Based on *The Chosen*: <https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/seasons%201-3>
We will be using this free television video series as a basis for our 8-session Bible study on the life of Jesus as described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.. Dates: 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26 and 7/10 **OR**
Sunday after church at 11:30 a.m.. Dates: 4/6, 4/27, 5/4, 5/25, 6/1, 6/15, and 7/6.
See the sign-up sheet posted on the church office window!

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

Special Olympics NH Summer Games will be held at UNH in Durham. FCC will host the Mini-Javelin event again this year on Saturday, June 7th. **40 volunteers** are needed to successfully run the event – so we need YOU to help this year! Look for the signup sheet in April.



Volunteer with the FCC Women's Connection at "Missy's Closet: Prom Dresses and Tuxedos for Teens"!

The days and times the closet will be open: Fridays 4 PM - 7 PM and Saturdays & Sundays 10 AM - 4 PM. Located at the TJMAXX Plaza, 68 March Ave in Manchester off of South Willow Street. The dates start on Fri., March 14th and go through Sun., April 6th. There are many opportunities to volunteer! The sign-up sheets are on the church office window with dates and times.



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 -



One Great Hour OF SHARING

Today! March 30th

Be the Light...

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. OGHS offering envelopes will be available in each pew. Please place into the offering plate on Sunday, March 30th. Thank you for your generosity to this annual mission.

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There was considerable discussion at this year's recent Annual Meeting concerning the 2025 Budget and the resulting impact on various church programs, especially the Outreach Committee which had its funding cut by approximately \$10,000.

A suggestion was made at the meeting to invite 100 people in the congregation to each give \$100 as a one-time gift, going directly to the Outreach Committee to restore the needed funding. Members and friends of the church can mail in their check and add "Outreach" in the memo section of the check. Not everyone can afford to give \$100 – so any amount you give will be your part in helping the Outreach Committee.

Thank you for your support!