

Knitting Ministry News

The people of the Knitting Ministry at FCC create wonderful warm items we donate to people in our congregation, Manchester and the world. Please say, "Thank you," when you see Ruth Allen, Diane Brown, Sabrina Maltby, Kathy Rowe, JoAnn Ward, and Donna Willey.

Many of us buy our own supplies, but some of us depend upon the generous people who donate yarn or funds. So, join me in a huge "Thank you" to Donna Goodreau through her brother-in-law Dick Jarvis, Fran Hastings, Pam LeBlanc and Peggy Neveu who passed along yarn from the Holly Berry Fair, Auburn's Longmeadow Church via Peggy Neveu, Gretchen Meisel, Len and Carolyn Morrill, and Lucie Weeks.

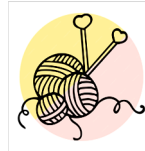
The knitters were busy this year. This year we donated:

- 1 Full-Size Prayer Shawls/Scarves to FCC family and friends
- 16 Pocket Prayer Shawls to FCC family and friends

- 24 Balaclavas to the New England Seafarers Mission
- 53 Children's hat and mittens sets to Bakersville, Beech St, and Jewett St. Schools and New Life Home for Women and Children
- 65 Adult Hats to Helping Hands Outreach Center, Liberty House, Manchester Mental Health Home on Brown Ave, and New Life Home for Women and Children
- 5 Scarves to Longmeadow Church for Manchester Scarves in the Park for the homeless
- 6 Infant hats to Dress-A-Girl

170 Total items

We welcome anyone else with some time to give for this very worthwhile mission and we continue to knit for future editions of our Fair. Completed items can be labeled and dropped off with Lauren at the church office, or given to me on a Sunday or at my home.
Thank you, JoAnn Ward



January 5, 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 5th

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sacrament of Communion & Sunday Friends
11:15 AM Deacons' Meeting

Monday, January 6th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Hours (until noon)
5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*

Tuesday, January 7th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:30 Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 9th

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

Friday, January 10th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, January 11th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, January 12th

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 5th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne, Larry Dearborn

Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Terri Pattee

Second Sunday after Christmas
Sacrament of Communion
Sunday Friends

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

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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Annual Reports Due!

All Committee Chairs must submit their annual reports to FCC Bookkeeper, Nikki Brown as soon as possible. Please email your reports to: NBrown@FCCManchesterNH.org



UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 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

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.**



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!



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.



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 2025! 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 or Denise Beurivage at 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.



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, February 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 -

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 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.

