



First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

FCC Friday Link



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Weekly Inspirational Words

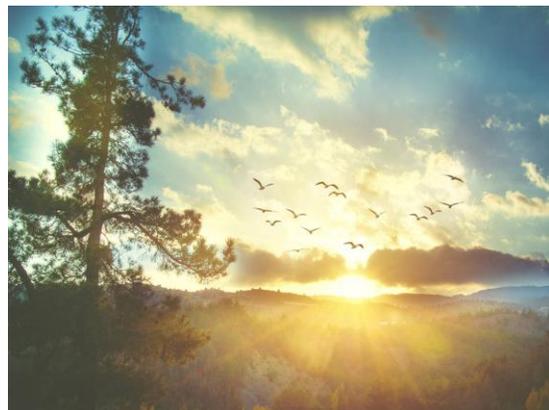
Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art.

- S. J. Lec -

Our new President has been inaugurated and a new chapter starts in America. Whether you are Democrat or Republican, President Biden is president of all of us. You can be happy or upset about the outcome of the election. I have my feelings about it, but in the end, my loyalties are with God and His son, Jesus Christ. Presidents come and go, but God and Jesus are always with us.

"Be strong and bold. Have no fear or dread because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6
-Barbara Papagain-





***Join us for Weekly Trivia*
with Pip Adams!**

This week's Questions

1. What U.S. president put a twinkie in the country's millennium time capsule?
2. In ancient Greece, throwing an apple at someone was a declaration of what?

3. Who wrote songs for "The Lion King"?

[Answers from Last Week. . .](#)

1. Coprastastaphobia is a fear of what? . . . [Constipation](#)
2. How many times did the devil tempt Jesus at the end of his forty day fast? . . . [1. Turn this stone to bread. 2. Worship me \(the devil instead of God\) 3. Throw yourself down and test if God will save you.](#)
3. What three (3) word phrase is written on Martin Luther King's gravestone? . . . [Free at last!](#)

Blank Note Cards are Available at the Church Office!

Are you connecting to the congregation through note writing? Do you need some blank note cards to send messages to family and friends?

We have assorted packs of note cards ready in individual bags at the office. You are welcome to come inside to grab one while we are open (M-F from 9-2) OR call us before you come by and we can meet you with a bag at the door.



Seeking a New Building Manager

For those who may not know, Larry Dearborn is in the process of retiring from his long-held position as the Building Manager at FCC. We are actively looking for someone who would be interested in this 10-15 hour a week position. Building management experience is required. If you or someone you know might be a good fit for this job, please call or drop a note in the office for the Rev. Kevin.

ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE UPDATE!

The pandemic can't stop FCC from holding the Souper Bowl VIII.

There are too many people in Manchester who don't have enough to eat. There will be some changes this year... Instead of asking you to risk the crowds at the grocery store and then cart them to church where the staff and outreach volunteers would have to organize and count the items, we are asking for monetary donations which will go to the New Horizons food pantry.



Just make out a check to FCC, put Souper Bowl in the memo line, and bring or mail it to the church office by **Monday, February 8th, 2021**. Each dollar will count as one food item. Help us to keep this great

tradition alive as we have kept so many other of our church traditions alive despite the closing of the building.

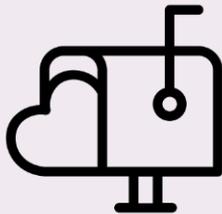
Important Covid-19 Vaccine Information!

Gov. Sununu stated in his speech on Monday, that those 65 years and older can schedule a vaccination.

Scheduling began this morning, Friday, January 22nd at 8 AM.
Vaccinations will begin on Tuesday, January 26th.

To find information online regarding the scheduling of your Covid-19 vaccine please visit:
<https://www.vaccines.nh.gov> or [Home | COVID-19 \(nh.gov\)](https://www.nh.gov/COVID-19)

You may also call 211 to speak with a Health and Human Services Resource Clerk.



Sending Cards to Members and Friends

Please send your Condolences to Michelle Harrington on the death of her beloved friend, Lisa, this past weekend.

Michelle Harrington, 3 Oakwood Lane, Unit 12, Goffstown, NH 03045

Updates

Sue Curtis is feeling good and is recovering well from her recent breast cancer surgery. We pray for her continued recovery through chemotherapy.



News and Events at First Congregational Church Announcements by Barbara Papagian

This Week's Happenings

- Rev. Kevin Pleas will lead worship this Sunday, January 24th and his sermon is titled, "For God Alone" and Barbara Papagian will be the Scripture Reader.
- Rev. Kevin continues to host the "9:10 Morning Watch" each Monday thru Thursday morning on Facebook Live at 9:10 am.
- The Open and Affirming Committee will meet on Zoom this Sunday, January 24th at 1:00 pm. Next Saturday, January 30th from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm there will be a special *Open and Affirming Zoom Conference*. Please reach out to anyone on the ONA Committee to find out more about this event or read details at <https://nhcucc.org/weekly-news>.
- Book Club will be meeting on Friday mornings at 9:30 am for 8 weeks on Zoom through Friday, February 26th. The book we are using is *The Book of Job, When Bad Things Happened to a Good Person* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner. If you are interested in attending, email or call me to let me know so I can send you the Zoom invitation.

*Future and Ongoing Happenings

- The Annual Meeting is going to be virtual this year on Sunday, March 7th at 11:30 am on Zoom. The Zoom invitation will be sent out prior to the meeting date and the meeting will open at 11:15 am with a start time of 11:30 am.
- The Girl Scouts who normally meet at FCC (but cannot due to the pandemic) will be selling their cookies online this season. Please watch for specific details about how to support them through cookie sales to be announced here soon!
- **SAVE THE DATE!** November 20th, 2021 for the Holly Berry Fair! Depending on how Covid is contained, we will have get-togethers for organization and crafts. If you signed up to help previously for the all-church fair, we will be contacting you to confirm your help once we are sure we can proceed. We are looking forward with excitement to the Holly Berry Fair becoming a reality this year! Pam LeBlanc and Peggy Neveu · Contact info: blanclp@comcast.net 623-2995 & frannys1@aol.com 483-8388
- The Church Office is open M-F from 9AM to 2PM but we are closed on major holidays and also for poor weather conditions. Please call ahead when you want to stop by to be sure we are here to welcome you (625-5093).

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"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

"Friday Funnies"

What do they call pastors in Germany?
German Shepherds

(I know, another groaner)



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