



First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

FCC Friday Link



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Weekly Inspirational Words
With gratitude, optimism becomes sustainable.
-Michael J. Fox-

What a great picture of the Sanctuary. The sun is shining in through our newly refurbished stain glass windows and the hymnals and Bibles are in place, just waiting for us to pick them up and sing and read.

I am lucky that I am at the church every day and can go into the Sanctuary when I want. But it just is not the same without all of you there. I miss you all so much. I do see individuals on occasion and that is nice, but I look forward to seeing everyone together, singing and praying and talking and laughing....being the loving community that God has made us.

-Barbara Papagian-

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." Romans 12:4-5





Michaela Horan, one of FCC's teens, has many talents up her sleeve!

Michaela is a star on stage, loves to write (she's currently editing her book!) but also loves to write her own music. Wanting to share and express her feelings and emotions is easiest through song; she is what you would call a singer/songwriter. Michaela writes the music and lyrics to express all that she is feeling. She is a true talent! Recently, an article about her songwriting was published in her High School news publication, *Lancer Spirit!* Click the following

link to learn more about her talents!

<https://www.lancerspiritonline.com/32640/a-e/freshman-michaela-horan-uses-the-arts-to-express-her-emotions/>

Photo: Michaela sits at the piano, focusing her attention on composing her next piece of music. Having been writing since she was young, she feels that her music is the best expression of herself.



Join us for Weekly Trivia with Pip Adams!

This week's Questions

1. Which fruit has the greatest number of calories?
2. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?
3. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

Answers from Last Week . . .

1. What is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible? . . . **When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.**
2. Why didn't Noah go fishing? . . . **He only had two worms.**
3. Which of the Promised Land was especially wealthy? . . . **The area around the Jordan where the banks kept overflowing.**

. . . Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! . . .

The Board of Deacons did not want another year to go by without distributing palms to the congregation. We miss you!!!!

On Saturday, March 27th, 2021 ride on over to FCC between 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm and pick up a Palm Cross. Rev. Pleas, Barbara Papagian and the Deacons will be on hand to greet you. Reverend Pleas and Barbara Papagian will be passing out palm crosses in the driveway.

The Deacons will be there with a smile, a friendly wave and even an Easter bag (reserved for families). We recommend that you arrive early as there are a limited number of crosses.



**Rain or shine we hope to see you.
Blessings to all.**



The Meal Train needs cookies!

Help "THANK" Front Line Workers

We are starting a partnership with UpReach in Goffstown to support their new twice a week 6 week "Caring Connections" program for front line workers. It starts March 15th.

We are going to provide the twelve weekly participants a "thank you" bag of cookies. You can read about their program by following this link, [Horse Sense: UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center program combats 'compassion fatigue' | Manchester Ink Link](#)

Please bring your cookies to the FCC Office or contact Liz (Lizverity@icloud.com) or Peggy (frannys1@aol.com). **THANK YOU** in advance for your help with this worthy outreach - thanking those who have been on the front line for all of us during this pandemic.



*Let's Talk:
Faith and Race
A Zoom Presentation*

Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:45 p.m.

Check in begins at 6:30

Presenting to us via Video

*Rabbi Beth Davidson **

Temple Adath Yeshurun, Manchester

*Robert Dunn, Esq **

Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester

*James McKim **

Episcopal Church of Manchester

Beyza Sariaydin

Turkish Cultural Center of Connecticut

... To be followed by a guided opportunity to "talk among ourselves"...

** NOTE: from video prerecorded by NH Council of Churches*



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(call 603-233-7760 if you have questions)

Visit our website at: interfaithwomennh.org to learn more about us

Once you have registered you will be sent an email with the Zoom id codes
**** PRINT OUT and KEEP the email with the Zoom codes for our meeting ****

OUR MISSION:

To share religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community.



Adam Peithmann Announces a Special Guest Presenter for the March Friday Mini-Concert on Facebook!

Jim Fogle has put together a Lenten meditation that will be broadcast as the Friday Mini-Concert on March 26th @ 6:00 pm. The Meditation includes Bible passages, poetry, images, and piano pieces performed by Jim.

Jim presently divides his time between Venice FL and Hampstead NH. All of his adult life was spent almost exactly half-way between these two places in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he taught piano and courses in music history and literature at Meredith College for 32 years. He completed graduate study at UNC-Chapel Hill and undergraduate studies at Elon College (now University), a school affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Though retired, he still enjoys practicing the piano, conducting music research, and writing. He is in the final stage of writing a novel and loves writing short stories. He also enjoys practicing and performing with a violinist and cellist couple as the Cremona Trio. He feels especially blessed to have found the warm and vital spirit of the First Congregational Church of Manchester.

Jim also has been writing notes to FCC congregation members and friends during the pandemic to help bring good cheer, comfort and connection. You may have received one of his special notes in your mailbox!



Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday Altar

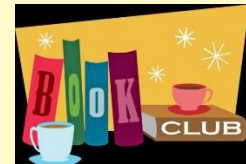
Easter lily plants are now available to order through the church office.

Plants are in honor and/or in memory of your loved ones, and will be beautifully displayed on the church altar for the Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 4th.

Plants cost \$17. Please mail payment to the church office with whom you would like to dedicate your order. **The deadline to order is Friday, March 19th.**

Book Club/Bible Study

Friday mornings at 9:30 am, John Rowe hosts a Bible study session on *Isaiah, Part 2*. The Zoom Link Invitation is below and all are welcome to click and join...



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87247169653?pwd=MThxY0UwOHQvdmt4TmRPY1VXaGg3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 872 4716 9653
Passcode: 361028
Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Daylight Savings Begins Sunday, March 14th!

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 13th. This means springtime is almost here!





Sending Cards to Members and Friends

Please send *Prayers for Healing* to **Karen Hawver and her son, Michael**. Michael is now home following a stay at the hospital after he had a sudden weakness in his legs.

Karen & Michael Hawver, 119 Fieldstone Drive, Londonderry, NH 03053

News and Events at First Congregational Church

Announcements by Barbara Papagian

This Week's Happenings

- Guest Preacher, The Rev. Richard Slater, will lead worship at 10:00 am on Facebook this Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14th, 2021. His sermon is titled, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He will also 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 Church Trustees' will meet on Monday, March 15th at 6:30 pm on Zoom.

*Future and Ongoing Happenings

- Next Friday, March 19th is the deadline for the April Church Window Newsletter. Please submit articles and pictures to Lauren in the office LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com.
- Upcoming Lent and Holy Week Worship Services: Palm Pick-up - Saturday, March 27th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the church driveway; Palm Sunday Service - March 28th at 10:00 am; Maundy Thursday Service - April 1st at 7:00 pm; and Easter Sunday Service - April 4th at 10:00 am. All worship services held on our Facebook page.

Barbara Papagian, Director of Parish Care bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

Friday Funnies



Try Our Sundays. . .

They are better than Ben & Jerry's!

This week's Funny was provided by Joan Currier.
Thank you Joan!





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