



First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

FCC Friday Link



**Keeping the Members and
Friends of First Church Connected!**

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Weekly Inspirational Words

No one has failed who keeps trying and keeps praying.

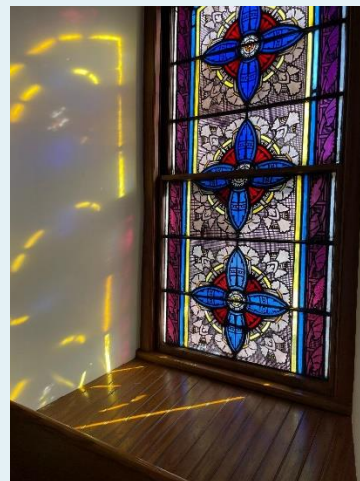
-Jeffrey M. Holland-

Isn't that interesting how the yellow from the window is outlined on the wall? What do you see in that outline? Sometimes many people can be looking at the same thing and see it differently from others. A friend of mine who was a homicide detective in California used to remark about how witnesses to a crime would describe the same scene in many different ways.

All of us are God's children and I think it is wonderful how we all look different, talk in different languages, have different interests and talents, and have different personalities. Now if only everyone would embrace these differences and love each other as God wants us to, we would all be a lot happier. Just as parents want their children to love and respect each other, God wants us to do the same thing in His family.

Love others as you would have others love you.

-Barbara Papagian-



"Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4

Bill Jones recently took Grant Dugan ice fishing on Hermit Lake for his first time... and they landed this 5-lb Largemouth bass, among other fish, which were all released after their big photo op! A good time was had by all!



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

This week's Questions

1. The first dollar coin was made in which year?
2. What do honey bees really collect to make honey?
3. True or false - Can you snore in your sleep?

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

1. Which fruit has the greatest number of calories? . . . **The Avocado**
2. Where is the first baseball game in the Bible? . . . **In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second, Cain struck out Abel.**
3. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? . . . **Samson: He brought the house down! (Judges 16:30)**



Help with the Easter Service!

Hello FCC,

We are planning something extra special for our upcoming virtual Easter service. And we need your help!

Send us a quick video of you, friends, and/or family saying “He is risen indeed, alleluia!” Our smartphones are a good tool for this project. If you haven’t sent a video before, here’s how to do it. First go to your camera App and then select video. Then record yourself saying the above phrase with enthusiasm. Your attire and environment don’t matter at all. When finished, exit your camera app and go to your web browser. Go to the website: wettransfer.com then follow the appropriate steps by emailing me your video.

Need help? Let us know and we can help. Barbara, Kevin, and I are available at various points during the week and would be happy to assist. Help make this Easter a very memorable and uplifting virtual experience.

Peace,
Adam Peithmann, FCC Music Director

. . .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, which has been extended into April, 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.

Women's Connection Supports the FCC Memory Garden

At the February Women's Connection Zoom gathering, we discussed donating \$75.00 from the WC funds to the Memory Garden in memory of Deana Dubois, Eldena Lard and Pam Pleas. If anyone would like to donate a few dollars, it would be greatly appreciated! A check can be sent to church with "WC donation to Memory Garden" in the memo.



The Outreach Committee's Bulletin Board

Recently updated to include this year's *Souper Bowl* total earnings! \$1462!



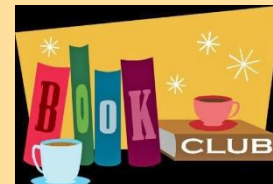
Next Friday's Mini Concert on Facebook will feature special guest, Jim Fogle!

Jim has put together a Lenten meditation that will be broadcast on Facebook next Friday evening, March 26th @ 6:00 pm. The Meditation includes Bible passages, poetry, images, and piano pieces performed by Jim.

Jim Fogle is a friend of FCC and divides his time between homes in Venice, FL and Hampstead, NH. He is an accomplished musician, teacher and writer. We are thankful for the opportunity to share his talents with our congregation.

Book Club will be taking a brief break until after the Easter holiday. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9th at 9:30 am.

Stay tuned for more details about the next session!



Sending Cards to Members and Friends

Please send *Healing Prayers & Get Well* messages to **Anne Williamson**. Anne is home now after a stay in the hospital due to breathing problems.

Anne Williamson, 177 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03104

Please send *Healing Prayers & Get Well* messages to **Leo LeBlanc**. Leo is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Leo LeBlanc, 30 Lindstrom Lane, Manchester, NH 03104

News and Events at First Congregational Church

Announcements by Barbara Papagian



This Week's Happenings

- Rev. Kevin Pleas will lead worship at 10:00 am on Facebook this Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, 2021. His sermon is titled, "Changing Lives: Nicodemus". Pip Adams 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.
- Interfaith Women of New Hampshire have a Zoom event on Monday, March 22nd at 6:45 pm. It is titled, "Let's Talk Faith and Race". Local faith leaders will address the ways in which our diverse faith communities teach and advise about the issue of race. Please register via email to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com. Once you register you will be sent the Zoom invitation with id codes to join.
- Today is the deadline for the April Church Window Newsletter. Please submit articles and pictures to Lauren in the office: LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com.
- Today is also the deadline to order lilies for the Easter Sunday altar. The cost of the lily plant is \$17. Please contact the church office this morning if you would like to purchase a plant.

*Future and Ongoing Happenings

- 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

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1Corinthians 16:14

Friday Funnies!



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"



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Photo: FCC Outreach Committee gathered at Root's
Cafe in Hooksett, August 2017