



# First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

## FCC Friday Link



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### Weekly Inspirational Words

*There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.*

**-John Holmes-**



I hope you will all enjoy watching the brief ceremony we had, wishing Larry well on his retirement and thanking Peter for taking on the Building Manager responsibilities. It will be included in Sunday's Worship Service. These are two men who have been dedicated to our church for many years.

There are so many of you who are also very dedicated to FCC. I wish I could list you all here, but it would take up the whole page.

We are a close-knit family who take care of each other and our community and we do it with the blessings of God. I hope that each of you feel God's presence in your lives.

**-Barbara Papagian-**

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

**Many thanks to everyone at FCC!**

*It's been my pleasure to be your Building Manager for the past 7 years, and a member and volunteer of FCC for nearly 20 years! I look forward to the freedom to travel around NH with Barbara researching historical markers, hosting pool parties and visiting with family, and finally getting to overdue projects at home.*

*But you'll still see me at FCC on Sunday mornings, and helping Peter and his team around the church. Your generosity with all the gift cards is overwhelming.*

*In gratitude for your kindness,  
Larry Dearborn*



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

**This week's Questions**

1. Who invented the word "vomit"?

2. What type of animal is the flamishgiant?

**Answers from Last Week . . .**

1. The first dollar coin was made in which year? . . . **April 1792**

2. What do honey bees really collect to make honey? . . . **The nectar and pollen**

3. True or false - Can you snore in your sleep? . . . **False**

**A Message from Peter Perich . . .**

As the new Building Manager, I would first like to thank Larry Dearborn for all his wonderful work over the past years. Because my hands-on skills are not as good as what Larry brought to the table, I will be looking for a lot of volunteer help along the way. That being said, I would like to put a list together of people's names who could help in various jobs around the church. If you have a skill that we could use for various projects, I would like to know about them.

Could you please email me any type of skill that you might have which I could put on a list to ask for your help along the way? (carpentry, electrical, lawn care, etc.)  
Thanks in advance.



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**Martha Finefrock's family surprised her with a "Birthday Drive-by" on Sunday, 3/21. There were 20+ cars involved. She was able to meet her newest one week old great-granddaughter as you can see in the photo. The other photo is with Martha and her 4 children. They couldn't have asked for a more perfect day!**



## Holy Week 2021 First Congregational Church

Palm Sunday Worship  
March 28th at 10AM

Maundy Thursday Worship  
April 1st at 7PM

Easter Sunday Worship  
April 4th at 10AM

All services are held online  
FCC Facebook

[www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester](https://www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester)

**Tomorrow, Saturday, March 27th, 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!



### **\*Book Club/Bible Study Announcement!\***

We are taking a short break from our Bible/Book study, but will return on April 9th. We have been reading some pretty heavy material so decided to change gears for a while. Our next session will be "**Movie of the Week**". We will still meet at 9:30 on Friday mornings and we will discuss a movie we watched during the week. Each Friday we will choose the next movie to watch from a list we have made.



**The movie we will be discussing on April 9th is "What About Bob?" It is very funny and has a message.**

If you would like to join us, we meet via zoom, so call Barbara Papagian at the church office (625-5093) to be included on the invitation list. We will be voting via email for the movie to watch each week, so let me know if you are interested. Also, if you have any suggestions for appropriate movies, let me know. Feel free to join in all sessions or just the ones that interest you. Have fun watching movies, eating popcorn, and joining in the movie discussion with some fun people!



**\*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: [wetransfer.com](http://wetransfer.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



**\*THE MEAL TRAIN NEEDS COOKIES!\***

We are in a partnership with UpReach in Goffstown to support their program which is thanking front line workers! Please bring your cookies to the FCC Office or contact Liz ([Lizverity@icloud.com](mailto:Lizverity@icloud.com)) or Peggy ([frannys1@aol.com](mailto:frannys1@aol.com)). THANK YOU in advance for your help with this worthy outreach!

(Seen in photos: Liz delivers the cookie bags at UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center & a cookie goodie bag shown is ready to go!)

**Women's Connection is happy to report that eleven FCC ladies joined the "Free 1 hr. Zoom Seated Yoga & Meditation Class"!**



This took place on Wednesday, March 10th with Instructor, Jennifer Jean, BA, CYT200 ([www.chairyoganh.com](http://www.chairyoganh.com)). It was a special class for our group. Jennifer's Zoom classes offer Seated Yoga classes, Standing Yoga classes and Mat classes with a free meditation class on Wednesdays for all of her students. These classes are available for EVERYONE.

The FCC Ladies' comments below are worth reading:

*Wonderful! I really enjoyed the class and want to pursue taking it more regularly. Chair Yoga was really convenient and easy to do at home. It was fun and uplifting to take the class together with FCC Women's Connections friends. I plan to try out another class, probably next Tuesday.*

*I loved the yoga - I really enjoyed it. Thank you two for doing it for us! I have written to her for a class schedule - maybe see you there.*

*Thank you for arranging this class, it gave me "an hour of renewal". Jennifer is a wonderful instructor.*

*I wasn't sure what to expect and was glad that I made the commitment to attend. It was a pretty good work out and I was able to release a lot of tension in my body. It felt good to take a little time for myself and try something new.*

*Enjoyed the session, have looked at her class schedule, am interested but now have to find and commit to a time. Thank you.*

Namaste! -Denise & Pam-



**Children and Youth Ministry Bulletin Board**



**\*Sending Cards to Members and Friends\***

Send \*Happy Retirement\* messages to Larry!

**Larry Dearborn, 1680 Wellington Road, Manchester, NH 03104**

Please send \*thank you\* messages to **Peter Perich** for taking over the Building Manager position.

**Peter Perich, 215 So. Taylor Street, Manchester, NH 03103**

Please send \*get well\* messages to **Stan Clark** who is recovering from a fall.

**Stan Clark, 37 Mayflower Drive, Manchester, NH 03104**

## News and Events at First Congregational Church Announcements by Barbara Papagian

### \*This Week's Happenings\*

- Rev. Kevin Pleas will lead Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 am on Facebook this Sunday, March 28, 2021. His sermon is titled, "The Road to Jerusalem". Ellie Stetson 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.
- \*Tonight on our Facebook page!\* Jim Fogle will lead a Lenten Meditation that will be broadcast at 6:00 pm. The Meditation includes Bible passages, poetry, images, and piano pieces performed by Jim.
- The Open and Affirming Committee will meet by Zoom at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 28th.
- The Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion will be Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 pm on Facebook. Rev. Kevin Pleas, Barbara Papagian and Adam Peithmann will lead this special service and encourage you to participate in Communion from home.

### \*Future and Ongoing Happenings

- The Easter Sunday Service is April 4th at 10:00 am on Facebook.
- Save the date: May 16th, 2021 for Barbara Papagian's Ordination Service.
- Save the date for the upcoming Zoom event with church musician, composer, and choral director Mark Miller, scheduled for May 23rd at 7:00 pm. The FCC Open & Affirming Committee is pleased to collaborate with FCC's Music Ministries, Outreach Committee, and Church Council to sponsor this exciting event. Read more about this event on our [website](#).
- Please note that the Spring Senior Fellowship Luncheon planned for May 2021 has been postponed until Tuesday, December 7th, 2021. We want to give our seniors the chance to be vaccinated so we all may safely gather again.

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"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2



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Photo: From the 2017 Women's Connection Valentine's Potluck Breakfast