



# First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

## FCC Friday Link



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### Weekly Inspirational Words

*The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day He created spring.*

**-Bernard Williams-**



These flowers are so pretty. I really wish that I enjoyed flower gardening because my friends that do enjoy it, have lovely flower gardens and are so enthusiastic about planting and caring for their flowers.

I love looking at pretty flowers and receiving pretty flowers, but don't ask me to grow pretty flowers...I've tried and they've all died. So I will enjoy and appreciate all of God's beauty and I appreciate all of you who care for and display beautiful flowers.  
**-Barbara Papagian-**

"Flowers are the music of the ground from earth's lips spoken without sound." Edwin Curran

## April Deacon's Byline

Submitted by Craig & Jeanine Finefrock

In this monthly feature, you will find a short story, poem, Bible verse or inspirational quote that has been meaningful to each of our Deacons.

### Together Again

We, like a lot of grandparents, have missed our visits with our grandchildren since the beginning of the pandemic. Since March of 2020, we have spent a lot of time on Facetime which we are so grateful for. I especially enjoy my tele-baking sessions with Lily and she has become quite an accomplished baker! As some of you know, we had an addition to our family last June, a new granddaughter, Adelaide Rose. Last July, we were able to have a socially distanced outdoor visit (seen in photo) to get a chance to meet her. As much as we enjoyed the opportunity to finally get to see all of them it was a difficult visit without being able to have any physical contact.



After a two-week quarantine, we were actually able to have an in-person visit at the end of February and were finally able to get some quality time with the girls. Lily was so excited upon our arrival but Addy was a little more apprehensive. We kid quite often when we are on the phone that we are "flat grandma and pa" as Addy has only seen us on a flat phone screen. What a joy to get hugs and kisses from Lily and hold Addy for the first time. They were precious moments and we didn't want to let them go. Addy is an early riser and we were able to spend some one-on-one time and snuggles with her until Lily woke up and joined us. We crammed as much fun into a few short days as we could from reading time, building blocks, baking, making puzzles, playing Candyland, making pizza, bath time, bed time and everything else in between. We were able to go to the park and go on the swings and slides and pull her around on her sled. The time went by way too fast.

We are grateful for the memories we were able to make to hold us over until the next time we are able to be together again.



Baking Daddy's Birthday Cake



Playtime with Pa



Sliding with Grandma & Pa



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

### This week's Questions

1. In the Bible, Judas traded Jesus in exchange for what?
2. What state held the largest Easter egg hunt ever in the United States?
3. What is the color of aircraft black boxes?

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

1. How many legs does a lobster have? . . . **10**
2. "Murder" is the collective noun for which group of birds? . . . **Crow**

## \*Happy Spring!\*

Planting Your Spring Garden

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love.  
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap  
What You Sow. Pass It On!!!

### Calling all graduating seniors, and others pursuing higher education!

Our church scholarships are available for you to apply now.

- **The Senior Scholarship** for graduating high school seniors
- **The Beth Jenkins Ernest Scholarship Award** for graduating high school young women
- **The William P McGuiness Scholarship Award** for graduating high school young men
- **A New Chapter Award** for active church members who require schooling to pursue a new career
- **The Higher Education Award** for students who have graduated from high school who are continuing their education



Please contact Ellie Stetson for application forms.  
ebstetson@aol.com  
603-485-7853

All Scholarship Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2021.

## Join us for "Movie of the Week Club" at 9:30 am on Friday mornings on Zoom!

In this fun take on our Bible/Book Study, 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 16th is "Joyful Noise"!



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!

## Support the FCC Food Pantry in April with Hannaford Supermarket's *Fight Hunger Bag Program!*



For the month of April 2021, the First Congregational Church Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 79 Bicentennial Drive in Manchester. This is a great way to support our church pantry!

## \*Mother's Day Blanket Sunday - May 9th, 2021\*

Please honor your mother and maternal caregivers with \$10 donations to the Church World Service Blanket Fund.

Donations may be sent to the church office by mail or in person. The traditional CWS Greeting Cards are available in the office and can be picked up in person or mailed to you.

Print and fill out the official form linked below and return it with your donation to the church office before Friday, April 30th, 2021.



[CLICK HERE](#) to download & print your form. Printed forms are also available to pick-up in the church office.

We would like to add pictures of the loved ones you have honored with your blanket donation into the online Mother's Day Worship Service. Please consider sending your pictures to Adam Peithmann by uploading them on [wetransfer.com](http://wetransfer.com). To do this, simply click on this link: [wetransfer.com](http://wetransfer.com) and it will walk you through the steps. The website is free and you don't have to sign up to take advantage of it -- we thank you for contributing to this special online worship service!

## Women's Connection Hosts Zoom Bingo! Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 pm

Come and enjoy another WC BINGO Zoom Gathering happening on Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 pm. If you missed January's game here is your chance to join in on the fun!



Just email Pam ([blanclp@comcast.net](mailto:blanclp@comcast.net)) or Denise ([beau.de@comcast.net](mailto:beau.de@comcast.net)) to let us know you want to play and you will be sent a blank BINGO card with directions on how to fill it in with your own numbers. If

you played in January and you still have cards, you can use them again if you would like but you still need to email to receive the Zoom Invite.



**“What We're Reading”...Book suggestions from the Open and Affirming Committee!**

**James Crews' new anthology, *How to Love the World: Poems of Gratitude and Hope***

Includes poem by Inaugural poet, Amanda Gorman, and works by other well-known poets from all walks of life and all parts of the U.S.

***Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*, Edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain**

This book is a unique one-volume “community” history of African Americans, with chapters from ninety writers, each of whom takes on a five-year period of that four-hundred-year span.

**UPCOMING EVENT!  
DRAW THE  
CIRCLE WIDE:  
AN EVENING WITH  
MARK MILLER**

**You are invited to a conversation and musical presentation!**

Mark Miller believes passionately that music can change the world. He also believes in Cornell West’s quote that ‘Justice is what love looks like in public.’ His dream is that the music he composes, performs, teaches, and leads will inspire and empower people to create the beloved community. Mark will lecture about his music and social justice topics. His presentation will include musical performance along with his personal story. Q&A session is also planned.

**WHEN**

**Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

**WHERE**

**On Zoom! Registration information will be published soon.**

**MARK MILLER**



Church Musician,  
Composer & Educator  
[markmillermusic.com](http://markmillermusic.com)

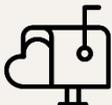
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**\*Sending Cards to Members and Friends\***

Please send your condolences to Fran Hastings for the passing of her daughter-in-law, Tammy Hastings, this past Saturday night.

**Fran Hastings & Hastings Family, 6 Alexander Drive, Manchester, NH 03109**

Next Friday, April 16th is Marsha Neubert’s 75th birthday! Please send her happy birthday wishes to celebrate this special day.

**Marsha Neubert, 317 Cohas Avenue, Manchester, NH 03109**

# News and Events at First Congregational Church

## Announcements by Barbara Papagian

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

- Rev. Kevin Pleas will lead Sunday Worship at 10:00 am on Facebook this Sunday, April 11, 2021. His sermon is titled, "The Road to Bethany". A Communion service will be included and Sue Clement 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 Stewardship Committee meets on Monday, April 12th at 6:00 pm. The Connecting the Congregation Committee meets on Tuesday, April 13th at 1:00 pm and Church Council meets on Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00 pm. The Outreach Committee meets on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held on Zoom.
- Next Friday, April 16th is the deadline to submit articles for the May edition of the Church Window newsletter. Please email your submissions to Lauren in the office at [LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com](mailto:LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com) -- thank you!

### \*Future and Ongoing Happenings

- The Horton Center, Faith-based Camp and Retreat Center, will be back to in-person camp this summer! It is offering 5 weeks of camp to choose from. Scholarships are available so reach out to Kelda at [kyork@fccmanchesternh.org](mailto:kyork@fccmanchesternh.org) for more information. Read about the camps offered at [www.hortoncenter.org](http://www.hortoncenter.org).
- Friday, April 30th at 6:00 pm is the next Friday Night Mini Concert on Facebook with Adam Peithmann.
- The Hillsborough Association Annual Meeting is on Sunday, May 2nd at 3:00 pm on Zoom. For more information visit: [nhcucc.org](http://nhcucc.org)
- Save the Date: Sunday, May 16th is Barbara Papagian's Ordination on Zoom. More details coming soon!

Barbara Papagian, Director of Parish Care [bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org](mailto:bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org)

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing." Isaiah 35:1



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Photo: From the October 2015 Women's Connection M/S Mount Washington Cruise Event