



First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

FCC Friday Link



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Weekly Inspirational Words

Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever.

-Walt Disney-

This is a very hectic week for me since I am doing last minute preparations for my Ordination, preparing and recording the Sunday service, and still doing schoolwork, attending meetings, and keeping in touch with people.

I would really love to be walking through this gate into what looks like a beautiful, peaceful garden. I would love to be sitting on a bench and breathing in the fresh air full of the fragrance of the flowers.

We all need to take some time each day to stop our busy lives and enjoy God's creation. Even in the city where I live, I have three flowering trees that brighten up my yard and the neighborhood. I hope people walking by my house enjoy the beauty of the trees as much as I do, as I look out my window at them.



Forget the turmoil of the world and your every day lives, and each day, take the time to find some beauty in your world.

-Barbara Papagian-

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Psalm 24:1



I.C.Y.M.I - In case you missed it - an article about Barbara's journey towards ordination appeared this week in the Manchester Ink Link, Manchester's daily online news and information source. [CLICK HERE](#) to find it online!

We are so proud of Barbara and did not want to keep her accomplishments all to ourselves. We hope her journey will inspire others to follow their path no matter their age or where they are on their journey. Please contact Barbara if you would like to attend her ordination via Zoom to be there to support her.



***Join us for Weekly Trivia*
Pip is feeling better and is back with his trivia!**

This week's Questions

1. What was the first ice cream flavor?

2. What year was the first beach ball invented?

3. What is the oldest beach in America?

Answers from Last Week. . .

1. What is the rest of the quote, "Live Free or Die" ...? And who said it? . . . **"Death is not the worst evil". John Stark, war hero, said this in a toast.**

2. NH *had* the first what? . . . **Public Library, Peterborough, 1833**

3. NH *wrote* the first what? . . . **First state constitution**

MEAL TRAIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Cookies are needed for second session of "Caring Connection", a program for First Responders at UpReach in Goffstown.

Any questions, please contact Liz or Peggy.

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Thank you in advance!



Draw The Circle Wide: An Evening With Mark Miller

****Registration Now Open****

Sponsored by First Congregational Church Manchester's Music Ministry, Open & Affirming Committee, Outreach Committee, and Church Council.

You are invited to a conversation and musical presentation on Zoom with church musician, composer and educator, Mark Miller! The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 at 7 pm.

Our own Rev. Kevin, Adam Peithmann, and Jeffrey Frye will serve as Zoom Hosts that evening.

[CLICK HERE](#) to enjoy a special video advertisement Adam created!

Mark 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 share some of his work and we will have time for Q&A.

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the simple, free registration process. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

For more information, please see the FCC website at FCCManchesterNH.org. If you have questions, please contact Carol Soucy carolsoucy@comcast.net or 603-591-6387.

Calling All Quilters

From Jeanine Finefrock & Carolyn Wilson

It has been a while since we last met to sew in person and our quilt stockpile is getting low. All the quilts that have been distributed have been greatly appreciated by the recipients. We don't want to run out of quilts so we are sounding the alarm to rev up our sewing machines to take action and put the pedal to the metal. Unfortunately, the church is still closed to group gatherings at this time so we all will have to sew on our own in our own homes.



Here's the information and timeline if you are able and available to help out:

Carolyn and I have prepared 10 quilt kits. They are available for pick up in the church office. Please sign the quilt kit out on the sign-out sheet so we know who has which kit. We are asking for the finished quilt tops to be returned back to the church office by June 30. Carolyn will make arrangements with Susan, our quilter, to have the quilting done in July. They should be back for binding application in August.

Please let Carolyn and/or I know if you will be able to help out with this project. Jeanine: cjfinefrock@comcast.net and Carolyn: cjferguson-wilson@comcast.net

Thanks for your consideration!



You and a friend are invited to attend the 2021 Women's Connection Ninth Mystery Ride!

Date : Saturday, June 5th

Time: Arrive in the church driveway at 8:45 am.

Estimated time of return 3:00 pm.

Destination: An Outside MYSTERY!!!!???

Cost: \$15.00 not including lunch.

Lunch will be your own choice, ordered that day at an indoor-outdoor restaurant.

More information: Anyone who is planning on going, needs to either be able to drive your own car, or feel comfortable riding with someone.

Email either Pam LeBlanc blanclp@comcast.net or Denise Beaurivage beau.de@comcast.net to sign up. Please let them know what your plan is for transportation.

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

The movie we will be discussing on Friday, May 21st is "Doubt".

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!



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." - Emilie Buchwald

***Children's Book Drive for Elliot Hospital* May 9th - June 6th, 2021**

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a children's book drive to benefit the Elliot Hospital's family/children outreach program. This program provides free **NEW BOOKS** to families of children from birth to age 5 to foster reading and learning skills.

Follow these easy steps to participate:

- Purchase a **NEW BOOK** suitable for ages birth - age 5.
- Drop off the book to the church office.
- If ordering a book online, have the book sent to the church. Address to:

Outreach Committee
First Congregational Church
508 Union Street
Manchester, NH 03104

Outreach Matching Grant: For every book donated the Outreach Committee will purchase 2 new books.

The Outreach Committee is excited to partner with the Elliot Hospital as we look forward to finding different ways to extend our community outreach.

"A book is a gift you can open again and again" - Garrison Keillor

****You're Invited to a Virtual 5K!****

To complete this race, it is your choice to run, walk or jog any time and location that you choose. Then submit your results online! To register [CLICK HERE](#).

The Wesley's Way Foundation, in honor of Wesley Belisle, gives back to our community in memory of Wesley through various activities related to water safety, literacy and education, parks and playgrounds and more!





Sending Cards to Members and Friends

Please send *thinking of you* cards to Sue Curtis as she continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

Sue Curtis, 42 Alfred Street, Manchester, NH 03104

News and Events at First Congregational Church

Announcements by Barbara Papagian

This Week's Happenings

- Barbara Papagian will lead Sunday Worship at 10:00 am on Facebook this Sunday, May 16, 2021. Her sermon is titled, "My Most Amazing Marathon". Peter Perich will be the Scripture Reader.
- Barbara's Ordination Service will be held on Zoom at 3:00 pm this Sunday, May 16th! Please reach out to her today to receive the Zoom invitation.
- 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, May 17th at 6:30 pm. The Reopening Task Force will meet on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 pm. The Open and Affirming Committee will meet on Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 pm. All meetings are currently held on Zoom.
- On Sunday, May 23rd, *Draw the Circle Wide: An Evening with Mark Miller* Event is happening on Zoom at 7:00 pm! Registration is open on our website.
- Today is the June Church Window Newsletter submission deadline. Please email your articles and pictures to Lauren in the church office at LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Future and Ongoing Happenings

- Church Scholarships for 2021 are open. Please reach out to Ellie Stetson for application forms at ebstetson@aol.com. More information on each scholarship requirement is available in the May Church Window newsletter and applications are due tomorrow, Saturday, May 15th.
- The next Friday Night Mini Concert with Adam Piethmann is scheduled for Friday, May 28th at 6:00 pm on Facebook.
- Father's Day is Sunday, June 20th - honor your father and paternal caregivers with \$10 donations to the *Church World Service Father's Day Tools Fund*. Donations may be sent to the church office by mail or in person. Find the order form by clicking HERE or pick up a printed copy in the church office, and return it before Friday, June 11th, 2021. Please consider emailing a photo of your loved one to Adam Peithmann to be included in the Father's Day Online Worship Service.

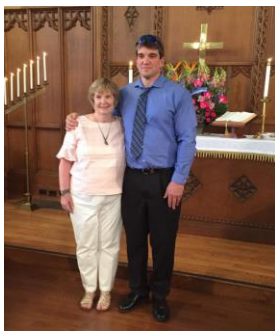
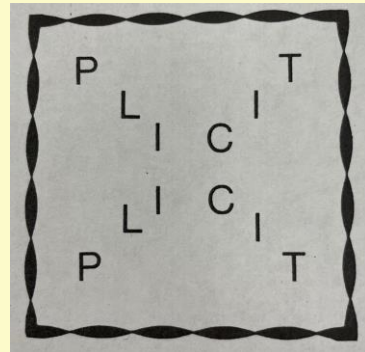
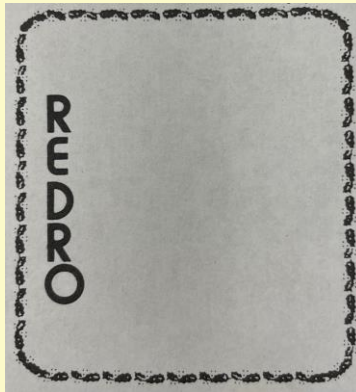
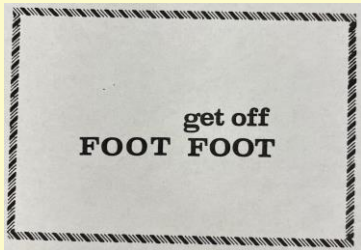
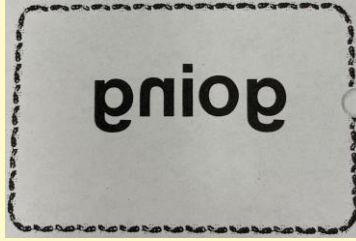
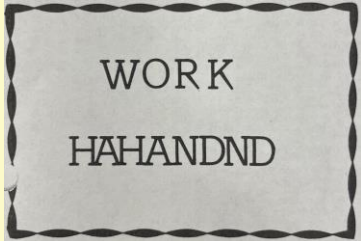
Barbara Papagian, Director of Parish Care bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org

"He has made everything beautiful in its time." Ecclesiastes 3:11

WORDLES!

Word puzzles that are made up of a series of cryptic letters, words and patterns which, when combined, represent a common word or phrase!
Can you figure them out? . . .

Kindly Submitted by Karen Hawver



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