



# First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

## FCC Friday Link



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### Weekly Inspirational Words

*What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset. - Chief Crowfoot -*



Summer is upon us and even though it will be a busy summer for the staff at FCC, we are all going to find time to relax and enjoy some leisure time, as I hope all of you do. We need time to rest, maybe travel and see places we haven't seen before, or maybe read some good books.

Even Jesus took time to rest and renew his energy, and God rested on the seventh day.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and if you travel, near or far, take some pictures and send them to Lauren with a short story about your trip, and we will include it in the Link. Isn't that such a great way to get to know something about those in our church family!? I think so.

"And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done." Genesis 2:2

-Rev. Barbara Papagian-

Photo: From the Women's Connection Mystery Ride to [Bedrock Gardens](#) in Lee NH, June 5th, 2021

## **\*Happy Birthday to Zane Knoy!\***

**Saturday, June 19th will mark Zane Knoy's 90th birthday.** Zane has been a member of FCC Manchester since 2010 and has been an important member of the Outreach Committee. He was born in southern Indiana and grew up there on a dairy farm. His family were members of a Disciples of Christ church. After graduating high school, he left to attend college in Oklahoma, then on to seminary graduating from Harvard. He was ordained a minister and spent several years as a pastor, including ministry to a church in Lynn, Massachusetts. One of his accomplishments was to be among the first to officiate at the wedding of a lesbian couple.

When he ceased to be a pastor he did not cease to be involved in ministry. He was active in community organization and advocacy. He was present at the March on Washington for Jobs and Justice in 1963. He served as president of the New Hampshire chapter of the NAACP.

Zane also became an expert on aging and community policies for aging. He made several journeys to various states, particularly in the south, to train new agencies on how to organize community services for the aging. He was a teacher at Springfield College on aging for future social workers. In his spare time, Zane volunteered for many activities including helping at Habitat for Humanity which awarded him with the Golden Hammer award as volunteer of the year.

An activity that Zane has enjoyed in his life is travel. He has visited New Zealand and Norway. Several times he has gone camping in the American Southwest. Nowadays, he enjoys rides around the Manchester area countryside.

Zane has three daughters of whom he is extremely proud. Pam lives in Keene and has a daughter and a husband whom she assists in his veterinary practice. Sara Jane lives in Manchester and is executive director of the Granite State Organizing Project. Laura lives in Concord and is retiring from the award-winning NHPR radio show and has two sons.

It is an honor to have Zane as a member of our church community and our outreach committee. We wish him all the best on his 90th birthday.



## **\*Join us for Weekly Trivia\* With Pip Adams!**

### **This week's Questions**

1. In Minnesota, it is illegal to tease what type of animal?
2. How many teeth does an aardvark have?
3. What was Marilyn Monroe's natural hair color?

### **Answers from Last Week. . .**

1. In Texas, it is illegal to swear in front of what? . . . **A corpse**
2. In Georgia, it is illegal to eat what with a fork? . . . **Fried Chicken**

3. The first hockey pucks used in early outdoor hockey games were made of what? . . . **Frozen cow dung**

**\*Join hands to share the good news of our FCC faith community!\***

**You are invited to join us tomorrow, Saturday, June 19th for Queen City Pride Festival at Arms Park from Noon to 6:00 pm!**

**First Congregational Church will be represented at the Festival with the Open and Affirming Committee hosting a booth.**

**\*We invite you to join in the day by attending or volunteering in our booth!\***



**If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact Carol Soucy 603-591-6387 or [carolsoucy@comcast.net](mailto:carolsoucy@comcast.net). You may also call Lauren Henderson in the church office (625-5093) or sign-up on the church office window.**



**\*A Special Thank You from the Open & Affirming Committee at First Congregational Church\***

On Sunday, June 13th our faith community remembered the promises we made when we adopted our Open and Affirming Covenant, and celebrated in worship and song that we are one family in Christ. Thanks to the lay readers that lent their voices to worship on Pride Sunday - Liz Verity, Stan Clark, Linda Noble, Jim Fogle, Bruce Kinney, Karen Hawver, Elizabeth Blood, Adam Peithmann, Jeffrey Frye and Carol Soucy.

**New Additions to the Memory Garden!**

Two hydrangea trees were planted on Wednesday, June 1st! They have blossoms already and hopefully will be beautiful.

**Thank you** to all the people who have given donations this year in support of our Memory Garden.

To honor those whose memory you treasure with a monetary donation, you can send a check to First Congregational Church, with the "Memory Garden fund" in the memo line.

Should you wish to honor a loved one by your donation, please specify their name, which will be recorded in the Memory Book.





**Thank you to all who participated in the CWS Mother's Day Blankets and Father's Day Tools Donation Events this year!**

**This past Monday Members of Outreach sorted the 70 children's books donated by FCC for the Elliot Book Drive! They will be purchasing more to give a final grand total of 210 books.**



**Ruth and John sorting...**



**And Karen too!**



**Thank you to all for your donations!**



### **Picture Directory for First Congregational Church**

By anyone's account, it has been a long time since a pictorial directory was prepared for our church – 15 years to be exact. The Membership Team is pleased to let you know we are working on a directory that will be distributed this fall. Our 2021 Picture Directory will be a much less formal project, not

something where portraits are taken and you can then order prints from the portrait company. Our intent is to make a simple directory using pictures we take of ourselves so that we can put a face to a name.

Here's how it will work. Starting June 14th, we are asking Members and Friends of First Church to take their own "selfie" pictures and email them to Lauren Henderson in the church office at: LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org

Pictures can be of individuals, couples, or families – it's up to you. If you have problems with this approach, such as an older cell phone or no cell phone at all – you can stop by the church office from 10 to noon during June or July and Lauren or Linda will gladly take your picture. Just give them a call to let them know you are coming at 625-5093. If that is not convenient for you – please call Bill Jones at 603-860-1236 to discuss coming to your home to take the picture.

If you do not wish to have your picture in the Picture Directory – that's fine – just drop Bill Jones an email to tell him you are not interested – [wjones0615@comcast.net](mailto:wjones0615@comcast.net)

When the directory is finished, we will ask people to pick up a copy during worship or at the church office, as this will save us the expense of having to mail them out. The Membership Team will also help in delivering the directories to those people who cannot pick them up.

Your cooperation in making this project a reality is most appreciated!

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**The Altar Flowers this week are provided by Pam LeBlanc in honor of her father, Carl R. Burnap, in memory of his birthday, June 16th, 1926, and in celebration of Father's Day.**



#### **QUILT TOPPER PROJECT DEADLINE APPROACHES**

If you brought home a quilt top from FCC to sew, please note that it is due back to church by Wednesday, June 30th.

Please reach out to Carolyn and/or Jeanine with any questions!  
Jeanine: [cjfinefrock@comcast.net](mailto:cjfinefrock@comcast.net) and Carolyn: [ciferguson-wilson@comcast.net](mailto:ciferguson-wilson@comcast.net).



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

Please send Happy Birthday messages to Zane Knoy! Tomorrow, Saturday, June 19th is his 90th birthday!

Zane Knoy, 60 River Front Drive, Apt. 101, Manchester, NH 03102

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## **News and Events at First Congregational Church**

**Announcements by Rev. Barbara Papagian**

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

- Rev. Kevin Pleas will lead Sunday Worship at 10:00 am on Facebook this Sunday, June 20, 2021. His sermon is titled, "The Unexplored Landscape" and Lisa Allen will be the Scripture Reader. It is Father's Day Sunday with a special tribute to Fathers and Paternal Caregivers.
- Rev. Kevin continues to host the "9:10 Morning Watch" each Monday thru Thursday morning on Facebook Live at 9:10 am.
- Tomorrow, Saturday, June 19th from Noon to 6:00 pm, FCC will be hosting a table at the Queen City Pride Festival in Arms Park. If you are interested in volunteering at our table, please reach out to the ONA Committee! You are also welcome to come and enjoy the Festival as a guest!
- The Church Trustees will meet on Monday, June 21st at 6:30 pm in the Parlor. The Church Reopening Task Force will be meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd at 6:00 pm on Zoom.
- Today, June 18th, is the deadline for the July and August Church Window Newsletter. Please submit your articles and photos to Lauren in the office at LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com. Thank you!

### **\*Future and Ongoing Happenings\***

- Next Sunday, June 27th and Sunday, July 11th are planned "in-person" Worship Services. Please read our \*Reopening Information\* listed below. It will be updated each week.
- The "Movie of the Week" is taking a short break and will return on Friday, August 6th at 9:30 am with the movie "The Help". Reach out to Rev. Barbara for details.
- Worship Service hours will remain at 10:00 am every Sunday for the remainder of 2021.
- Please note summer church office hours: M-TH from 9 am to 2 pm. Fridays 9 am to Noon.

Rev. Barbara Papagian, Associate Pastor [bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org](mailto:bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org)

"I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety." Psalm 4:8

### **\*REOPENING INFORMATION\***

As we prepare to open our building for Worship Services, we want to share the protocols/logistics being discussed by the Church Reopening Task Force. These details are subject to change and we will be updating them as we get closer to Sunday, June 27th - our tentative soft opening.

- Advance reservations are needed for contact tracing and can be made by calling the church office (625-5093) Monday-Thursday.
  - Families/Units can sit together in a pew.
  - Entry is through the center Narthex doors ONLY.
  - Upon entry, please check name with greeter.
- Exiting is through the pulpit door (side door adjacent to altar) ONLY.

- If handicap access is needed, please convey this when making reservations.
- Collection box will be located in the narthex and near the exit door.
- There will be limited access to upstairs bathroom; no downstairs access.
  - Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available.
- Ushers will hand out bulletins to those entering the sanctuary.
  - People can seat themselves in open pews.
- No child care or Church School but the Nursery is available.
- Masks are required. Vaccinations are strongly urged.



### WORDLES!

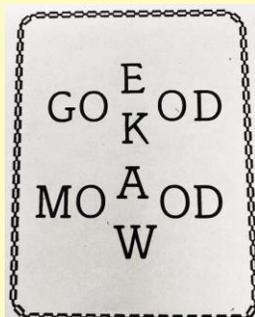
Word puzzles that are made up of a series of cryptic letters, words and patterns which, when combined, represent a common word or phrase!  
Can you figure them out? . . .

\*Kindly Submitted by Karen Hawver\*

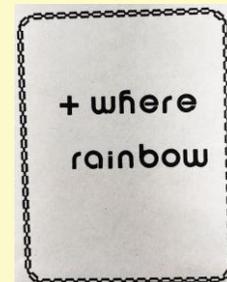
### ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK BELOW



\*Side burns\*



\*Wake up in a good mood\*



\*Somewhere over the rainbow\*

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Photo: Jeffrey Frye performing during the Anniversary of the Open and Affirming Vote Celebration at FCC, Sunday, November 18th, 2018. To hear Jeffrey perform his original song, "We Are Unbroken (Even After All)" please [CLICK HERE](#).