



First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

FCC Friday Link



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Weekly Inspirational Words

It is the love of God and neighbor that gives meaning to life.

- Cheryl A. Esplin -



Have you been to Saint-Gaudens National Park in Cornish, New Hampshire?

Augustus Saint-Gaudens was one of America's greatest sculptors. He lived in Cornish seasonally starting in 1885, and year round starting in 1900 until his death in 1907.

There are many of his bronze sculptures throughout the lovely grounds and this is my favorite one.

It took fourteen years to complete this sculpture of Robert Gould Shaw and the Massachusetts 54th Regiment. This work took a lot of time and patience by a very talented artist.

God gave us all different talents and although most of us will not have our talents recognized in a National Park, we need to discern what our talents are and use them to help others in many ways, one of which is displaying works like this for others to enjoy. If your talent is cooking, you no doubt share your food with others. If your talent is music, you probably share that by singing or playing an instrument in a choir or orchestra. Do not waste your God-given talents. They are yours to share.

-Rev. Barbara Papagian-

"...he has filled him with divine spirit, with skill, intelligence and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft." Exodus 35:31-33

REOPENING INFORMATION

Our first in person Worship Service is this Sunday, June 27th at 10:00 AM

The Task Force met and reviewed the latest CDC protocols. These are our latest guidelines:

- We appreciate those who made advance reservations, however they are no longer required.
- Social distancing will be practiced in order to be able to sing.
 - If ramp access is needed, please ring the bell.
- Collection box will be located in the narthex and plates by the exit doors.
 - Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available.
- Ushers will hand out bulletins to those entering the sanctuary.
 - People may seat themselves in open pews.
- No child care or Church School. The Cradle Room is available but not staffed.
- Masks are appreciated but not required if you are fully vaccinated.
- We look forward to seeing everyone, but urge you not to congregate inside the building at this time.

Thank you, The ReOpening Task Force 6/23/21

Queen City Pride Festival

A Recap and Thank You by Carol Soucy & FCC Opening and Affirming Committee

Our FCC volunteers had a wonderful, fun, and uplifting day at the Queen City Pride Festival last Saturday, June 19th.

We spoke to literally hundreds that stopped by our booth. Along with many meaningful conversations, we handed out Membership booklets, distributed over 400 water bottles (240 with FCC labels), and shared FCC pamphlets with key information about our church along with info about what it means to be an Open and Affirming congregation. People responded so positively - asking questions about ONA, about the church location, and plans for opening up. Many attendees noted that we were the only church group there. We received countless, heartfelt 'thank yous' for our presence.



Thanks to the volunteers that helped out at the festival - Jim Fogle, Ruth and Sam Knowles, Michaela Horan, Elle Funke, Sharon Arsenault, and Carl Hallock. Thanks also to Open and

Affirming Committee members that helped with prep and/or in the booth: John and Kathy Rowe, Karen Hawver, Jeffrey Frye, Jeanine Finefrock, and Carol Soucy. It was certainly a special day - sharing God's messages of love and acceptance.



Join us for Weekly Trivia
With Pip Adams!

This week's Questions

1. Who sang about being an eggman and a walrus?
2. Which Tasmanian marsupial is known for its temper?
3. Where on the human body is the zygomatic one found?

Answers from Last Week. . .

1. In Minnesota, it is illegal to tease what type of animal? . . . **Skunks**
2. How many teeth does an armadillo have? . . . **None**
3. What was Marilyn Monroe's natural hair color? . . . **Red**

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 and Carolyn: cjferguson-wilson@comcast.net.



Hallsville School Luncheon on Thursday, June 17th!

The Outreach Committee held a final end-of-school luncheon for faculty and staff at Hallsville School.

This has been an annual event for several years to thank them for their service to the children. This year's lunch featured chicken tenders from the Puritan Back Room and cookies from members of the committee. For the last five years we have partnered with the school to benefit children in need. Our assistance has consisted of emergency grocery money in the form of gift cards, weekend food programs, a coats and boots program that has provided for every child identified as in need with a winter coat and pair of boots.



We are proud of what has been accomplished and sad to see the school closing.



Picture Directory for First Congregational Church

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.

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

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!

**Wishing Members and Friends Happy
Birthday this July!**

*We are recognizing milestone birthdays of
50, 60, 70, 75, 80 and above*

**July 5th
Dorothy Brawley**

**July 6th
Diane Brackett**

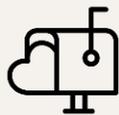
**July 10th
Sue Clement
John Colburn**

**July 16th
Bruce Willey**

**July 21st
Sharon Arsenault
Judy Hill**

**July 24th
Constance Harvey**

**July 28th
Pip Adams**



Sending Cards to Members and Friends

Please send get well messages to Gerda Cote as she recently fell and is badly bruised. (she is okay and recovering at home)

Gerda Cote, 12 Northbrook Drive, Unit 1207, Manchester, NH 03102

Please send your messages of celebration to Sam & Ruth Knowles for their 50th Wedding Anniversary! They were married on June 26th in 1971!

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Knowles, 5 Clay Street, Hooksett, NH 03106

**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 this Sunday, June 27, 2021. His sermon is titled, "Metanoia" and Rev. Barbara Papagian will be the Scripture Reader. This Worship Service will be in person and will also be available to watch pre-recorded on Facebook.

- Rev. Kevin continues to host the "9:10 Morning Watch" each Monday thru Thursday morning on Facebook Live at 9:10 am through the month of June. The Morning Watch will take a break this summer at least through the month of July. Watch for updates.
- The altar flowers this Sunday are provided by Ruth and Sam Knowles in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Future and Ongoing Happenings

- The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.
- 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. This time will be same for both in person and Facebook services.**
- 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

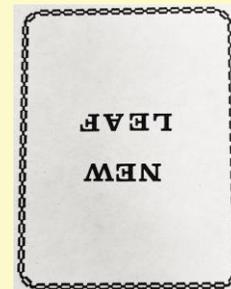
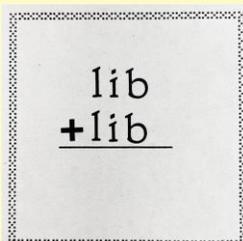
"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters..."
Colossians 3:23

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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Photo: Elizabeth and Barbara on the Women's Connection Mystery Ride at Bedrock Gardens in Lee, NH, Saturday, June 5th, 2021