



THE MEAL TRAIN NEEDS COOKIES! Deadline is 7/12!

Cookies are NEEDED for the third session of Caring Connections at UpReach and FCC's summer "goodie" bags. Caring Connections is a specialized program UpReach runs in Goffstown for first responders. They have also established one in Boscawen. At this time we are concentrating on the Goffstown program only. Please bring your cookies to the FCC office or put in the downstairs freezer marked for UpReach. Your donations are sincerely appreciated by UpReach and the first responders. Smiles abound with this outreach. Any questions, please contact Liz (liz-v@comcast.net or 623-7461) or Peggy (frannys1@aol.com or 483-8388) .



There will be an All Church Picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 12th!

We're in the planning stages so check back for details, including volunteer opportunities, coming soon.

Worship Hours

Please note that Worship Service will be held at 10:00 AM every Sunday through the remainder of 2021



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Morning Watch Taking Break Through July

There will be a break from the "9:10 Morning Watch" for the month of July and the plan is to start up again in August! Peter Perich and Rev. Barbara will be sharing the leadership and will be using the same book that Rev. Kevin has been using along with some supplemental materials. Rev. Barbara looks forward to spending time in devotion with you all. She will be publishing the exact date we will start again in upcoming Links, Sunday News and on the website.



Holly Berry Fair News

Morning workshops have been scheduled for July 15th and 22nd from 10AM—12PM in the dining room. There is a limit of 12 people per the Re-Opening Task Force rules. There will be tasks for all those with special skills and those who just want to help with very simple items. Please watch the Women's Connection emails for information. Come to see your friends, laugh with them and help make the Fair a success in community participation! Please mark the July dates in your calendar – also August 5th and 19th! If you volunteered to head a table or assist someone, either Pam or Peggy will be contacting you to confirm your participation this fall. We look forward to having everyone's participation. If you want to help or have questions, please contact either Pam (blanclp@comcast.net) or Peggy (frannys1@aol.com).



July 11, 2021 WELCOME BACK! We are pleased to welcome members, friends and guests. If you are a first time guest and would like to receive a **Welcome Bag**, please speak with an usher. We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card** found next to the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

THIS WEEK AT FCC

- Sunday, July 11th**
10:00 AM Worship Service & Baptism
Farewell Reception immediately following Worship outside (weather permitting)
- Monday, July 12th**
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Tuesday, July 13th**
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, July 14th**
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Thursday, July 15th**
10:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshop
- Friday, July 16th**
Church Office closes at Noon
- Saturday, July 17th**
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Sunday, July 18th**
10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook

The Altar Flowers today are given in honor of Reverend Kevin Pleas by FCC Members and Friends.



Upcoming Worship

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- Sunday, July 11th 10:00 AM**
Ushers: Kathy Nelson & Bill Jones
Greeters: Joan Currier & Richard Nelson
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Kevin's Farewell Service
Baptism of Piper Goodrich
Service will be filmed for later posting

- Sunday, July 18th 10:00 AM**
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship on Facebook

- Sunday, July 25th 10:00 AM**
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Lucia Carlisle Leads In-person Worship

- Sunday, August 1st 10:00 AM**
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship

- Sunday, August 8th 10:00 AM**
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Stephen Cushing Leads Worship

- Sunday, August 15th 10:00 AM**
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Pip Adams Leads In-person Worship

REOPENING INFORMATION

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.

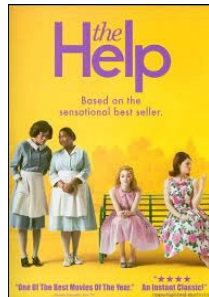
No child care or Church School.
The Cradle Room is available but not staffed.

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

**“Movie of the Week Club”
Next Meeting on Friday, August 6th at 9:30 AM to discuss “The Help”**



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. If you would like more information, please reach out to Rev. Barbara at BPapagian@fccmanchesternh.org

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Mon. August 9th @ 6PM—Stewardship
- Tues. August 10th @ 2PM—Connecting the Congregation Meeting
- Sun. August 15th @ 1PM—Open & Affirming Committee Meeting
- Weds. August 18th @ 6PM—Reopening Task Force Meeting
- Weds. August 25th @ 9AM—FOOS to prepare Church Window
- Mon. August 30th @ 6:30PM—Deacons’ Board

Food Pantry Donations Needed

If you would like to donate non perishable items to our community food pantry, please call the office before you stop by! (625-5093)

Items we always need:

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| · boxed milk | · cereal |
| · peanut butter | · pudding cups |
| · dry pasta | · fruit cups /canned fruit |
| · pasta sauce | · crackers |
| · canned pasta | · mac & cheese |
| · canned vegetables | · canned meats: tuna, ham, or chicken |
| · soup | · toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap |
| · cereal bars | |
| · Hormel Meals | |

Summer Altar Flowers

The Altar Design Team would like to extend the invitation to anyone who would care to place a flower arrangement on the altar this summer. The dates the church will be open and that flowers are needed for are Sundays: July 25th, August 1st, 15th & 29th. Notify Lauren in the church office at 625-5093 or email Terri at seamstressed@yahoo.com or Pam at blanclp@comcast.net to chose a Sunday. The arrangement can be flowers from your own garden, the grocery store or from a florist. If a florist is used, check with Lauren and she can set it up.



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. 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 10:00 am to 12 noon during 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!



Prayer Requests

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If you have a prayer request for Sunday mornings, there are boxes in the narthex and hallway for you to put your requests in. Please submit them by 9:55 am. If you do

come in after that you can hand your request to an usher who will get it to me. During the week you are welcome to email your request to me at bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org. I can take email requests up until 9:00 am on Sunday morning. I am honored to have the privilege of raising your prayers during the service. - Rev. Barbara Papagian

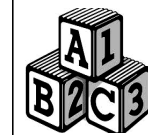
Please send messages of healing to Selene Lyons. Selene recently suffered a brain aneurysm and is recovering at home.



Selene Lyons, 85 Hulme Street, Manchester, NH 03109

Please send messages of comfort to Wylene Fuller. Wylene recently had a fall at home and is recovering.

Wylene Fuller, 54 N. Bend Drive, Manchester, NH 03104



Cradle Roll Room is Open

During the summer, the cradle roll room will be open but not staffed with volunteers. If you wish to use cradle roll, the room is open and the service is broadcasted through the speakers in the room so you don’t miss anything. The room has been cleaned and disinfected prior to each service. On the counter you will see a container of disinfectant wipes. Please wipe down any large items that were used before leaving the room. Cradle roll will be cleaned and disinfected before each in-person service.



Please note church office summer hours: Mon—Thurs from 9AM to 2PM and Friday from 9AM to 12 Noon

As always, we are available if you need us so please call ahead before you visit! 625-5093