



# First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

## FCC Friday Link



**Keeping the Members and Friends of First Church Connected!**

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### Weekly Inspirational Words

*Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.*  
-James Matthew Barrie-



#### ***Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.***

That is exactly what we did at our church service on Sunday, July 11th. Even though there was some sadness at the departure of Kevin, the sanctuary was filled with the Holy Spirit and filled with the spirit of our church family and friends, happy to be in our beautiful Sanctuary, and happy to be with each other praising God in song and prayer.

What a testimony to our strength and resilience. We made it through the pandemic embracing each other with notes and phone calls. We are moving ahead into a transition period with optimism and enthusiasm for what lies ahead for us. We are trusting in God to lead us on the right path.

My friends, we are on this journey together, trusting in God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and making joyful noise to the Lord.

-Rev. Barbara Papagian-

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing...." Psalm 100:1-2

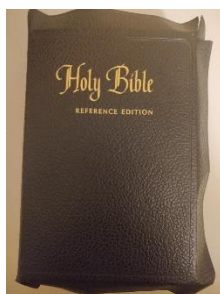
**Worship Service on Sunday, July 11th included a Baptism Service for Piper Goodrich and a Farewell Reception for Rev. Kevin Pleas.**



**\*July Deacon's  
Byline\***

Submitted by Becki  
Krueger

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



*Before she passed away,  
Gram gave me a few of  
her things, including her  
Bible and her knitting  
needles. These are held  
close to my heart and are  
used often with Gram in  
mind. During my last visit  
with her, we spent time  
with me reading her Bible  
to her. It was during  
Psalm 23, her favorite  
verse, that she squeezed my hand.*



*Religion was an early and prominent part of my life growing up. Attending church and going to Sunday school were second nature. With that presence in my life, it took an outside influence to reveal the further possibilities of religion in my life.*

*I'd like to end this remembrance with Psalm 23. It was not only my Gram's favorite, it grew to become mine as well.*

*My Gram lived a little over two hours from us as I was growing up. As an adult, the distance became greater, expanding to six hours. Intermittent visits with her became very important to me. Often, my*

**Psalm 23**  
**The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths**

visits were long weekends in order to not consume the entire visit in travel time. As an adult, it became apparent to me that my Gram "lived" her religion more than I was previously aware of. Her Minister would stop by on Fridays to visit with her and pray with her as well. She made sure her appearance was also church-ready almost all the time. Whether having family or friends come for a visit or taking a trip to McDonald's for her requested birthday lunch, she was always in a version of her Sunday best.

for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.



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

**This week's Questions**

1. What Benedictine monk invented champagne?
2. What flavor is Cointreau?

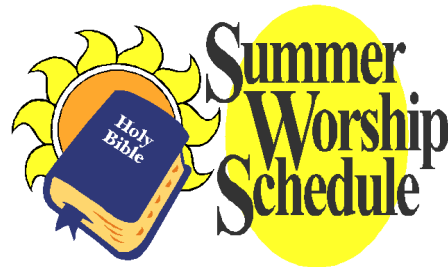
3. What do you call a group of unicorns?

**Answers from Last Week. . .**

1. What was banned in Indonesia for "stimulating passion"? . . . **Hula Hoops**
2. What was Hugh Hefner's jet plane named? . . . **Big Bunny**
3. In June in Wyoming, it is illegal to take a picture of what? . . . **A Rabbit**

**All in-person and virtual (Facebook) services  
are at 10:00 am every Sunday**

- **Sunday, July 18th** Facebook only
- **Sunday, July 25th** In-person and Facebook
- **Sunday, August 1st** In-person and Facebook
- **Sunday, August 8th** Facebook only
- **Sunday, August 15th** In-person and Facebook
- **Sunday, August 22nd** Facebook only
- **Sunday, August 29th** In-person and Facebook







**The Meal Train "THANKS" the wonderful cooks of FCC for all of the cookies, brownies, and bars for Caring Connections, the program coordinated by UpReach in Goffstown for First Responders.**

We delivered 31 bags (about 300 cookies) on Monday 7/12, to a delighted Executive Director, Karen Kersting (see picture) . Also delivered were books for their Resilience Rein participants, who are aged 7 to 15 years. A "HUG" and "THANKS" from Peggy and Liz to all who helped!

**Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshops Announced!**



**The Holly Berry Christmas Fair is making progress. We had a good group of people yesterday, Thursday the 15th, sewing, cutting and gluing!**

We decided for next Thursday the 22nd, to work on Candy Cane Mice, Candy Bar Snowmen, Kitchen Angels and Snowmen Chip Clips (see photo).



There are also some projects that still need to be completed from this week's workshop. If you would like to join in on the creating next Thursday, call Lauren in the church office (625-5093), email Pam LeBlanc ([blanclp@comcast.net](mailto:blanclp@comcast.net)) or Peggy Neveu ([frannys1@aol.com](mailto:frannys1@aol.com)). We would love to have your help.



If you are doing some cleaning out and finding a lot of great items to put in our "Attic Treasures", please put them in a box, mark it Holly Berry Fair and we will let you know when and where you can start dropping the items off. We cannot start collecting these items just yet. However, Terri Pattee would love to start collecting your no-longer-wanted jewelry. So start cleaning that jewelry box out! Contact Terri ([seamstressed@yahoo.com](mailto:seamstressed@yahoo.com)) to make arrangements to get the jewelry to her.



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

Please send **\*Happy Birthday\*** wishes to Connie Harvey! Connie is celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, July 24th.

Connie Harvey, 51 Platts Avenue, Manchester, NH 03109

# News and Events at First Congregational Church

## Announcements by Rev. Barbara Papagian

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

- Rev. Barbara Papagian will lead Worship on Facebook at 10:00 am this Sunday, July 18, 2021. Her sermon is titled, "Jeremiah's Message" and Peter Perich will be the Scripture Reader.
- The "9:10 Morning Watch" will be taking a break at least through the month of July. Watch for updates for when it will return.
- On Thursday, July 22nd at 10:00 am (doors open at 9:30) there will be a Holly Berry Craft Prep Workshop. Crafters of all abilities are welcome. There is a sign up

sheet on the church office window and you may reach out to Pam or Peggy for more details. Peggy: [frannys1@aol.com](mailto:frannys1@aol.com) and Pam: [blanclp@comcast.net](mailto:blanclp@comcast.net).

- **\*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 the following Sundays: July 25th and August 1st, 15th & 29th. Notify Lauren in the church office at 625-5093 or email Terri at [seamstressed@yahoo.com](mailto:seamstressed@yahoo.com) or Pam at [blanclp@comcast.net](mailto:blanclp@comcast.net) to choose 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.

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

- **\*PICTURE DIRECTORY INFORMATION\*** --The Membership Team is pleased to let you know we are working on a directory that will be distributed this fall. 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](mailto: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 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)
- The "Movie of the Week" 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 virtual (Facebook) services.
- Please note summer church office hours: M-TH from 9 am to 2 pm. Fridays 9 am to Noon. As always, we will be here if you want to stop in so please call ahead 625-5093.
- There will be an **\*All Church Picnic\*** on Sunday, September 12th! This event is in the planning stages and we will be looking for volunteers to help make it a success. Watch for more details to come!

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

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."  
Romans 15:13

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

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

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

### 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!

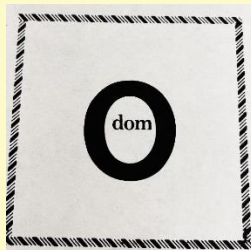
Can you figure them out? . . .

\*Kindly Submitted by Karen Hawver\*

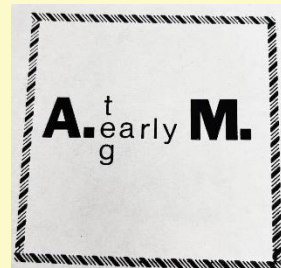
#### ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK BELOW



"Embark on a journey"



"Domino"



"Get up early in the A.M."

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