



First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

FCC Friday Link



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Weekly Inspirational Words

Happiness is seeing blessings in disguise, beauty under camouflage, and love amid conflict.

-Richelle E. Goodrich-



We had a few guests in church yesterday, and I was talking to one of them who had been in our church many years ago. He was on vacation and decided to come to our church to worship. He said that he had forgotten how beautiful our church is.

I don't know about you, but every time I walk into the Sanctuary, I look around at our beautiful windows. I feel overwhelmed, not only with the beauty, but with the feeling that God is there with each and every one of us. He is there as we sing and pray together, and as we listen to inspiring and comforting words from the Bible.

God is always with us but I feel closest to Him and His son Jesus Christ when I am in our beautiful Sanctuary.

"Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you..." James 4:8

-Rev. Barbara Papagian-

August 5th is a very special day – It is Pat McCarrick's 95th birthday – Happy Birthday to a very lovely lady!



Pat was born in Newark, New Jersey. She had a brother who died when he was 40. Her family moved to Miami because her father was a chef on a charter boat. In the summer they went to Bustin's Island, Maine, as he owned a business there. Her favorite childhood memory is traveling between the two places.

After she graduated high school, she went to nurse's training as a LPN in Boston. She worked part-time and also went to work in a department store to supplement her income. Her future mother-in-law was a customer and suggested Pat should meet her son. She and Tom (the son) were married for 32 years, marrying on 5/12/51. During his years in the service, they lived in England for 3 years (forming lifelong friends), Langley Air Force Base in VA, and then Grenier Field in Manchester. Finally, he left the service while at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, retiring after 22 years of service.

Pat has had a lifelong love of sewing – first for her four daughters and then it became quilting. As a member of FCC's Quilting Ministry, Pat has contributed to many baptismal and lap robes for Rev. Papagian to give out; and many dresses for *Dress-A-Girl*. Her love of cooking has enriched the Meal Train with surprise dinners and desserts. As a member of the FOOS (Friends of the Office Staff at FCC) she tests out her new recipes on them at the monthly folding of the Church Window newsletter. To date, she has nine grandchildren and expecting #13 and #14 great grand children in the fall. She contributes her longevity to her mother's maternal side who all lived into their 90's. *When we grow up we all want to be Pat!*

Please help her celebrate her 95th birthday with a card to Pat McCarrick, 95 West Clarke St, Apt 3, Manchester, NH 03104-2431.



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

This week's Questions

1. What animal cannot stick out it's tongue?
2. A kangaroo can't hop if what?
3. With how many bricks is the Empire State Building made of?

Answers from Last Week. . .

1. Where were fortune cookies invented? . . . **San Francisco**
2. In Swedish, what is "Entrance" and "Driveway" respectively? . . . (you'll have to look the answer to this up on your own!)
3. When held to ultraviolet light, what animal's urine glows in the dark? . . . **Cat**



**Join Us Thursday Mornings!
*Holly Berry Fair Craft Prep Workshops***

The crafting workshops will continue every Thursday morning through the month of August from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

If you want to come and join the fun we would love to have you!

Even if you are not very crafty, we have lots of things that need to be done! Call Lauren in the church office at 625-5093 or email Pam LeBlanc or Peggy Neveu, and your name will be added to the list.

Continue cleaning to find "Attic Treasures"! Some ideas of what this shop would have in it are one-of-a-kind items that you would not find at a yard sale. We do not want things like glassware, plastic ware, clothes, do-dads, for example. Instead, the crafting group would love to take glass stemware, glass plates any size and color, and interesting shaped vases and glass jars or bottles of any size. If you aren't sure about the items you find, just reach out to Pam or Peggy and they will help you decide. Once you clean out, 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. Contact Pam LeBlanc or Peggy Neveu to arrange pick up.

Remember to clean your jewelry box and contact Terri Pattee at (seamstressed@yahoo.com) to arrange pick up of all your unwanted jewelry. Pam's email is blanclp@comcast.net or Peggy's email is frannys1@aol.com.

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

- **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
- **Sunday, September 5th** Facebook only



AUGUST MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS!

- Patricia McCarrick - August 5th**
- Donald Eaton - August 7th**
- Barbara Bard - August 22nd**
- Samuel Knowles - August 23rd**



THE MORNING WATCH RETURNS MONDAY, AUGUST 9TH!

The Morning Watch will return on August 9th at 9:00 am, Monday thru Thursday. Barbara Papagian and Peter Perich will lead this short time of Devotional Reading and Prayer. You can access Morning Watch through our [Facebook page](#). You are welcome to join in at any time, or if you are unable to join in live, it will continue to be available on our [Facebook page](#) to view at your convenience.

The book we are using is "A Guide to Prayer for All Who Walk with God", by Rueben P. Job, Norman Shawchuck, and John S. Mogabgab. You are not required to buy the book and there will be a weekly bulletin that will be accessible on [our website](#).

I look forward to sharing devotional time with you. If you have any questions please call me or email me at the church 625-5093 or BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org.

-Rev. Barbara Papagian-

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR PHOTO FOR THE PICTURE DIRECTORY?



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.

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 this summer 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 later this fall, 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!



Sending Cards to Members and Friends

Please send ***Happy Birthday*** wishes to Pat McCarrick! Pat is celebrating her 95th birthday on Thursday, August 5th!

Patricia McCarrick, 95 West Clarke Street, Apt. 3, Manchester, NH 03104

Please send ***Happy Birthday*** wishes to Donald Eaton who will also be celebrating a milestone birthday next Saturday, August 7th!

Donald Eaton, 17 Appledor Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Please send ***Congratulations*** messages to Tom Irving on the birth of his granddaughter, Elisabeth "Elsie" Anne Irving, born on July 22nd! Elsie is Tom's fourth grandchild.

Tom Irving (and David & Sarah Irving), 3696 Brown Avenue, Manchester, NH 03103

News and Events at First Congregational Church

Announcements by Rev. Barbara Papagian

This Week's Happenings

- Rev. Barbara Papagian will lead in-person Worship at 10:00 am this Sunday, August 1, 2021. Her sermon is titled "The Ultimate Gripe Fest" and Craig Finebrock will be the Scripture Reader.

- The "Morning Watch" will be returning to Facebook on Monday, August 9th at 9:00 am.
- The Holly Berry Fair Craft Prep Workshops continue every Thursday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the dining room through the month of August.
- The "Movie of the Week" will return on Friday, August 6th at 9:30 am on Zoom with the movie "The Help". Reach out to Rev. Barbara for more details.
- Next Sunday, August 8th will be a virtual service only. Join us at 10:00 am on Facebook.

Future and Ongoing Happenings

- ***Summer Altar Flowers Needed***: 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: August 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 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.
- 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!
- Our community food pantry has been busy lately with an influx of homeless visitors so we are asking for donations to help our supply. We need items such as: "pop-top" cans of meats (tuna, chicken, meat sticks), small bottled or boxed juices or waters, individual servings of breakfast cakes, granola bars or pop-tarts. We also need boxed milk, canned soup, pasta sauce and dry pasta. If you have any questions about donating food items, please reach out to the office at 625-5093. Thank you!

Rev. Barbara Papagian, Associate Pastor bpapagian@fccmanchesternh.org

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."
Psalm 145:18

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-
The next Reopening Task Force meeting is scheduled for 8/18/21

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



"Crossbow"



"Fancy that!"



"You are under arrest"



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