



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

Happy Moments, Praise God
Difficult Moments, Seek God
Quiet Moments, Worship God
Painful Moments, Trust God
Every Moment, Thank God
-By R. Warren-



Ah, the Bible. It is probably the most widely read, controversial book in the world. It is full of violence, advice, encouragement, and yes, there is some humor.

There are some denominations who take everything in the Bible literally, and some who believe a lot of it is metaphorical.

I have my favorite go-to passages for times when I need some encouragement, or times when I am sad, or times when I am rejoicing, and sometimes I just pick the bible up and read whatever I turn to.

The Bible has been around for a long, long, long time and is rich in stories and poetry and wisdom. I hope you all read the Bible every day, whether it is in partnership with a devotional book, or just picking it up and reading whatever page appears when you open it.

Have a blessed week.

-Rev. Barbara Papagian-

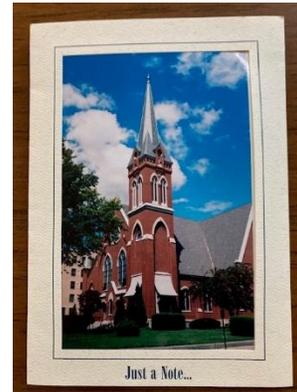
"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

Milestone Recognition

We celebrate our amazing church members and friends!

Happy Birthday to Connie Harvey, who celebrated 90 years on July 24th!

She recently stopped in to the church office to visit and we talked about her colorful life. Many who have visited her have been in awe of her 70 foot-long flower bed, window boxes and rose trellis that greet you at the door. The colors inspired her photography – her passion is slides for the contrast and vivid pageantry of color. She recalls the many years of traveling Europe and Egypt; and with her son, packing a lunch in search of the right vista to capture on film. Many probably don't realize that her talents were recognized by *At A Glance Calendars* and she has been published many times in a variety of formats. She took all of the beautiful photos for an FCC church calendar published in 2007.



Connie's passion for singing precedes her FCC Choir days as a soloist. She and her late husband, Frank, frequently starred in Nashua's Actorsingers' musical productions and with the Christopher's Players. She was instrumental in creating the Choraliers, 21 voices traveling throughout New England entertaining audiences young and old.

Connie is a multifaceted creative talent! And a joy to have in our congregation!

Photograph on notecard of First Congregational Church by Connie Harvey



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

This week's Questions

1. What sound does a nut make when it sneezes?
2. What Old English word did the word, "summer" come from?

3. When did the first swimming school open in the United States?

Answers from Last Week. . .

1. What animal cannot stick out it's tongue? . . . **Crocodile**
2. A kangaroo can't hop if what? . . . **If something lifts its tail off the ground**
3. With how many bricks is the Empire State Building made of? . . . **10 million**

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

- **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



THE MORNING WATCH PRAYERS RETURN 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-



**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.

The crafting group is looking for glass stemware, glass plates any size and color, interesting shaped vases, glass jars and bottles any size, to create yard sculptures. If you have anything of this nature and would like to pass it on, please let Pam or Peggy know and arrangements can be made to pick it up! Pam's email is blanclp@comcast.net or Peggy's email is frannys1@aol.com.

The "Jewelry Shoppe" is looking for your old unwanted, "haven't been used in many years" type of jewelry. These pieces might be repaired and cleaned for resale or repurposed into a craft. Please contact Terri Pattee (seamstressed@yahoo.com) to arrange pick up!



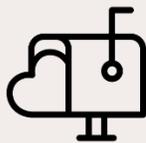
HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR PHOTO FOR THE PICTURE DIRECTORY?

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* messages to Barbara Bard and Sam Knowles who will both celebrate milestone birthdays this month! Barbara 8/22 and Sam 8/23!

Barbara Bard, 1465 Hooksett Road, #78, Hooksett, NH 03106

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. Stephen Cushing will be our guest Preacher for virtual Worship at 10:00 am on Facebook this Sunday, August 8, 2021. Rev. Cushing will also be the Scripture Reader.
- The Stewardship Committee will meet by Zoom on Monday, August 9th at 6:00 pm, the Connecting the Congregation Committee will meet by Zoom on Tuesday, August 10th at 2:00 pm, and the Open and Affirming Committee will meet by Zoom next Sunday, August 15th at 1:00 pm.
- The "Morning Watch" will be returning to Facebook this coming 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.
- Next Sunday, August 15th will be an in-person service at 10:00 am.

Future and Ongoing Happenings

- Please submit your articles and photos for the September Church Window Newsletter to Lauren in the office by Friday, August 13th. Email her at LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com
- *Summer Altar Flowers Needed* for Sunday, August 29th (8/15 is covered!). Notify Lauren in the church office at 625-5093 or email Terri at seamstressed@yahoo.com or Pam at blanclp@comcast.net. 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 and 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 tentative based upon the status of the Covid-19 virus in the coming weeks. If all goes to plan 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

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
2Timothy 1:7

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.

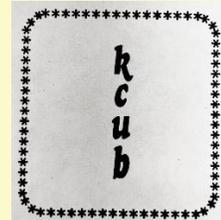
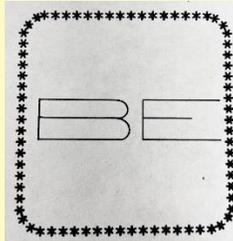
-Thank you, The Reopening Task Force 6/23/21-
The next Reopening Task Force meeting is scheduled for 8/18/21

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



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