



First Congregational Church

A Friendly Church in the Heart of the City

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

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Weekly Inspirational Words

When you get what you want, that's God's direction, when you don't get what you want, that's God's protection.

-Lee Ann Adams-

I would love to be in that kayak right now paddling around a smooth lake and taking in all the beautiful scenery that God so generously provides us. Unfortunately I don't think my knees would be very cooperative getting in and out of the kayak. As we get older, there are things our bodies don't allow us to do that we did effortlessly when we were younger. We can either sit around moping about that or we can find activities that we are comfortable doing. My go to activity has become swimming. I love the feeling of the water as I glide through it on my own power. When Summer is over I will go to the indoor pool. Life is full of choices. We can choose to dwell on regrets and has-beens, or we can move forward and thank God for choices.



"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." Philippians 4:8

-Rev. Barbara Papagian-

August Deacon's Byline

Submitted by Peter Perich

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

This past June Martha and I took a trip to Utah! We started the adventure in Nevada, where we spent time with Martha's sisters, doing some shopping and a little gambling too.

We hiked and drove many miles, exploring the beautiful canyons and national parks of Utah. One day we did over 19,000 steps and walked a trail that went down 600 feet! The landscape and skies were breathtaking. We marveled at the beauty of God's magnificent creation!

We ended up back in Las Vegas, Nevada, where we finished our trip spending special time with friends. It was a wonderful vacation and many memories were made!

Photo: Sunrise at Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah



North Rim of the Grand Canyon!



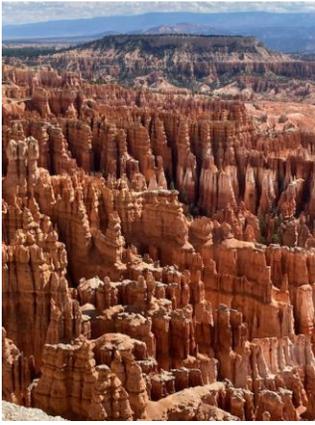
Boy was it HOT outside!



State Parks in Nevada and Utah: Red Rock Canyon and Coral Pink Sand Dunes.



Onto Bryce Canyon in Utah . . .



This is the day that the Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it!

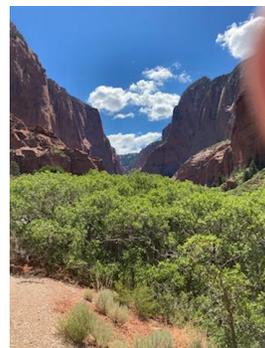
Sunrise over Bryce Canyon National Park



From a scenic 4-hour drive across Route 12, the All American Byway in Utah!



Cedar Breaks National Monument, near Cedar City, Utah



Our last canyon on the trip! Kolob Canyon, Utah



Last day of the trip in Las Vegas, Nevada! Visited dear friends.

Beautiful blue sky above!



Had breakfast at Dotty's Casino!



And went to the Hoover Dam!



Join us for Weekly Trivia
With Pip Adams!

This week's Questions

1. The term SPF is seen on all sunscreen bottles. What does it stand for?
2. Which President hosted the first BBQ at the White House?
3. What is the longest continuous beach in America?

Answers from Last Week. . .

1. What sound does a nut make when it sneezes? . . . **Cashew**
2. What Old English word did the word, "summer" come from? . . . **Sumor**
3. When did the first swimming school open in the United States? . . . **1827**

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

- **Sunday, August 15th** In-person and Facebook
- **Sunday, August 22nd** Facebook only
- **Sunday, August 29th** In-person and Facebook
- **Sunday, September 5th** Facebook only





NEW TIME! NEW HOSTS! JOIN US FOR THE MORNING WATCH PRAYERS!

Join Rev. Barbara and Peter Perich every Monday thru Thursday morning at 9:00 AM on [Facebook](#) for the Morning Watch!



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

The crafting workshops will continue for the next two Thursday mornings in August from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. (changing from 9:00 am to 9:30 to accommodate The Morning Watch!)

Come and see what is happening, socialize and help out even if you can only spend an hour or so, we would love to have you. If you think you are not real 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.

Has your attic, basement or garage been cleaned out lately? The Attic Treasures Shoppe is looking for interesting one of a kind type of items. Not yard sale items! We can not store Attic Treasures at this time, but start cleaning and collecting because the time is drop them off will be coming soon! If you are not sure about the items you find, just contact Peggy or Pam and they will help you decide (Peggy frannys1@aol.com and Pam blanclp@comcast.net).

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. We would also love to acquire some lace, lace curtains and doilies even if they are worn and tattered. 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.

The Jewelry Shoppe is looking for your old unwanted, hasn't been used in many years, 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.



Sending Cards to Members and Friends

Please send condolences to Carol Soucy for the recent loss of her very dear friend, Margaret.

Carol Soucy, 10 Pickering Street, Manchester, NH 03104

Please send messages of healing to Dan McKenney. Dan had hip replacement surgery on 8/5 and he is doing well.

Dan McKenney, 194 Tennyson Drive, Manchester, NH 03104

News and Events at First Congregational Church

Announcements by Rev. Barbara Papagian

This Week's Happenings

- Pip Adams will deliver the sermon titled "Then Sings My Soul" for in-person Worship at 10:00 am this Sunday, August 15, 2021. Cecile Adams be the Scripture Reader.
- The Reopening Task Force will meet by Zoom on Wednesday, August 18th at 6:00 pm.
- The "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook are every Monday thru Thursday at 9:00 am.
- The Holly Berry Fair Craft Prep Workshops continue every Thursday morning from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm in the dining room through the month of August. Just added! - two dates in September: 9/2 and 9/9!
- Next Sunday, August 22nd will be a virtual service on Facebook at 10:00 am.

Future and Ongoing Happenings

- **HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR PHOTO FOR THE PICTURE DIRECTORY?** *You will have the opportunity after worship on Sundays to have your picture taken in the parlor! . . .* 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.
- ***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

"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out."
Proverbs 18:15

IMPORTANT SAFETY PROTOCOL 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

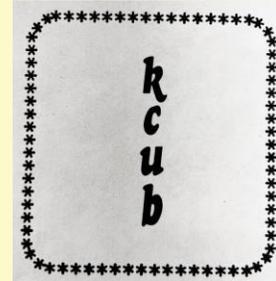
ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK BELOW!



Double Agent



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Buck up!

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Photo: From our first Sunday of in-person worship post pandemic, June 25th, 2021



