

Holly Berry Fair Craft Prep Workshops!

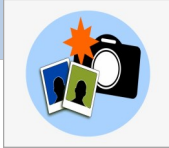
The crafting workshops will continue on Thursdays through September 9th 9:30-12.

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. 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.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED A PHOTO FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY?



The final deadline to submit your pictures for the Picture Book is Sunday, October 24th!

This will allow us time to print and assemble the book for distribution on Member Recognition Sunday,

November 7th. Please send your "selfie" to Lauren Henderson in the church office at: LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org. Pictures can be of individuals, couples, or families - it's up to you. Pam LeBlanc or Bill Jones will also be available on Sundays after the worship service to take your picture in the parlor. Your help in making this project a success is most appreciated!



Important Church Announcements:

• Bill Jones will be available after church in the parlor this morning following worship to take your photo for the picture directory!

- The All Church Picnic scheduled for Sunday, September 12th has been cancelled due to the rising Covid-19 cases in NH.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6th for the Labor Day Holiday.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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August 29, 2021 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, August 29th

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, August 30th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
6:30 PM Deacons' Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 31st

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 1st

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
9:00 AM FOOS to Prepare September Window
7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 2nd

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
9:30 AM Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshop

Friday, September 3rd

Church Office closes at Noon

Saturday, September 4th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 5th

10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, August 29th 10:00 AM

Ushers & Greeters: Sam Knowles, Ruth Knowles, Pip Adams, Cecile Adams

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Gordon Rankin Leads In-person Worship

Sunday, September 5th 10:00 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship on Facebook

Sunday, September 12th 10:00 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Carolyn Keilig Leads In-person Worship

Time with God's Children & Church School

Sunday, September 19th 10:00 AM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Carolyn Keilig Leads In-person Worship

Time with God's Children & Church School

Sunday, September 26th 10:00 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Carolyn Keilig Leads In-person Worship

Time with God's Children & Church School



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

- Sunday, August 29th — In-person and Facebook
- Sunday, September 5th — Facebook only

Start your day with the Morning Watch! Now at 9:00 AM



Morning Watch has started up again. It is being led by Rev. Barbara Papagian and Peter Perich. We welcome everyone Monday-Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. To join us just click on "Morning Watch" on the church Facebook page.

The book we are using is "A Guide to Prayer For All Who Seek God" by Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job. There is a bulletin each week posted on our church website that you can download. You do not need to have the book to join us in this 15-20 minute devotional and prayer time, but you may want it as supplies devotions for the entire week.

For those who participated in the Watch with Kevin, this book is different than the book he used. It is by the same authors and the same format, but has different scriptures and reflections. Join us whenever you can and start your day with prayer and reflection!

Cradle Roll Room is Open

During the summer, the cradle roll room will be open but not staffed with volunteers. The service is broadcasted through the speakers in the room.



On the counter you will see a container of disinfectant wipes. Please wipe down any large items that were used before leaving the room.



Families have recently been returning to our Food Pantry!

If you would like to help us keep it stocked for the hungry in our community by donating non perishable items, please call the office before you stop by! (625-5093)

Items we always need:

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



Friday Link Submissions Needed

We are looking for your help with the Friday Link Newsletter that is sent out to FCC Members and Friends by email every Friday morning. Do you have a poem, story, funny (appropriate) joke, bible passage, pictures or something you would share with the congregation? We would love to hear from you! Email Rev. Barbara at BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org. Thank you!



UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Mon. August 30th @ 6:30PM—Deacons' Board
- Weds. Sept. 1st @ 9AM—FOOS to prepare Church Window
- Weds. Sept. 1st @ 7PM—Outreach Zoom Meeting
- Tues. Sept. 7th @ 6:30PM—Membership Committee on Zoom

SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

First Church has had a wonderful history of supporting Special Olympics New Hampshire in the past, by volunteering as Coaches for the Young Athletes Program and helping out at Summer Games by running the Mini-javelin competition. If you have been involved in these events you know how rewarding it is. Your efforts to volunteer helps First Church advance the Special Olympics mission to change attitudes toward people with disabilities and to transform lives through the joy of sport, every day, everywhere.

Young Athletes Program (YAP)

The Manchester YAP will resume activities in mid-October on Tuesday evenings on the campus of SNHU. YAP is a weekly, one hour, sports play activity program for children ages 2 to 7, with and without disabilities. The program helps children develop physical, cognitive and social skills. We are in need of coaches to help run the weekly program. If you are interested, or want more details, please contact Bill Jones via email or cell phone.



Special Olympics - June 2022 USA Games – Orlando, FL Special Olympics New Hampshire will be sending a

delegation of 115 athletes to represent New Hampshire and compete at the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games next year. Athletes will be selected from competition held this fall. First Church will run the Mini-javelin competition at two locations as follows: Sunday Sept 19 – Claremont—Time TBD Tuesday Sept 21 – UNH Durham—Time TBD Tom Irving will be helping me coordinate these competitions. If you have helped out with this event in the past it would be great to have you onboard again as an experienced volunteer. First time volunteers will be trained. If you can make one or both of these dates, please contact Bill Jones via email or cell phone.

Wjones0615@comcast.net / 603-860-1236



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 your Condolences to Diane Brackett on the recent passing of her two sons-in-law.

Diane Brackett, 230 Whitehall Road, Hooksett, NH 03106



Religious Response to Hunger 2021

Temple Adath Yeshurun continues the tradition of leading the Manchester Religious Community in the annual fall "Religious Response to Hunger Food Drive" which supports Families in Transition - New Horizons Food Pantry.



Please bring your food donations directly to:

Temple Adath Yeshurun at 152 Prospect Street Manchester, NH 03104

Friday, September 17, 2021 between 10am - 12 Noon *OR DROP YOUR ITEMS AT FCC BY 9/16 SO THAT OUTREACH MAY DELIVER THEM*

2021 Religious Response High Need Food List:

Fruit juice – 64ounce bottles, Tuna- 66.5 ounce canned, Ground coffee, Healthy, individually wrapped snacks, Oatmeal – 42-ounce containers. Family sized: Salad dressings, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo squeeze bottles. Baking items (flour, sugar, etc.), Breakfast items (no cereal needed), Canned protein, Macaroni & cheese, Drinks, Dessert mixes, Crackers/ Cookies, Beans, Rice, Fruit cups, Applesauce cups & Granola bars