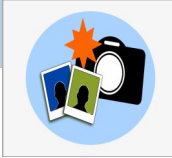


HAVE YOU SUBMITTED A PHOTO FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY?



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!



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS!

With the summer wrapping up and children returning to school, it's also time for Sunday School to start! After not holding in-person church school since March, 2020, we're happy to say we will have an in-person church school get-together on September 12th during church service! Come down to the rec room after the children's message, where we will enjoy snacks, games and crafts! We hope to see you there! If you haven't already, please fill out the church school registration link that was sent to families over the summer and that can be found on the FCC website or email Kelda: kyork@fccmanchesternh.org.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Senior Pastor—Rev. Carolyn Keilig **Clerk**—Karen Hawver
Moderator—Selma Naccach-Hoff
Treasurer—Jeffrey Frye
Ministry of Spirituality—Coordinator Jeanine Finefrock
 Jennifer Longval, Joan Currier, Becki Krueger
Ministry of Mission and Outreach—Coord. John Rowe
 Sue Clement, Kathy Rowe, Kate Parker
Ministry of Sustaining Our Church Home—Coordinator—Grant Dugan, Kathy Nelson, Neil Funke, Sue Curtis
At Large—Fred Simmons, Janie Shaklee, Martha Perich

Important Upcoming Membership Events!



New Member Orientation: After Worship on Sunday, Oct. 10th!
New Member Joining: Sunday, October 31st!

Women's Connection News



We hope everyone had a wonderful summer! It would be nice to get back to normal and have a great big kick off in September but to be realistic with the COVID numbers going up again, we have decided to keep it safe and do a Zoom Gathering. We will be playing the very popular BINGO game. The last couple of times we played everyone had a great time and we were asked if it could be played again! So get your BINGO cards and chips ready to win the handmade crown and bragging rights. **The date will**



be September 23rd at 6:30 PM.
 Email Denise Beurivage: beau.de@comcast.net or Pam LeBlanc: blanclp@comcast.net to get on the Zoom list and receive your card print out before that night! We would also like to have a quick business meeting before the game to discuss what activities all you ladies would like to see happen this year. It would be nice to do some activities in the church dining room and in other public places. If you have ideas but can't make the BINGO game night, please contact either of us to let us know what they are!

FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Senior Interim Pastor—Rev. Carolyn Keilig
Associate Pastor & Director of Parish Care — Rev. Barbara Papagian
Director of Music Ministry—Adam Peithmann
Church Administrator—Linda Bonetti
Front Office Assistant — Lauren Henderson
Children's Ministry Coordinator—Kelda York
Church Sexton—Sokhom Sar
Building Manager — Peter Perich
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September 12, 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, September 12th

Welcome Rev. Carolyn Keilig!

10:00 AM Worship Service, Blessing of the Books & Church School

*Following worship, have your photo taken in the parlor for the upcoming Photo Directory

Monday, September 13th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 9:00 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting
 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, September 14th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 2:00 PM Connecting the Congregation Meeting
 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 15th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Thursday, September 16th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:00 PM Reopening Task Force Meeting

Friday, September 17th

10:00 AM *Religious Response to Hunger Food Drop-off at Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester*

Saturday, September 18th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 19th

10:00 AM Worship Service & Baptism

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, September 12th 10:00 AM

Ushers & Greeters: Kathy Nelson, Anne Brown, Scott Thornton, Ethel Parker, Carolyn Lane

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Rev. Carolyn Keilig Leads In-person Worship
 Blessing of the Books**

Church School

Sunday, September 19th 10:00 AM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Baptism Service

Church School

Sunday, September 26th 10:00 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Quilts

Church School

Sunday, October 3rd 10:00 AM

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**World Communion Sunday—Communion Service
 Church School**

Please note:

All Sunday Worship Services will be in-person. Virtual service on Facebook will be suspended for now—updates to come.

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



Morning Watch is being led by Rev. Barbara Papagian and Peter Perich. We welcome everyone Monday - Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. To join, 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 it supplies devotions for the entire week.



2021 Annual Meeting of the NH Conference, UCC—Business Meeting & Keynote Address
Saturday, October 16th, 2021
9 AM—2:30 PM

Meeting is Zoom Webinar & YouTube Livestream.
 Visit: www.nhcucc.org (Conference Events)

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS



- **Mon, Sept. 13th 9AM Senior Fellowship Board**
- **Mon, Sept. 13th 6PM Stewardship Committee Meeting**
- **Tues, Sept. 13th 2PM Connecting the Congregation**
- **Tues, Sept. 14th 6PM Church Council Meeting**
- **Thurs, Sept 16th 6PM Reopening Task Force**
- **Mon, Sept. 20th 6:30PM Church Trustees'**
- **Sun, Sept. 26th 1PM ONA Committee on Zoom**
- **Tues, Sept. 28th 6:30PM Outreach on Zoom**
- **Wed, Sept. 29th (Time TBD) CYM Zoom Meeting**
 *CYM and Teachers' meetings will be determined by chairs.

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

Masks are strongly urged to protect everyone, following the CDC recommendations due to increased numbers.

Social distancing will be practiced in order to be able to sing.

If ramp access is needed, please ring the bell.

Offering box will be located in the Narthex and the 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.

Watch for updates on Church School. The Cradle Room is available but not staffed.

We look forward to seeing everyone, but urge you not to congregate inside the building at this time.

Families have recently been returning to our Food Pantry!

If you would like donate non perishable items, please call the office before you stop by!
 (625-5093)



Items we currently need: boxed milk, dry pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned meats, soup, peanut butter & canned pastas



CALLING ALL TECHIES!
Do you have some tech skills or think you might want to learn more?

We are setting up a tech group to meet and discuss possibilities for livestreaming and/or recording services. If you know how to run a video camera or are interested in learning, please get in touch with Karen Hawver at khawver@gmail.com.

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 messages of healing to Sokhom Sar. Sokhom had exploratory surgery for an on-going health issue on 9/10.



Sokhom Sar, 218 Frederick Street, #2, Manchester, NH 03102

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