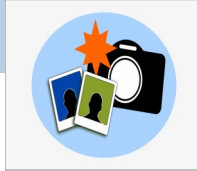


HAVE YOU SUBMITTED A PHOTO FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY?



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!



Yarn Donations Needed!

The Knitting Ministry is looking for yarn! Specific colors include: navy, brown, black, dark green, burgundy. Some bright colors (for accents) are welcome too.

Colors that are not needed at this time: white, off white and pale yellow.

This yarn is needed to make balaclavas and, hats and mittens! Please reach out to JoAnn Ward if you have some yarn to donate or if you have questions, or you may contact the church office. Thank you!

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

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 Beaurivage: beau.de@comcast.net or Pam LeBlanc: planclp@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!

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Please note that Monday, September 20th is the deadline for the October Church Window Newsletter!



Please submit articles and pictures to Lauren in the church office at LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com

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 19, 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 19th
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 *Following worship, have your photo taken in the parlor for the upcoming Photo Directory

Monday, September 20th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:30 PM Church Trustees’ Meeting

Tuesday, September 21st
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 22nd
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Thursday, September 23rd
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:30 PM Women’s Connection Zoom BINGO

Friday, September 24th
 9:30 PM Set up for Blessing of the Quilts

Saturday, September 25th
 No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, September 26th
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Blessing of the Quilts
 1:00 PM Open & Affirming Committee Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, September 19th 10:00 AM
Ushers & Greeters: Grant Dugan, Pam LeBlanc, Craig Finefrock, Donna Willey, Joan Currier
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 26th 10:00 AM
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Blessing of the Quilts
Stewardship Kick-off with Dan McKenney

Sunday, October 3rd 10:00 AM
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday—Communion Service
Stewardship Moment: Jennifer Plourde

Sunday, October 10th 10:00 AM
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Moment: Alyson McKay of Young Athletes program (YAP)
New Member Orientation following Worship
Memorial Service for Barbara Hebert at 2PM

Sunday, October 17th 10:00 AM
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism Service
Stewardship Moment

COVID SAFETY INFORMATION

These are our most recent guidelines for Worship Services. Please check back here and in the *Friday Link* to see latest updates!

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.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS



- **Mon, Sept. 20th 6:30PM Church Trustees' Meeting**
- **Sun, Sept. 26th 1PM ONA Committee on Zoom**
- **Tues, Sept. 28th 6:30PM Outreach Committee on Zoom**
- **Mon, Oct. 4th 9AM Senior Fellowship Board**
- **Mon, Oct. 4th 6:30PM Deacons' Board Meeting**
- **Tues, Oct. 5th 6:30PM Membership Meeting**
- **Sun, Oct. 10th New Member Orientation following Sunday Worship Service**
- **Mon, Oct. 11th 6PM Stewardship Committee**
- ***CYM and Teachers' meetings will be determined by chairs.**

Start your day with the Morning Watch on Facebook! Mon – Thurs 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. Our Facebook address is www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester.



The Open and Affirming Committee will meet on Zoom on Sunday, September 26th at 1PM and all are invited to join us!

Our agenda will include establishing goals and plans for the new church year. Please contact Carol Soucy for the Zoom link if you'd like to attend the meeting. (carolsoucy@comcast.net or 603-591-6387) Also, feel free to contact Carol or other committee members if you have questions or suggestions about Open and Affirming's plans for the new church year!



A MEAL TRAIN THANK YOU!

"THANK YOU" to all those who baked cookies. We were able to supply the choir and musicians with a symbol of gratefulness. We were overwhelmed with cookies so we will supply UpReach and Liberty House with homemade goodies in addition to our own goodie bags for the FCC Community. Now that cooler weather is upon us we will need soup, muffins, and small individual meals. Containers for soup and the meals are next the FCC freezer. Again - THANK YOU!

Important Upcoming Membership Events!



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

Elliot Hospital Book Drive at First Congregational Church "A book is a gift you can open again and again"



The Outreach Committee is happy to announce that during our Sunday service last week, 9/12, we presented over 200 books to the Elliot Hospital's Family/children Outreach Program. Kelli Rafferty from the Elliot Hospital was there to accept our gift. The Outreach Committee would like to thank all those who generously donated books. Through the Manchester Funds, the Committee was able to double the number of books donated. A special thank you to JoAnn and Bob Ward for creating the Manchester Fund. Over time, these funds have helped many in Manchester.



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.

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

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

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 the Family of Barbara Hebert. Barbara passed away on September 9th.

The Family of Barbara Hebert
69 Forest Drive, Bedford, NH 03110



Volunteer Opportunity! 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. Wjones0615@comcast.net / 603-860-1236

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, cereal, pasta sauce, canned meats & soup

