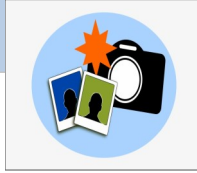


**HAVE YOU SUBMITTED A PHOTO FOR THE CHURCH DIRECTORY?**



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](mailto: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!\***

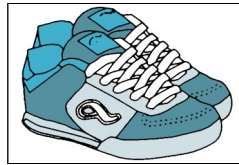
The Knitting Ministry is looking for yarn! Specific colors include: navy, brown, black, dark green, burgundy. Some bright colors (for accents) are welcome too. Colors that are not needed at this time: white, off white and pale yellow. This yarn is needed to make balaclavas and, hats and mittens! Please 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!

**SHOES & BOOTS FOR BAKERSVILLE SCHOOL!**

In past years we have provided boots and coats for kids at Hallsville. Bakersville has a source for coats but are in need of shoes (sneakers) and boots for many kids.



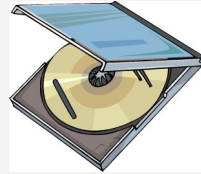
The Outreach Committee has already supplied some sneakers to give them a start, but we are again asking the congregation to participate. There is a signup sheet on the office window. We are asking for you to sign up for a specific size sneaker or boot so that



we can provide what is needed. FCC members are extremely generous and we thank you so much for providing so much for children in need.

**Audio Copies of Worship Services Available**

Now that church services are in-person every week, we will not be offering the pre-recorded services on Facebook. However, we are doing the cd recordings of the services like we did before the pandemic, so if you would like to receive the cd of the service, call me and we will deliver one to you every week or if you are unable to attend church on occasion we can make an audio cd for you!  
Rev. Barbara Papagian — (603-625-5093 x 23)



**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

**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  
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**September 26, 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 26th**

10:00 AM Worship Service, Blessing of the Quilts & Stewardship Kick-off  
1:00 PM Open & Affirming Committee Zoom Meeting

**Monday, September 27th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

**Tuesday, September 28th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM Outreach Committee Meeting on Zoom

**Wednesday, September 29th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
9:00 AM FOOS to prepare October Window  
7:00 PM Sabbath Bells in Sanctuary

**Thursday, September 30th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

**Friday, October 1st**

No Church Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, October 2nd**

No Church Activities Scheduled

**Sunday, October 3rd—World Communion Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship Service, Communion & Stewardship Moment

*Upcoming Worship*

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**Sunday, September 26th 10:00 AM**

**Ushers & Greeters:** Tom Irving, Peter Perich, Mark Sowa, Sue Clement, John & Joyce Moreau, Greg Whalen

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Blessing of the Quilts**

**Stewardship Kick-off with Dan McKenney**

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**Sunday, October 3rd 10:00 AM**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday—Communion Service**

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**Sunday, October 10th 10:00 AM**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship**  
**Stewardship Moment: Alyson McKay of Young Athletes program (YAP)**

**New Member Orientation following Worship**  
**Memorial Service for Barbara Hebert at 2PM**

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**Sunday, October 17th 10:00 AM**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Stewardship Moment: Jennifer Plourde**  
**Baptism Service**

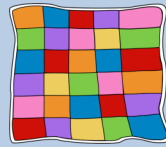
**\*COVID SAFETY INFORMATION\***

These are our most recent safety guidelines for Worship Services as of 9/16/2021.

*Being able to worship together again on Sunday mornings is not only spiritually fulfilling but paramount in being able to reconnect with one another and with God. In light of this, the Re-Opening committee will continue to meet and adjust our Covid protocols. In concurrence with the Church Council and the Deacons, we believe that our established protocols will help ensure all our members and visitors will stay safe while worshipping with us and will allow us to continue to worship in-person each Sunday!*

*At the same time, we are aware that our church family includes children who are unable to be vaccinated, as well as those whose vaccination status is compromised because of health issues. Recognizing the increasing number of Covid cases in the Manchester area, including breakthrough cases of those who are vaccinated, we urge you to follow the protocols that have been established. Let's continue to gather safely every Sunday and find the strength and guidance from God that we all need during these uncertain times. - Thank you, The ReOpening Task Force -*

- \* Masks are strongly urged to protect everyone, following CDC recommendations.
- \* Social distancing indoors should be practiced. (Feel free to greet one another outdoors)
- \* If ramp access is needed, please ring the bell.
- \* Offerings may be left in the box located in the narthex and plates by the exit doors.
- \* Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available.
- \* People may seat themselves in open pews.
- \* 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.



**\*Blessing of the Quilts\***

Below please find the names of the quilters who worked on the quilts this year!

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| Peggy Neveu       | Leta Hyers    |
| Pam LeBlanc       | Pat McCarrick |
| Carolyn Wilson    | Karen Hawver  |
| Betsy Green       | Terri Pattee  |
| Jeanine Finefrock |               |
- Along with our quilter - Susan Gassman

The Morning Watch Prayers continue on Facebook Monday—Thurs. mornings at 9AM! Go to [www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester](http://www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester)

**2022 Stewardship Campaign  
Kick-off today, September 26th!**



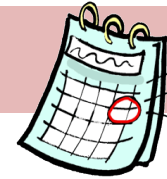
The Stewardship Committee has been hard at work developing an appropriate theme for 2022, getting the mailing sent out, and inviting the speakers for Stewardship Moments in October. Today is the official kick-off with Dan McKenney.

It's been a challenging 2021 in too many ways to count, but we hope that this year we will rally and be generous again in support of the First Congregational Church that we love.

This year we are striving for 100% response to the appeal letters, understanding that some "will do their best to contribute throughout the year" and not be in a position to pledge. Please acknowledge the receipt of the mailing by returning it by November 12th.

*- The Stewardship Committee -*

**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**



- 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
- Tues, Oct. 12th 6PM Church Council Meeting
- Mon, Oct. 18th 6:30PM Church Trustees' Meeting
- \*CYM and Teachers' meetings will be determined by chairs.

**Important Upcoming Membership Events!**



**New Member Orientation: After Worship on Sunday, Oct. 10th**

**New Member Joining: Sunday, October 31st**



**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 appreciation to Carolyn Wilson, for taking time to lead the charge on sewing our FCC lap quilts, which mean so much to so many.**

Carolyn Wilson, 3A Arabian Court, Goffstown, NH 03045  
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**Please send messages of healing to Bob Hall as he recovers from a recent surgery.**

Bob Hall, 309 Palm Ave, Wildwood, FL 34785

**Neighbors in Need Mission Offering  
Next Sunday, October 3rd**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. NIN grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. **Offering envelopes will be in pews or go directly to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) to make your donation online.**