

Women's Connection News!



Women's Connection invites you to come Apple Picking this afternoon, October 3rd at Mack's Apples after church!



Plan on bringing your own lunch with arrival time of 12:30pm to eat on Mack's picnic tables. (Rain date is October 17th). If you are planning on attending please let Denise

Beaurivage (beau.de@comcast.net) or Pam LeBlanc (blanclp@comcast.net) know through e-mail so more detailed information can be given.

Women's Connection is participating in a Holiday Card Challenge for Soldiers

However, this is open to anyone in the church if interested. Pick-up a package of Christmas cards that are in a box on the tables in the back of the church. There are directions inside the card package that can

also give you ideas what to write. Add a sentence or two inside, sign with just first name and put First Congregational Church Manchester if you like. Please follow the directions inside the package. Return the cards by October 17, 2021.



How many cards can we gather to send in?

Our Zoom BINGO evening on September 23rd was in memory of Barbara Hebert

She always joined in on past bingo games with lots of fun and laughter. We had nine ladies join in to share stories and play a special game in her memory. Multiple games were played and by the end of the evening, our big winner with bragging rights and a beautiful hand made crown is Terri Pattee!



WC is making a donation in Barbara's name to the Memory Garden. If anyone would like to contribute, a check can be sent to FCC and made out to FCC with "WC Barbara Hebert" in the memo.

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!



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October 3, 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, October 3rd—World Communion Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion
 12:30 PM Women's Connection Apple Picking at Mack's Apples in Londonderry (10/17 rain date)

Monday, October 4th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting
 6:30 PM Deacons' Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 5th

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

Wednesday, October 6th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 7:00 PM Nominating Committee on Zoom
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 7th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Friday, October 8th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, October 9th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, October 10th—Rev. Papagian Leads Worship

10:00 AM Worship Service & Stewardship Moment
 11:15 AM New Member Orientation in Parlor
 2:00 PM Memorial Service for Barbara Hebert

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, October 3rd 10:00 AM

Ushers & Greeters: Steve & Kathy Payne,
 Larry Dearborn, Bob Koehler, Joan Currier,
 Peggy Neveu, Donna Willey

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday—Communion Service
Neighbors in Need Mission Offering

Sunday, October 10th 10:00 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship
Stewardship Moment: Alison 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
Stewardship Moment: Jennifer Plourde
Baptism Service

2021 Annual Meeting of the NH Conference, UCC
Business Meeting & Keynote Address

Saturday, October 16th from 9 AM—2:30 PM
 Meeting is Zoom Webinar & YouTube Livestream.
 Visit: www.nhcucc.org (Conference Events)
 October 4th is the deadline to register.

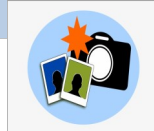
COVID SAFETY INFORMATION

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

- * Masks are strongly urged to protect every one, 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 in 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.

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!

Pledges & Donations

Thank you for continuing to mail in your pledges—it's ok to consolidate a month. You can also send via your own bank's Bill Pay, or go to Vanco via our website. Call Linda if you need help. 603-625-5093



Neighbors in Need Mission Offering 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. Neighbors in Need 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 to make your donation online.

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, and be sure to write your name and contact information beside the size shoe/boot item you'd like to purchase. FCC members are extremely generous and we thank you so much for providing so much for children in need!

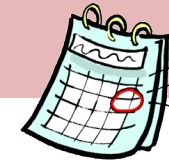
Please send *friendly hello* messages to Carol Forest.

Carol Forest
36 R English Village Road
#102
Manchester, NH 03102



UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Be sure to contact committee leaders for meeting location! (in-person or Zoom)



- Mon, Oct. 4th 10AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting
- Mon, Oct. 4th 6:30PM Deacons' Board Meeting
- Tues, Oct. 5th 6:30PM Membership Meeting
- Weds, Oct. 6th 7PM Nominating Committee
- Sun, Oct. 10th New Member Orientation following Sunday Worship Service
- Tues, Oct. 12th 2PM Connecting the Congregation Meeting on Zoom
- Tues, Oct. 12th 6PM Church Council Meeting
- Mon, Oct. 18th 6:30PM Church Trustees'
- Thurs, Oct. 21st 6PM Reopening Task Force
- Sun, Oct. 24th 1PM ONA Committee Meeting
- Tues, Oct. 26th 6:30PM Outreach Committee



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.

Audio Copies of Worship Services Available

We are doing 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 x23)



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

Upcoming Membership Events!

- New Member Orientation: Sunday, October 10th**
- New Member Joining Sunday: October 31st**
- Member Recognition Sunday: November 7th**

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION INVITATION!

The Membership Team is inviting all new people who have been attending our virtual and in-person Church Services, Musical Offerings, Morning Watch and other events to join us for our first orientation of the new church season. We hope that you have enjoyed your worship experience with us during the pandemic time.



The orientation will take place next Sunday (10/10) in the parlor for about an hour following the worship service. The parlor is located across the hall from the main sanctuary. We will serve light refreshments, and we hope that this opportunity to get to meet you will be fun and allow you to get to know us a little better too. You will have a chance to meet the members of the Membership Team and our new Interim Minister Rev. Carolyn Keilig. At this orientation, we will introduce you to events happening at our church, how you can become involved in the life of the church, and discuss how you can become a member of our church if you are interested in doing so. You will have a chance to ask questions and get acquainted with the ministries at First Congregational Church.