



**October 2021**



*Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10 (NRSV)

My children and I love to swim, and when my children were very little, I was able to observe the different ways each of them became adjusted to the water. My oldest, Pamela, was the one who just jumped in. She was the first one to get wet, no matter how cold the water was. My youngest, Susanna, was just a bit more cautious, but she would always dive right in pretty quick.

It was my son, Robby, who always was the one to test the water. As a small child, he would make his determination on how wet he would get depending on the temperature of the water and the air. Some days he would go in up to his ankles or his knees and then come out of the water any number of times. He was cautious and he wasn't about to submit to full immersion until he was ready to commit to it.

We all "test the waters" in different aspects of our lives. Maybe we are thinking about making a major life change, such as a leaving a job or moving. We "test the waters" by praying and carefully discerning various aspects of the decision, by seeking out the opinions of family members or friends, and by moving cautiously. We aren't ready to fully commit to a major decision without examining every aspect of it.

We also know that no two decisions are the same; nor are the factors that determine the outcome. What might be a difficult

choice for someone, involving many variables and considerations, may be for another a simple choice without any complications. Because no two people are alike, and all live with different circumstances, the challenges that come our way, and test our faithfulness, may elicit very different responses from each of us.

While there might always be an aspect of fearfulness in the committing to a major decision, one truth remains unchanged: God is with us through the thick and thin of life. When we trust in God, we have the guidance and strength we need as we go through the many and varied seasons of our lives.

Blessings,  
Carolyn

**October 3rd is World Communion Sunday**

Communion will be offered during Worship Service.



**Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.**



**Upcoming Church Membership Events!**

- ⇒ New Member Orientation: Sunday, October 10th (following the Worship Service in the parlor)
- ⇒ New Member Joining Sunday: October 31st
- ⇒ Member Recognition Sunday: November 7th

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



This is a Zoom Webinar and Youtube Livestream Event. Visit [www.nhcucc.org](http://www.nhcucc.org) (Conference website) to register by Monday, October 4th.

# Senior Moments

## With Rev. Barbara Papagian

*"You've got to accentuate the positive  
Eliminate the negative  
Latch on to the affirmative  
Don't mess with Mister in Between"*

Those are lyrics from a very old song that I thought of when I was preparing to write this article. I wanted to write a positive and happy article. We see and read enough of the negative. I want you all to think of all the positives in your life right now.

Here are mine:

I have two sons who both have good jobs and help me and care about me.

I have my best friend, Larry, who makes me laugh a lot.

I have my sister and brother-in-law whom I can turn to when I need advice.

I have a home and plenty of food.

I have the most wonderful church family who are supportive of me and who go above and beyond in their caring for and helping those in need.

Most importantly I have God and His son Jesus Christ who are with me 24/7. They are with me through my positives and negatives, and all I have to do is love them with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my strength and my neighbor as myself.

What are your positives? Accentuate them. Embrace them. There will always be negatives, but don't dwell on those. Solve them and get back to positives.

Rev. Barbara Papagian

### Upcoming Committee Meetings

Please contact committee leaders to confirm location of meeting (Zoom or in-person).

- **Mon, Oct. 4th 10AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting**
  - **Mon, Oct. 4th 6:30PM Deacons' Meeting**
  - **Tues, Oct. 5th 6:30PM Membership Committee Meeting**
  - **Wed, Oct. 6th 7PM Nominating Committee on Zoom**
  - **Tues, Oct. 12th 6PM Church Council Meeting**
  - **Tues, Oct. 12th 2PM Connecting the Congregation**
  - **Mon, Oct. 18th 6:30PM Church Trustees' Meeting**
  - **Thurs, Oct. 21st 6PM ReOpening Task Force**
  - **Tues, Oct. 26th 6:30PM Outreach Committee Meeting**
- \* Chancel Choir & Bells at 7pm alternating Wednesdays \*

### FCC 2021 Picture Book Deadline—Oct. 24th!

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

### Upcoming Worship

**Sunday, October 3rd 10:00 AM**  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday—Communion Service  
Neighbors in Need Mission Offering  
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**Sunday, October 10th 10:00 AM**  
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship  
New Member Orientation following Worship Service  
Stewardship Moment: Alyson McKay, Young Athletes  
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  
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**Sunday, October 24th 10:00 AM**  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
Stewardship Moment: Bakersville School  
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**Sunday, October 31st 10:00 AM**  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
New Member Joining Sunday  
Stewardship Moment: Elizabeth Blood

### \*FCC Yarn crafting\*



For veteran FCC yarn crafters, it's time to start to gather together the projects we've been working on for this year's donations and the Holly Berry Fair. Please either drop them off at the church office or bring them by my home. For everyone else, this fall our church will give away Thanksgiving holiday baskets with hat and mitten sets for each child in the family. Most of the families have children in elementary school, plus their brothers and sisters. For the Angel Tree, we include a hat and mitten set for each child and a hat for each adult. These hat and mittens sets match the age and gender of each child. If you have donated your handiwork in the past, the children and their parents are very grateful. If you have not as yet, I am asking you to make and donate one set for an elementary age child. If making either a hat or a pair of mittens only is your preference, please include some of the yarn, so other people can finish the set with coordinating colors. I also have yarn and patterns to help you with this ministry to the people of our city. AND, we are knitting for the Fair as well. **Please note, yarn donations would be especially welcome at this time!** —May we all stay safe, JoAnn Ward—

Sunday, November 7th. Please send your "selfie" to Lauren 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!



## News from FCC Outreach

October 2021

### Religious Response to Hunger Food Drive 2021

Thank you to all who donated to this annual food drive!

On Friday, Sept. 17th, John Rowe, Sue Clement and Justin May loaded their cars with our donations and delivered them to Temple Adath Yeshurun in Manchester!



### Outreach Update about Christmas in July at Helping Hands!

I delivered 28 handmade Christmas cards each with \$25 Walmart gift cards to Helping Hands on Tuesday, July 27th. Fran, our liaison, read my explanatory note and handed out the gift cards at their weekly meeting on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to active virus concerns, it seemed premature to hold our usual hour-long get-together with Christmas carols, refreshments and conversation. A much appreciated thank you card signed by all the residents was received soon thereafter. —JoAnn Ward



### 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 sign up 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.



### Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook Monday thru Thursday mornings at 9AM



Morning Watch on Facebook is being led by Rev. Barbara and Peter Perich. We welcome everyone Monday-Thursday mornings at 9am. To join us click on Morning Watch on the FCC Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester](http://www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester)

### \*COVID SAFETY INFORMATION\*

These are our most recent 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.*

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- \* 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 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.

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- Thank you, The ReOpening Task Force, 9/16/21 -



Send Rev. Barbara your Prayer Requests each week to be included in the Sunday Worship Service.  
[BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org)



## News from the HOME Team! *Hands on Mission for Everyone*

In 2005 Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans and the surrounding areas, a group of volunteers from FCC felt called to help "Hands On"! The group raised funds to support our trip and in 2006 that mission effort took place. For those of us who made that trip, either that year, or the following ones, it was a life changing experience.

Each year we were hosted by a different church in the New Orleans area, enjoyed Southern Hospitality, wonderful pot luck welcome dinners, attended church services together, and listened to their own stories of Katrina.



A number of those volunteers wished to continue with our Hands on Mission, and we did so with various volunteer activities closer to home. The unused funds that were donated from this congregation, and personal family and friends, became H.O.M.E funds, which are used for the work we continue today.

One of our host churches, Little Farms UCC, sustained substantial damage to their sanctuary and education buildings during the recent Hurricane Ida. Their building is currently unusable. We have made a donation from the H.O.M.E funds in the amount of \$300, and have sent a personal note on behalf of our church family. Please keep them in your prayers as they replace their roof and repair the water damage.

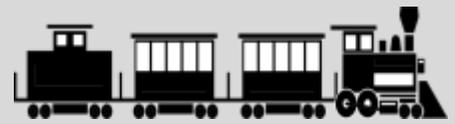
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To celebrate our H.O.M.E. volunteers over the last 16 years we have a new notice board (see photo above)! Linda Bonetti made a handmade heading, and the board is located opposite the parlor doors in the back hall. The board currently features some of the work that has been done during Covid by H.O.M.E. volunteers in the Hollows garden, and our own Memory Garden, UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center, and The Meal Train...

*CHECK US OUT!*



## Meal Train News!



We continue to keep in touch with notes and birthday cards to those who we are not seeing in person. Goodie bags with items such as iced tea, muffins, small meals, and a decorative bag of cookies were delivered early in the month. Soups and fresh farm items, as the weather started to feel more like fall, were provided for some elderly FCC friends.

24 cookie bags were made for choir and former virtual musicians! Peggy Neveu and Joan Currier packaged them in bags with music notes, as the picture shows. Thanks to the response from our wonderful FCC bakers, we had extra cookies which were delivered to the UpReach office ladies, and also to Liberty House.



If you have questions about the Meal Train, please contact:  
Liz at 603-494-6785...  
[liz-v@comcast.net](mailto:liz-v@comcast.net) or Peggy at 603-483-8388...  
[frannys1@aol.com](mailto:frannys1@aol.com)



## Women's Connection News—October 2021

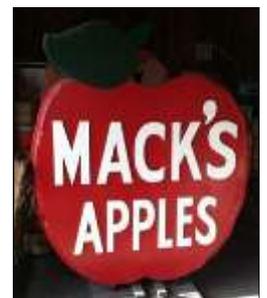


**Our Zoom BINGO evening on September 23rd was in memory of Barbara Hebert.** She always joined in on past bingo games with lots of fun and laughter. We had nine ladies join in to share stories and play a special game in her memory. Multiple games were played and by the end of the evening, our big winner with bragging rights and a beautiful hand made crown is Terri Pattee! Women's Connection 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. The ladies brainstormed some ideas of what to do for future get togethers...

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**We decided on Apple Picking October 3rd with a rain date of October 17th at Mack's Apples after church!**



Plan on bringing your own lunch with arrival time of 12:30 pm to eat on Mack's picnic tables. If you are planning on attending please let Denise Beaurivage ([beau.de@comcast.net](mailto:beau.de@comcast.net)) or Pam LeBlanc ([blancpl@comcast.net](mailto:blancpl@comcast.net)) know through e-mail so more detailed information can be given.

## First Church 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 on Sunday, October 10th, 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.

We encourage you to wear a mask and we will follow good social distancing practices.

In the event you are interested in learning more about our church and possible membership, but you are not comfortable attending the orientation in-person, we would ask you to please contact one of the following people to discuss your interest:

- Bill Jones, Co-chair Membership Team  
[wjones0615@comcast.net](mailto:wjones0615@comcast.net)
- Ellie Stetson, Co-chair Membership Team  
[ebstetson@aol.com](mailto:ebstetson@aol.com)
- Rev. Carolyn Keilig, Interim Minister  
[ckeilig@fccmanchesternh.org](mailto:ckeilig@fccmanchesternh.org)

### ***\*Are you interested in becoming a member at First Congregational Church?\****

**Church membership may mean different things to different people.**

**First Church has a lot to offer. You're invited to join our church!**

**We are a community of faith where...**

**We worship together**

**We pray together**

**We sing together**

**We work together**

**We serve others together**

**We learn together**

**We have fun together**

**We care for one another, the local community, people around us, and our worldwide community.**

#### ***There is something for everyone at First Congregational Church***

Nursery and Child Care

Children's Sermons

Community Outreach

Children's Choirs

Children & Sabbath Handbell Choirs

Study and Fellowship Groups

Senior Citizens Programs and Activities

Book Club & Book Exchange

Mission Projects

Church School Classes

Youth Ministry Groups

Adult Choirs

Service of Prayer & Healing

Women's Connection

Quilting for Baptisms, Knitting

Morning Bible study on Zoom

"First Church has been a welcome home for our growing family. Through life's craziness, we know we can lean on the support of the church community, and we especially love the children's programming for our little ones. We feel truly blessed to be members at First Church." - Lauren & Adam Peithmann

"I love First Church for all the wonderful, kind and caring people, the fabulous music and meaningful sermons. I grew up in this church and it never ceases to amaze me how uplifting it is to spend time with my church family. In these challenging times, surrounded by all the negative aspects of the world, it is my time at First Church that helps me "recharge" my spirit with faith and hope for the coming week!" - Sue Hannigen

**Orientation for people interested in membership is Sun., October 10th following worship in the Church parlor.**

**Our next Joining is Sunday, October 31, 2021 at our 10:00am service.**

**Contact: Ellie Stetson at [ebstetson@aol.com](mailto:ebstetson@aol.com), Bill Jones at [wjones0615@comcast.net](mailto:wjones0615@comcast.net) or The Church office 625-5093**



"We visited several churches after moving to Manchester. In our worship at First Church we were overwhelmed by the great preaching, the magnificent music and the very welcoming congregation. We feel truly blessed to have been led to membership at First Church." - Ross & Marion Palmes

"First Church is our church home because it has always been an inviting and welcoming place for me and my family. We have made great faith-based relationships and connections with all ages throughout the church through our involvement with different committees, events and programs such as Sunday School, Choir, Vacation Bible School, and the Women's' Connection group. First Church is where we found our extended family!" - Jennifer Longval



## Open and Affirming Committee News — October 2021

**“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3: 22-23**

The ongoing challenges of living with Covid-19 have impacted all of us in so many ways. Members of the Open and Affirming Committee encourage members of our congregation to register for the upcoming NHCUCC Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 16, on Zoom. The conference theme, “Building Beloved Community” aligns with the promises expressed in our FCC Open and Affirming Covenant. Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund serves on the national UCC staff and is the Minister of Disabilities and Mental Health Justice.

The conference summary states, “She will share tools that facilitate bringing about justice and transformation through faithful, loving relationships that build beloved community.” We look forward to hearing her messages of hope and the role of faith in rebuilding connections and promoting healing and understanding. There is a registration link included in the NHCUCC Weekly News, [www.NHCUCC.org](http://www.NHCUCC.org).

The committee met in September to review ongoing efforts and establish goals and plans for the new church year. Look for updates in the FCC Friday Link. Our group anticipates continuing with Zoom meetings during the fall months. Please contact Carol Soucy for the Zoom link if you'd like to attend the meeting. ([carolsoucy@comcast.net](mailto: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. The October meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 24th at 1:00 pm on Zoom.

### Open and Affirming Committee

Elizabeth Blood, Jeanine Finebrock, Jeffrey Frye, Karen Hawver, John and Kathy Rowe, and Carol Soucy, Chair



### Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering 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. 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. Envelopes are in pews or you can go directly to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) to make your donation online.

**Families have recently been returning to our Food Pantry!...** If you would like to help us keep it stocked please call the office before you stop by! (625-5093)

**Non Perishable Items We 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, mac & cheese, crackers, canned meats: tuna, ham, or chicken, breakfast bars & oatmeal



### Need a Ride to Church? Willing to Drive?

***If you are not able to drive to church on Sunday mornings, we have something new just for you!***

The Outreach Committee and the Membership Team are starting a new endeavor that they are very excited about. The joint committees are preparing to match people who need rides with those who are willing to give rides to Sunday morning worship services. Riders and drivers will need to establish any Covid-19 safety and proper distancing expectations. If you would like to attend church and need a ride, please

call Carolyn Lane or Marsha Neubert. They will set you up with a volunteer driver. The plan would be that once the relationships have been established, riders and drivers would communicate with each other directly to ensure the need for a ride and the availability of the driver. Please contact Marsha and Carolyn in advance so they have time to make the arrangements. For any last minute and unexpected needs for a ride, please call them by Wednesday or Thursday of a given week. Drivers will be needed in order for this new initiative to work effectively. Please call Carolyn or Marsha at their respective phone numbers to offer your assistance.

Thank you Carolyn and Marsha for your coordination of this meaningful service for our congregation!

- Carolyn Lane, Outreach Committee 603-232-1021
- Marsha Neubert, Membership Team 603-669-2502

## THIS MONTH AT FCC

ACTIVITIES, DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE REFER TO THE PRINTED CALENDARS BY THE OFFICE OR GO TO  
WWW.FCCMANCHESTERNH.ORG

### OCTOBER

**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

12:30 PM Women's Connection Lunch & Apple Picking at Mack's

**Monday, October 4th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

10:00 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting

6:30 PM Deacons' 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 Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

7:00 PM Nominating Committee on Zoom

**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**

10:00 AM Worship Service & Stewardship Moment

11:15 AM New Member Orientation

2:00 PM Memorial Service for Barbara Hebert

**Monday, October 11th** Office Closed for Columbus Day

**Tuesday, October 12th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

2:00 PM Connecting the Congregational Meeting

6:00 PM Church Council

**Wednesday, October 13th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

**Thursday, October 14th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

**Friday, October 15th** No Church Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, October 16th**

9:00 AM NHCUC Annual Meeting—Virtual (pre-register)

**Sunday, October 17th**

10:00 AM Worship Service & Baptism (tentative)

**Monday, October 18th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

6:30 PM Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, October 19th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, October 20th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

**Thursday, October 21st**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

6:00 PM ReOpening Task Force Zoom

**Friday, October 22nd** No Church Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, October 23rd** No Church Activities Scheduled

**Sunday, October 24th**

10:00 AM Worship Service & Stewardship Moment

1:00PM Open & Affirming Committee on Zoom

\*Picture Submission for Photo Directory Deadline\*

**Monday, October 25th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

**Tuesday, October 26th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, October 27th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

9:00 AM FOOS Prepare the Window

**Thursday, October 28th**

9:00 AM "Morning Watch Prayers" on Facebook

**Friday, October 29th** No Church Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, October 30th** No Church Activities Scheduled

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

10:00 AM Worship Service & Stewardship Moment

### Holly Berry Fair News—October 2021



This announcement is to let everyone know that the all-church Fair has been postponed once again in order to keep everyone healthy and safe. We hope everyone understands and will continue to help out next year (2022). Watch the Friday Link for other developments. You know what they say..."The third time is a charm!"

To all Holly Berry Fair Organizers and Crafters,

Peggy and I have some news that most of you probably have already figured out that we have cancelled the fair for this November 20th, 2021. The Reopening Committee meet on Thursday evening and discussed the fair possibilities. With the Covid numbers going up, not letting the congregation have fellowship after church and having to wear masks was part of the discussion.

The committee wanted to wait and talk with us and were not going to give us an answer until the end of the month. We are already past our own timeline to get publicity out, posters made, and touch base with all of you wonderful people who have been with us for two years now trying to get this fair off the ground. We could not wait until the end of the month so we made the decision for the committee.

We want to let you know how much we appreciate all of you offering to be a major part of this fair. Without all of you we couldn't do it and we hope that all of you will be able to participate next year. We will be discussing a date for the 2022 fair at a later date. But we will have this fair one way or another. Stay safe and healthy.—Hugs and Blessings, Peggy & Pam

**Update: We met with Reopening Committee on 9/23. We're now going to sell our crafts after Worship on 12/5! More details coming! There will be a "preview" set up on 11/14!!!**



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Please Deliver Immediately!*

Rev. Carolyn Keilig  
*Interim Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Barbara Papagian  
*Associate Pastor*

**The October 2021  
Church Window**  
Our monthly newsletter  
(603) 625-5093 (with voice mail)  
(603) 622-1511  
[www.fccmanchesternh.org](http://www.fccmanchesternh.org)

Worship will  
continue at 10AM  
on Sundays  
throughout 2021.



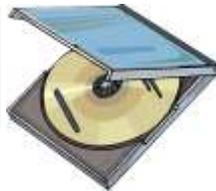
### **2022 Stewardship Campaign!**



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. 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*

### **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 x23)



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