

**Women's Connection News!**



**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 next Sunday, October 17th, 2021. *Let's see how many cards we can gather to send in!*

**Help us keep the FCC Food Pantry stocked for the hungry in our community**

**Items we always need:**



- boxed milk
- peanut butter
- dry pasta
- pasta sauce
- canned pasta
- canned vegetables
- soup
- cereal bars
- cereal
- pudding cups
- fruit cups /canned fruit
- crackers
- mac & cheese
- canned meats: tuna, ham, or chicken
- Hormel Meals

**We welcome today's Stewardship Moment Guest, Alison McKay, to speak about the Young Athletes program**

Alison McKay is the parent of an 8 year old boy, Jack McKay, who has greatly benefitted from the Special Olympics Young Athletes Program, that many of you have volunteered your time to make possible. Alison is primarily from New Hampshire and lives in Londonderry with Jack, her daughter Nora, and her husband Jesse. She used to work full time as a Laboratory Technologist, but now spends her time caring for her children. Jack attends school part time and when he's not in school he is at various therapies. So, she makes sure he gets to them! Her family is on schedule to get a dog at the end of this winter. That is something they are all looking forward to!

**\*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 10, 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 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

**Monday, October 11th**

Church Office Closed for Columbus Day Holiday

**Tuesday, October 12th**

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, October 13th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
 7:00 PM Sabbath Bells

**Thursday, October 14th**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

**Friday, October 15th**

No Church Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, October 16th**

9:00 AM Annual Meeting of the NHCUC—(Virtual)

**Sunday, October 17th**

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sacrament of Baptism & Stewardship Moment

*Upcoming Worship*

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

**Ushers & Greeters:** Kathy Nelson, Ann Brown,  
 Scott Thornton, Carolyn Lane  
**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**

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

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

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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**

**Reformation Sunday**  
**Stewardship Moment: Elizabeth Blood**  
**New Member Joining**

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**Sunday, November 7th 10:00 AM**

**All Saints Sunday**  
**Member Recognition**

**\*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.

**Submit your picture for our new photo 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!

**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



**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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



- 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

**Interfaith Women of New Hampshire Event!**

"Faith Inspired Stories: teaching tolerance, overcoming prejudice, acting from faith" on Zoom! Monday, November 15th at 6:45 pm (with check-in beginning at 6:30 pm)



Please REGISTER via email at [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com)  
Call 603-233-7760 if you have questions and/or visit [interfaithwomennh.org](http://interfaithwomennh.org) for more information!

**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 are signup sheets on the office window—one for boots and one for sneakers.** We are asking for you to sign up for a specific UNISEX size sneaker and/or boot so that we can provide what is needed, and be sure to write your name/contact information. **Although donations can be used anytime you bring them in, we ask that you try to donate by October 31st.** FCC members are extremely generous and we thank you so much for providing so much for children in need!

Please send \*thinking of you\* cards to Gen Merrill.

Genevieve Merrill  
C/O Pam Smith  
12 Edgemont Street  
Concord, NH 03301



**\*Upcoming Membership Events!\***

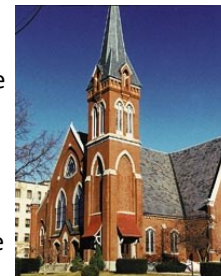


**New Member Orientation: today following worship!**  
**New Member Joining Sunday: October 31st**  
**Member Recognition Sunday: November 7th**

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION INVITATION!**

**YOU'RE INVITED**

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 this morning in the parlor for about an hour following the worship service.**

The parlor is located across the hall from the main sanctuary. 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.



**Prayer Requests**

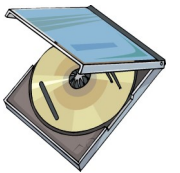
**Prayer Requests**

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

**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)



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



**The deadline to submit articles for the November Church Window Newsletter is Friday, October 15th. Please email your submissions to Lauren in the front office at [LHenderson@yahoo.com](mailto:LHenderson@yahoo.com)**

**Rev. Carolyn Keilig and Rev. Barbara Papagian World Communion Sunday, October 3rd, 2021**

