

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 today, 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

Welcome Jennifer Plourde for our Stewardship Moment this morning!

Jennifer Plourde is a lifetime member of First Congregational Church. She was baptized, confirmed, and married in the church. She has been an active participant in Sunday school, youth fellowship, choir, and several committees. She is now raising her two sons in the church.

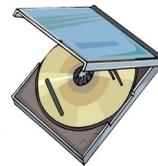
YARN DONATIONS NEEDED

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 to donate or contact the church office. Thank you!



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! Thank you—Rev. Barbara Papagian 603-625-5093 x23



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October 17, 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 17th**
 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sacrament of Baptism & Stewardship Moment
- Monday, October 18th**
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:30 PM Church 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
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Thursday, October 21st**
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:00 PM Reopening Task Force Meeting
- Friday, October 22nd**
 No Church Activities Scheduled
- Saturday, October 23rd**
 No Church Activities Scheduled
- Sunday, October 24th**
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Stewardship Moment
 1:00 PM Open & Affirming Committee Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Worship

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- Sunday, October 17th 10:00 AM**
Ushers & Greeters: Grant Dugan, Pam LeBlanc,
 Donna Willey
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Moment: Jennifer Plourde
Sacrament of Baptism
- *****
- 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
- *****
- Sunday, November 7th 10:00 AM**
All Saints Sunday
Member Recognition
- *****
- Sunday, November 14th 10:00 AM**
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Open & Affirming Vote Anniversary

COVID SAFETY INFORMATION

These are our most recent safety guidelines for Worship Services

- * 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. 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!

Save the Date: November 14th, 2021!



The Worship Service on Sunday, November 14th will include selected worship elements and music in observance of the FCC Open & Affirming Vote Anniversary.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- **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**
- **Mon, Nov. 1st 10AM Senior Fellowship Board**
- **Mon, Nov. 1st 6PM Deacons' Board Meeting**
- **Tues, Nov. 2nd 6:30PM Membership Meeting**
- **Mon, Nov. 8th 6PM Stewardship Meeting**

Interfaith Women of New Hampshire invites you to a special program via Zoom, 'FAITH INSPIRED STORIES: teaching tolerance, overcoming prejudice, acting from faith', on Monday, November 15th, 2021 at 6:45 pm.

This program offers a continuation from IWNH's March program, 'Let's Talk: Faith and Race', sharing our thoughts, concerns and response to each other as people of faith.

'FAITH INSPIRED STORIES' provides stories from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths of respect for the humanity of all peoples, making choices related to tolerance issues, taking action to better people's lives regardless of race, religion or nationality. We invite you to view these thoughtful, faith-based presentations, and stay with us for Zoom "break out room" discussions facilitated by the IWNH Leadership Team to share your related thoughts and lived experience regarding the matter of faith and race.

Email interfaithwomennh@gmail.com to register. Once registered you will receive a Zoom meeting invitation. Check-in on 11/15/21 begins at 6:30pm, program begins promptly at 6:45pm. For questions, 603-233-7760 or visit our website: interfaithwomennh.org to learn more about us.



Please send your condolences to Carmen Rivera, C/O Barbara DelloRusso of the English for New Americans Program.

Carmen's sister Nilda passed away on October 11th. Carmen has worked for the ENA Program housed at FCC for many years and is loved dearly by staff and students. Barbara DelloRusso (ENA Program Director) will be collecting cards/monetary gifts to help with the arrangements.

Carmen Rivera, C/O Barbara DelloRusso, English for New Americans Program, 508 Union Street, Manchester, NH 03104



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

SHOES & BOOTS FOR BAKERSVILLE SCHOOL!



In past years we have provided boots and coats for kids at Hallsville.

Bakersville School 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 size UNISEX sneaker and/or boot so that we can

provide what is needed, and be sure to write your name and contact information. First Congregational Church members are extremely generous and we thank you so much for providing so much for children in need!



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



You're Invited to an Online Trivia Night Hosted by the Wesley's Way Foundation! Thursday, October 28th at 7PM



Go to their website at www.wesleyswayfoundation.org to register!



Upcoming Membership Events!

New Member Joining Sunday October 31st

Member Recognition Sunday November 7th

Join us as we celebrate our newest Members on Sunday, October 31st during the Worship Service. Then on Sunday, November 7th, there will be a celebratory recognition of those with milestone years and also, recognition of the Church membership of our entire congregation!