

**Women's Connection News!**



**College Cookie Mailing 2021!**

Women's Connection would like to continue the old tradition of a College Cookie Mailing on December 4th in the church parlor at 9:00 am. Because of Covid we will not do the swap but we want to let the college students know that we are thinking of them and care about them. Masks will be required. To anyone who would like to bake cookies and or package cookies on December 4th, your baking skills are welcome. We will also need snack donations to fill the boxes. Just e-mail Pam LeBlanc (blanclp@comcast.net) or Denise Beurivage (beau.de@comcast.net) to let us know your plan. At least three dozen cookies will be needed and delivered to the church office by noon on December 3rd unless you have signed up to help package. **Attention College Student Parents!** .... If you are a lucky parent of a college/grad student and they are taking their college exams... how about treating them to some homemade cookies? We know things are different from the past but we want to continue one of our church's oldest traditions. Please e-mail or call the church office by Wednesday, December 1st with their name, home address or school address.



**Please welcome Elizabeth Blood who will be our speaker for the Stewardship Moment for Mission this morning.**

Elizabeth Blood has been attending First Congregational Church since September 2020 and is grateful for the opportunity to have become involved in the Music and ONA Ministries. A Manchester native, she returned to the Queen City in 2008 after having lived in IL, FL, and GA. She serves on the music faculties of St. Anselm College, the Manchester Community Music School, and the University of NH. She lives in Manchester with her husband.

**FCC Member Recognition Sunday, November 7th at 10AM**

At next Sunday's service there will be a celebratory recognition of those with milestone years and also, recognition of the Church membership of our entire congregation!



**FCC Yarn Crafters**

Please drop off your finished yarn projects at the office or my home as we get ready to distribute them in time for the cold weather. Knitting is good for you, the knitters, so keep on knitting! Also, yarn donations would be especially welcome at this time. May we all stay safe—JoAnn Ward



**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  
**Church Sexton**—Sokhom Sar  
**Building Manager** — Peter Perich  
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**October 31, 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 31st—New Member Joining**  
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Stewardship Moment

**Monday, November 1st**  
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
 10:00 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting  
 6:00 PM Deacons' Zoom Meeting

**Tuesday, November 2nd**  
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
 6:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, November 3rd**  
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday, November 4th**  
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
 11:00 AM Funeral Service for Genevieve Merrill

**Friday, November 5th**  
 No Church Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, November 6th**  
 No Church Activities Scheduled

**Sunday, November 7th—Member Recognition**  
 10:00 AM Worship Service

*Upcoming Worship*

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**Sunday, October 31st 10:00 AM**  
**Ushers & Greeters:** Sam & Ruth Knowles, Pip & Cecile Adams  
**Reformation Sunday**  
**Stewardship Moment: Elizabeth Blood**  
**New Member Joining**

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**Sunday, November 7th 10:00 AM**  
**All Saints Sunday**  
**Member Recognition**

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**Sunday, November 14th 10:00 AM**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship**  
**Open & Affirming Vote Anniversary**

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**Sunday, November 21st 10:00 AM**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**Stewardship Campaign Wrap-up**

 **Today is New Member Joining Sunday**

**We welcome and celebrate the newest members of our congregation!**

**\*COVID SAFETY INFORMATION\***

These are our most recent safety guidelines for Worship Services as of 10/21/2021.

- \* 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—please do not sit in the pews with an “X”.
- \* 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.
- \* If you are diagnosed with Covid and had recently visited FCC, please notify a Pastor and see CDC guidelines. (<https://www.health.nd.gov>)

**REMINDER! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH!**



Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 6th, before bedtime!

**Save the Date: November 14th**



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

**Pledges & Donations**

Thank you for mailing in your pledges. The 2022 deadline to mail Pledge Forms is Friday, November 12th. 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)*

- 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
- Tues, Nov. 9th 2PM Connecting the Congregation Zoom Meeting
- Tues, Nov. 9th 6PM Church Council Meeting
- Mon, Nov. 15th 6:30PM Church Trustees’

**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](mailto: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, call 603-233-7760 or visit our web-site: [interfaithwomennh.org](http://interfaithwomennh.org) to learn more about us.

Please send messages of \*comfort and healing\* to Joan Currier as she undergoes her cancer treatments.



Joan Currier  
2 Sandy Pond Parkway  
Bedford, NH 03110

**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 size UNISEX sneaker and/or boot so that we can provide what is needed, and be sure to write your name and contact information. FCC members are extremely generous and we thank you so much for providing so much for children in need!

**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



**Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in observance of the Veteran’s Day Holiday**

**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

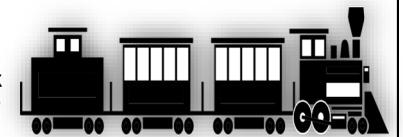
**A SPECIAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR ANNOUNCEMENT!**



*Do you have Sunday, December 5th on your calendar?*

That is the date of the after worship sale of Holly Berry handcrafted items. So please mark your calendars to attend worship and afterwards see what your friends at FCC have made. See you there!  
—Pam and Peggy, Fair Coordinators

**At this time The Meal Train is looking to restock our supplies, so if you would like to**



**provide a small meal (we often deliver to those who live alone) a soup, muffins, small breads, and of course cookies (everyone’s favorite), we will be very grateful!** Everything for the Meal Train is stored in the downstairs freezer. If you would label it “Meal Train” and write the contents, that would be very helpful. *For example, mark your container with “pumpkin muffins”.* Thank you!

If you are making soups and need the containers we use (this helps with sizing uniformity and follows sanitary guidelines), please contact Liz at 603-623-7461 or by email at [liz-v@comcast.net](mailto:liz-v@comcast.net).