

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 Beaurivage (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.

FCC PICTURE DIRECTORY UPDATE!

As everyone knows, The Membership Team has been working on a new photo directory. Thank you to everyone who has contributed a picture! We recognize that we need to move into the future and take advantage of the technology that is available to us. Other churches are using an online format and we have selected software called *Instant Church Directory*. When the online directory is ready for people to view and use in a safe and secure way, it will require a password. Lauren will be able to assist with directions for each of us to access our very own directory and set up a password. Printed directories will still be available in the church office upon request.

If you would like to learn more about the software, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com. After you explore, email Lauren (LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org) and give her your thoughts and she'll pass them along to the Team. Take a few minutes out of your busy day to see how this works. It will be a safe and easy way to access our directory, and it will always be up-to-date!



It's that time of year to start thinking of ordering Poinsettias as a memorial or in honor of someone special!

The poinsettia plants cost \$17.00 each, in your choice of red or white. Please return/mail order form with payment to the church office no later than Sunday, December 5th. Forms can be found in the November Church Window or on the hallway table beside the food pantry.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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November 7, 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, November 7th—Member Recognition

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, November 8th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 2:00 PM Connecting the Congregation Zoom Meeting
 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 10th

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

Thursday, November 11th

Church Office Closed for Veteran's Day Holiday

Friday, November 12th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, November 13th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, November 14th

10:00 AM Worship Service & ONA Vote Anniversary

Upcoming Worship

Sunday, November 7th 10:00 AM

Ushers & Greeters: Steve and Kathy Payne,
 Larry Dearborn, Peggy Neveu
All Saints Sunday
Member Recognition

Moment for Mission: Angel Tree Stocking Project

Sunday, November 14th 10:00 AM

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship
Open & Affirming Vote Anniversary

Sunday, November 21st 10:00 AM

Thanksgiving Sunday
Stewardship Campaign Wrap-up

Sunday, November 28th 10:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of Communion



Today is Member Recognition Sunday!

There will be a celebratory recognition of those with milestone years and recognition of the Church membership of our entire 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 & see CDC guidelines. (<https://www.health.nd.gov>)

SAVE THE DATE: December 7th!

The Senior Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at the Manchester Country Club. Please watch for your invitation coming in the mail soon.



ONA Vote Anniversary Celebration on 11/14

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



★ Happy Veteran's Day! ★

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

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- 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
- Tues, Nov. 23rd 6:30PM Outreach Committee Meeting
- Please note: ONA Committee has rescheduled the Nov. meeting to Sun., Dec. 12th at 4pm on Zoom

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, call 603-233-7760 or visit our website: interfaithwomennh.org to learn more about us.



It's Angel Tree time, and this year the Outreach Committee has an exciting twist! We would like to distribute filled Christmas Stockings!



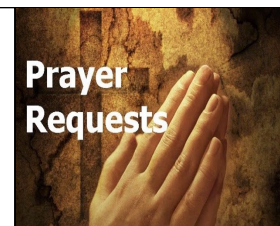
The Committee has purchased 150+ red felt Christmas stockings and we will be sponsoring 5 organizations this year. As in the past years, we will partner with the 3 group homes: *Manchester Mental Health, Helping Hands Outreach Center* for men, and the *New Life Home* for women and children. Additionally, this year we will be including *Liberty House* for our homeless male veterans and *Dismas Home* for women.

We are asking you, our FCC family to pick up an empty stocking or two from church and fill them up with appropriate stocking stuffers for the specific organization. There will be an informational card attached to each stocking with the name of the organization and gender of the recipient. In the case of the children their age will also be included. Also included will be a list of suggested, but certainly not limited to, appropriate stocking stuffers. The only requirement is **no food or candy please** due to allergies and dietary restrictions.

Let's have fun with this project and please use your imaginations! Be creative! Fill your stocking(s) with useful items (wrapped or unwrapped) that will bring surprise and joy to the person receiving the stocking. As done in the past, the Knitting Committee is graciously including knitted hats for the adult recipients, and knitted hats and mittens for the children. **Please drop your filled stockings off at the church by December 10th, 2021.** There is a suggested \$30 limit. If you would like to participate but wish not to fill the stocking yourself, please mail a check payable to FCC to the office, marked "Christmas Angel Stocking Project" by Nov. 29th, 2021. A committee member will be glad to shop and fill a stocking on behalf of you.

We are truly grateful to be able to continue our tradition of bringing unexpected happiness to people during the Christmas Season!! — Angel Tree Committee

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

Please send ***thinking of you*** cards to **Richard Jarvis, who has recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.**



Richard Jarvis, 531 Union St., Manchester, NH 03104

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—



GMCA Interfaith Zoom Thanksgiving Service Monday, Nov. 22nd 7PM Hosted by Temple Adath Yeshurun (TAY), Manchester

Thanksgiving Service is sponsored by the Greater Manchester Clergy Association, to be held on Monday, November 22 at 7:00pm via zoom. Watch the Friday Link and our website for more information and the link to faithfully join in giving thanks to our God.