

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.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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**Advent Book Study:
A Christmas Carol**



Led by Rev. Carolyn, we will meet on Wednesdays (time to be determined) via Zoom beginning December 1st.

A favorite book of many is Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*. Written during a time when our Congregational ancestors-in-faith would not have celebrated

Christmas, as one part of this 4-week study we will explore some of our Congregational history as it pertains to the observance of Christmas. For the first gathering (Dec 1), please read Stave One: Marley's Ghost.

For the second gathering (Dec 8) please read Stave Two: The First of the Three Spirits; our third (Dec 15), Stave Three: The Second of the Three Spirits and for the final gathering (Dec 22), Staves Four and Five. We hope you can join in reading and discussing this wonderful story of redemption and hope. If you have an interest in participating, please let Rev. Carolyn know. There will be sign up sheet on the office window soon.

December 12th is "Harmony" Sunday!

In lieu of our traditional Christmas concert, the 10 am service on December 12th will be filled with harmonies from our Chancel Choir and Sabbath Bells. Also featured will be special instrumentalists, soloists, and traditional Christmas carols. Come, rejoice, and worship the newborn king!



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
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November 14, 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 14th

10:00 AM Worship Service & ONA Vote Anniversary
 Holly Berry Fair Preview Display in the Narthex

Monday, November 15th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:30 PM Church Trustees' Meeting
 6:45 PM *Interfaith Women of NH Zoom Event*

Tuesday, November 16th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 17th

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

Thursday, November 18th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Friday, November 19th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, November 20th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, November 21st

10:00 AM Worship Service
 Holly Berry Fair Preview Display in the Narthex

Upcoming Worship

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

Sunday, December 5th 10:00 AM
 Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 12th 10:00 AM
 Third Sunday of Advent
 "Harmony" Sunday

Today we celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of the Open & Affirming Vote at First Congregational Church.



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>)



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 22nd 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.

SAVE THE DATE: December 7th!

The Senior Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at the Manchester Country Club. Invitations went out last week—watch for yours in the mail!



UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Mon, Nov. 15th 6:30PM Church Trustees
- Tues, Nov. 23rd 6:30PM Outreach Committee
- Mon, Dec. 6th 10AM Senior Fellowship Board
- Mon, Dec. 6th 6PM Deacons’ Meeting
- Tues, Dec. 7th 6:30PM Membership Meeting
- Thurs, Dec. 9th 6PM Reopening Task Force
- Mon, Dec. 13th 6PM Stewardship Committee
- Tues, Dec. 14th 2PM Connecting the Congregation Zoom 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, 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!



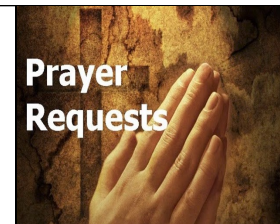
The Committee has purchased 150+ red felt Christmas stockings and we will be sponsoring 5 organizations this year. As in the past years, we will partner with the 3 group homes: *Manchester Mental Health, Helping Hands Outreach Center* for men, and the *New Life Home* for women and children. Additionally, 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 continue our tradition of bringing unexpected happiness to people during the Christmas Season!! — The 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 messages of thanks to Anne Williamson, for her many years of loyal membership to the church!

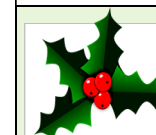


Anne Williamson, 177 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03104



It is that time of year again to start to think of ordering Poinsettias as a memorial or in honor of someone special!

The flowers will be displayed on the altar for the Christmas Eve Worship Service. The 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 newsletter or on the hallway table beside the food pantry.



SPECIAL HOLLY BERRY FAIR PREVIEW THIS MORNING!

Please take time this morning to enjoy the worship service and the "sampler" display of handcrafts from your fellow FCC friends in the Narthex. They are some of the handcrafts that will be offered after the service to those who attend worship on Sunday, December 5th!