

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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It's Angel Tree time, and this year the Outreach Committee has an exciting twist!



We would like to distribute filled Christmas Stockings!

You can pick up a stocking or two on Sunday after the service. **This morning is last Sunday that a Committee Member will be passing out stockings following the worship service.** You can also pick them up at the church office during the week (9am—2pm). The only requirement is no food or candy please due to allergies and dietary restrictions. Let's have fun with this project! Be creative! Fill your stocking (s) with useful items that will bring surprise and joy to the person receiving the stocking. **Please drop your filled stockings off at the church by December 10th, 2021. This is the deadline. If you are not able to bring it to church by Dec. 10th then please call Sue Clement at (603-657-5465) or Justin May at (603-247-8846) to make other arrangements. We will be glad to pick it up!** There is a suggested \$30 limit. If you would like to participate but wish not to fill the stocking yourself, please mail a check into 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!

FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Senior Interim Pastor—Rev. Carolyn Keilig
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November 21, 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 21st—Thanksgiving Sunday
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 Holly Berry Fair Preview Display in the Narthex

Monday, November 22nd
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 7:00 PM GMCA Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Zoom (see Zoom link inside bulletin & FCC website)

Tuesday, November 23rd
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 6:30 PM Outreach Committee Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday, November 24th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Thursday, November 25th
 Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 26th
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 27th
 No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, November 28th—First Sunday of Advent
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Sacrament of Communion

Upcoming Worship

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

Monday, November 22nd 7:00 PM
 GMCA Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service on Zoom—(see link on following page)

Sunday, November 28th 10:00 AM
 First Sunday of Advent
 Sacrament of Communion

Sunday, December 5th 10:00 AM
 Second Sunday of Advent
 Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads
 Holly Berry Fair Overstock Sale Following Worship

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

Monday, December 13th 7:00 PM
 Blue Christmas Service of Comfort & Remembrance



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>)



Interfaith 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. See below for details to join.

- **Join Zoom Meeting - type address into browser:**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81649240175?pwd=UFBXN3pqdjl0TWwHQ0Rl4QkhKUT09>
- Meeting ID: 816 4924 0175
- Passcode: 183654

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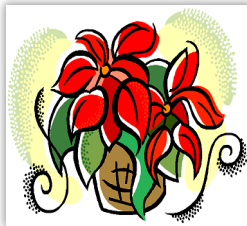
UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- **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**
- **Sun, Dec. 12th 4PM ONA Committee Meeting**
- **Tues, Dec. 14th 2PM Connecting the Congregation Zoom Meeting**
- **Tues, Dec. 14th 6PM Church Council Meeting**
- **Mon, Dec. 20th 6:30PM Church Trustees**

Christmas Poinsettias

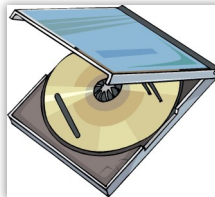
It is that time of year again to start to think of ordering Poinsettias as a memorial or in honor of someone special!



The flowers will be displayed on the altar for the Christmas Eve Worship Service on 12/24 at 7PM. The plants cost \$17.00 each, in your choice of red or white. You’ll be welcome to take your plant home with you following the Christmas Eve Service.

Please return/mail order form with payment to the church office no later than Sunday, December 5th.

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! Thanks! - Rev. Barbara Papagian (603-625-5093 x23)

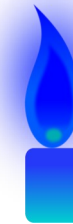
December 12th is “Harmony” Sunday!

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!



Blue Christmas Service of Comfort & Remembrance
Monday, December 13th at 7PM

A special worship service for those who are experiencing pain or loss during the holidays. We want you to know that you are not alone. Join with others on Monday, December 13th at 7pm in the Chapel, as we acknowledge each other’s sadness, while affirming the life-giving presence of God.



Home for the Holidays - Live streaming during Advent and Christmas

Family and friends not able to travel to your home this Christmas? Has the pandemic kept you from enjoying worship at FCC? The Church Council is working on making it possible to livestream our services throughout the holidays, with the hope to continue into the new year. Stay tuned for updates to come!

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

- Items we always need:**
- soup
 - boxed milk
 - peanut butter
 - dry pasta
 - pasta sauce
 - canned pasta
 - canned vegetables
 - cereal bars
 - cereal
 - pudding cups
 - fruit cups /canned fruit
 - crackers
 - mac & cheese



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* messages to Ethel Parker as she was recently involved in a car accident. She is okay but has some soreness and damage to her car.



Ethel Parker, 14 Gingras Drive, Nashua, NH 03060

HOLLY BERRY FAIR PREVIEW THIS MORNING AND SALE ON DECEMBER 5TH!

Please take time this morning to enjoy the worship service and the "sampler" display of handcrafts from your fellow FCC friends in the Narthex. These are some of the handcrafts that will be offered at the upcoming "overstock" sale!

REMINDER - YOU are invited on December 5th to worship with us at FCC. Afterwards, please take time to visit the Holly Berry "Overstock Sale" in the dining room

downstairs. Come enjoy and celebrate the hand crafting talents of your friends at FCC. You will be amazed at the talent that abounds in our church and among their friends.

