

Women's Connection News!



On Thursday, January 13th, WC will continue with Zoom Gatherings again!

We normally play games at this WC event. If you have a game you would like to play, just let Pam or Denise know before December 13th so it can be announced in the January 2022 Window newsletter.

Senior Pastor Search Committee

The Church Council is excited to announce that the following have agreed to serve on the Senior Pastor Search and Call Committee:

- Bill Jones, chair, Pip Adams, Paul Hoff, Tom Irving, Selene Lyons, Melissa Poisson, Janie Shaklee, Jennifer Thornton and Liz Verity

We can show our support during the Commissioning Service in this morning's worship service.

Inclement Weather and Church Office Hours

FCC Church policy is that when Manchester schools are closed or open late due to inclement weather, the Church office follows the same schedule. All activities and meetings are thereby cancelled. **Worship Service cancellations are posted on WMUR.com.**



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

Calling all our favorite FCC cooks!

The Meal Train is looking for soup, muffins, and cookies for our outreach. Also, we can use individual frozen meals for distribution to our FCC community and others. Please advise Lauren when you bring them to put them in the downstairs freezer. Thank you in advance! - Liz and Peggy



Resilience Reins FCC is back in January—Join us Jan. 12th!

The *Resilience Reins* program at the UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Goffstown is a 7-week program for youth ages 8-17 and their families who have experienced a traumatic life event. The goal of *Resilience Reins* is to improve the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of youth by offering therapy that mitigates the risks and poor outcomes associated with exposure to trauma and violence. How we show we care is by helping prepare a meal for the *Parent Cafe* which parents/guardians attend, and we all share the meal together. The Center is pleased to announce facility upgrades! Improvements include a thoroughly renovated conference area, fully remodeled kitchen, and brand-new handicap accessible restroom facilities. There will be a sign up sheet on the office window to volunteer for our **Wednesday, January 12th** date, or contact Liz Verity (liz-v@comcast.net or 603-623-7461) or Peggy Neveu (frannys1@aol.com or 603-483-8388) to be added to the list.



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
- First Congregational Church • 508 Union Street Manchester, NH 03104 • Telephone: (603) 625-5093**



December 5, 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, December 5th—Second Sunday of Advent**
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sacrament of Baptism & Commissioning of the Senior Pastor Search Committee
Holly Berry Fair Overstock Sale following Worship
- Monday, December 6th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
6:00 PM Deacons' Board Meeting
- Tuesday, December 7th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Senior Fellowship Luncheon & 60th Anniversary Gathering at the Manchester Country Club
- Wednesday, December 8th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Thursday, December 9th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
6:00 PM Reopening Task Force Zoom Meeting
- Friday, December 10th**
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Saturday, December 11th**
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Sunday, December 12th—Third Sunday of Advent**
10:00 AM Worship Service
4:00 PM Open & Affirming Committee Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Worship

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- Sunday, December 5th 10:00 AM**
Second Sunday of Advent
Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads
Sacrament of Baptism
Commissioning of the Search Committee
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

- Sunday, December 19th 10:00 AM**
Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Friday, December 24th 7:00 PM**
Christmas Eve Worship Service

- Sunday, December 26th 10:00 AM**
First Sunday after Christmas

Following Worship this morning, you are invited to the Holly Berry Fair Overstock Sale located in the Dining Room!

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>)

The Senior Fellowship Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7th at the Manchester Country Club!

This is a holiday lunch & combined 60th anniversary celebration! Lunch will be served at 12PM with social hour beginning at 11AM



Angel Tree Christmas Stockings due back by Friday, December 10th!

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!

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Mon, Dec. 6th 6PM Deacons’ Meeting
- Thurs, Dec. 9th 6PM Reopening Task Force
- Sun, Dec. 12th 4PM ONA Committee Meeting
- Mon, Dec. 13th 10AM Senior Fellowship Board
- Tues, Dec. 14th 2PM Connecting the Congregation Zoom Meeting
- Tues, Dec. 14th 6PM Church Council Meeting
- Mon, Dec. 20th 6:30PM Church Trustees
- Tues, Dec. 28th 6:30PM Outreach Committee

TODAY IS THE DAY!

HOLLY BERRY FAIR OVERTSTOCK SALE
Following Worship in the Dining Room.

YOU are invited!

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!



The deadline for the January Church Window Newsletter is Friday, December 17th!

Please submit your articles & pictures to Lauren in the Church Office. Email submissions to: LHendersonFCC@yahoo.com

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
The Church Council, with help from the Trustees, is working on making it possible to livestream our services throughout the holidays, with the hope to continue into the new year. Live worship on Sunday at 10AM is accessed through Facebook on the Church website. Go to www.FCCManchesterNH.org, find the Facebook logo and click to view the livestream.

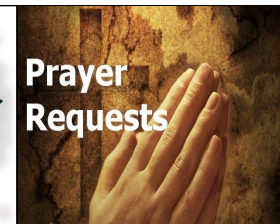


Help us keep the FCC Food Pantry stocked for the hungry in our community

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



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 prayers and messages of comfort to Fred and Nancy Simmons. Fred is home from the hospital and is receiving hospice care.



Fred & Nancy Simmons
61 Morrill Road, Hooksett, NH 03106

Christmas Poinsettias
Today is the deadline to order your Christmas Poinsettias.

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. Order forms can be found on the hallway table beside the FCC food pantry. **Please return your order form with payment to the church office today.**



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6th, 2022 (snow date March 13th) so all Committee Chairs must submit their annual reports to Linda by Friday, December 31st. Email to LBonetti@FCCManchesterNH.org

