

Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook



Monday—Thursday mornings at 9AM

We all understand that we need to make time for God in our lives. Rev. Barbara said that she learned the habit of regular daily reflection and meditation at seminary, and it has become a most important time of her day. Perhaps you have a devotional time set aside, maybe you offer prayers or have conversations with God as you go about your daily life. It's possible when you take a walk outside and you are inspired by the beauty of the gift of nature, and you feel a certain closeness to God. But good intentions have a habit of being put aside and they don't always happen. Sometimes the demands on our time seem too great and our time too short. If taking time for God is important to you, choose a regular time out of your day for a short time of devotion, reflection and meditation. This practice is key to turning a desire into a habit. This can be made easier by tuning in for approximately 15 mins to the *Morning Watch* on Facebook, led by two wonderful people here at FCC, Rev. Barbara Papagian and Peter Perich. Watch live at 9:00 am, Monday -Thursday or set aside a specific time each day to watch the recording. Try and watch it for a month regularly so that this time of daily devotion will become a lifetime habit. To join us click on *Morning Watch* on the FCC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FCCManchester .

THE FCC ONLINE DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE!

The First Congregational Church Online Directory is now available to our Members and Friends! You are welcome to access the Directory by going to: <https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com>. You will create an account by entering your email and choosing a password. You must use the same email that you provided to the church - it will be listed in your printed directory.

Once you have created an account using your email and password, look for a confirmation email from "service@instantchurchdirectory.com" in your inbox (check your spam/junk folder if you don't see it). After you confirm your email, you may sign into the Online Directory at <https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com>.

The Online Directory will allow you to quickly and privately find contact information of church members, friends and staff. You can log into the Directory on your home computer/tablet or on your mobile device. **Only those who will create an account are able to access our directory, thereby maintaining the confidentiality of all personal contact information.** If you have any questions about creating your account, please reach out to Lauren in the church front office at LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org or call her at 603-625-5093. As always, we will have the printed version of the Church Directory available in the office.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Senior Pastor—Rev. Carolyn Keilig **Clerk**—Karen Hawver
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FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Senior Interim Pastor—Rev. Carolyn Keilig
Associate Pastor & Director of Parish Care — Rev. Barbara Papagian
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Church Administrator—Linda Bonetti
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January 9, 2022 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, January 9th**
10:00 AM Worship Service
- Monday, January 10th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
6:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, January 11th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday, January 12th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
- Thursday, January 13th**
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
6:30 PM Women's Connection Zoom BINGO
- Friday, January 14th**
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Saturday, January 15th**
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Sunday, January 16th**
10:00 AM Worship Service

Upcoming Worship

- *****
- Sunday, January 9th 10:00 AM**
First Sunday after Epiphany/The Baptism of Christ
- *****
- Sunday, January 16th 10:00 AM**
Second Sunday after Epiphany
- *****
- Sunday, January 23rd 10:00 AM**
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship
- *****
- Sunday, January 30th 10:00 AM**
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
- *****
- Sunday, February 6th 10:00 AM**
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
- *****
- Sunday, February 13th 10:00 AM**
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
- *****
- Sunday, February 20th 10:00 AM**
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
- *****
- Sunday, February 27th 10:00 AM**
Transfiguration

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS

As Covid numbers in NH continue to rise, the impact on FCC Manchester is being felt. The Reopening Task Force met on January 4 to discern what strategies need to be in place to mitigate the spread of the Covid virus to those who come through our doors.

The Task Force reached consensus with the following protocols:

Worship: We will continue to have both a livestream, as technology and availability of volunteers allows, and an in-person option. Livestream will continue to be improved including written hymn words added to the online bulletin, and greater use of mics. In order for In-person worship to continue, we will follow best practices for safety.

- All attending (vaccinated or unvaccinated) are strongly urged to wear masks.
- All attending are expected to maintain social distancing in seating and when entering or exiting the building. We will be exiting worship during the Postlude.
- We are temporarily pausing Chancel Choir and Sabbath Bells.
- We are temporarily pausing observing the Sacraments.
- We are temporarily pausing lay reading of the scripture lessons.

Meetings: Committee chairs will make the final determination regarding meeting format, but are urged to consult with committee members and to consider Zoom or meeting in larger areas (dining room or rec room). For in-person meetings:

- All attending (vaccinated or unvaccinated) are strongly urged to wear masks.
- All attending are expected to maintain social distancing in seating and when entering or exiting the building.

If you need to meet with a staff member in-person, please plan ahead by making an appointment and following the established covid mitigation protocols. Staff may stagger their time on site, and work from home for some of the time.

Protocols to be reviewed by the Church Council on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

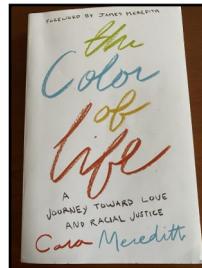
Be sure to contact committee leaders for meeting location! (in-person or Zoom)

- **Mon, Jan. 10th 6PM Stewardship Committee**
- **Tues, Jan. 11th 6PM Church Council Meeting**
- **Mon, Jan. 17th 6:30PM Church Trustees**
- **Sun, Jan. 23rd 4PM ONA Committee Zoom Meeting**
- **Tues, Jan. 25th 6:30PM Outreach Committee Zoom Meeting**



Open & Affirming News
Are you looking for a good read for the coming months of winter?

The Color of Life is a memoir by writer, speaker, and former outreach ministry director Cara Meredith. Our Open and Affirming Committee is planning a one-time Book Discussion about *The Color of Life* for February or March (date to be announced). Committee member Elizabeth Blood got to know Cara personally when she took some virtual writing workshops with her, and she recommends the book. Look for details about the Book Discussion in the February *Church Window*. In the meantime, we encourage you to start reading!



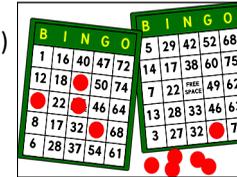
Audio Copies of Worship Services Available

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



Mark your calendar for January 13th at 6:30pm!

We haven't gotten any response from anyone on a different game so we will be playing BINGO once again! Email Pam (blanclp@comcast.net) or Denise (beau.de@comcast.net) to let them know you want to play and they will make sure you have the bingo card and when it gets close to the date you will be sent the Zoom link. The past few times we have played we have had a lot of fun! There is no limit of the number of ladies. Please join us and you might be the lucky winner of the crown!



Thinking ahead to Thursday, February 10th at 6:30pm!

This will be our annual get together with a Valentine's Day theme. More information will be coming as we get closer.

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6th, 2022, following Worship Services (snow date will be Sunday, March 13th).

Livestreaming Worship

Livestreamed Services can be accessed on Sundays at 10:00 am by going to www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester



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



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 appreciation to Paul Hoff, Karen Hawver & Tom Wilkes! We thank them for all the hard work and long hours put in on the live streaming project.



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2022 Pledge Envelopes Available in the Narthex

To save on the cost of printing envelopes, we automatically print the envelopes #1—#100. Even if you don't "pledge", there are unused numbers, so envelopes are available to track your contributions. Please see Linda or drop her a note!



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.

- * **Please contact Committee chairs to verify meetings.**
- * **Worship Service cancellations are posted on WMUR.com.**

