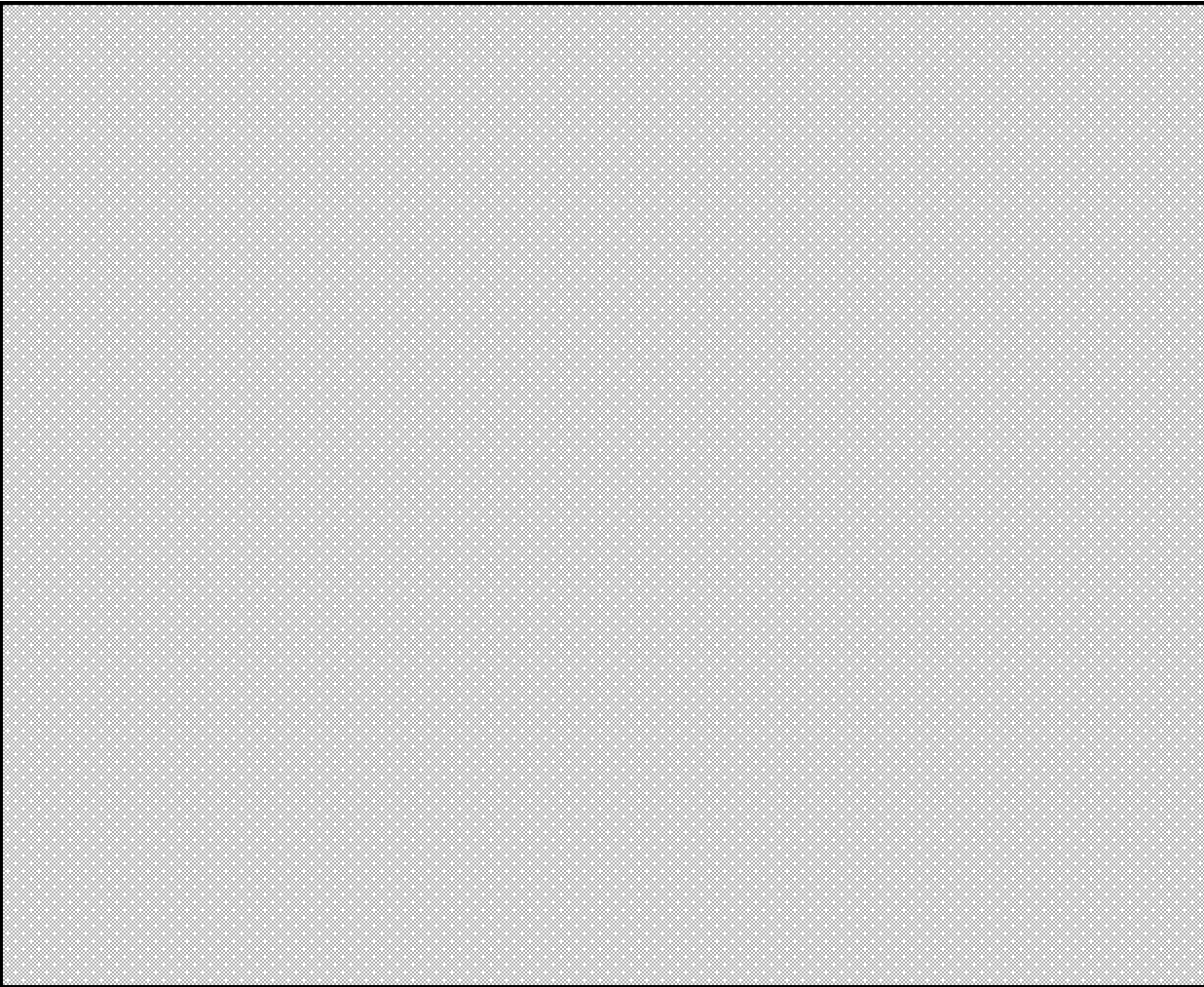


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January 16, 2022
Sunday Morning Worship Services on Facebook

THIS WEEK AT FCC

Sunday, January 16th
 10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook

Monday, January 17th
Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
 6:30 PM Church Trustees’ Meeting

Tuesday, January 18th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 19th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Thursday, January 20th
 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Friday, January 21st
 No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, January 22nd
 No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, January 23rd
 10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook
 4:00 PM Open & Affirming Committee Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Worship

Due to the rapidly rising numbers of Covid cases in New Hampshire and the contagiousness of this latest variant, First Church is temporarily moving to pre-recorded Sunday worship with the expectation of returning to in-person/ livestreaming worship on February 27th and continuing throughout Lent.

The service will be posted on our Facebook page as a Vimeo link at 7:00am on Sundays. We will also broadcast the service Live on Facebook at 10 am.

Sunday, January 16th 10:00 AM
 Second Sunday after Epiphany
 Worship on Facebook

Sunday, January 23rd 10:00 AM
 Third Sunday after Epiphany
 Rev. Barbara Papagian Leads Worship on Facebook

Sunday, January 30th 10:00 AM
 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 Worship on Facebook

Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

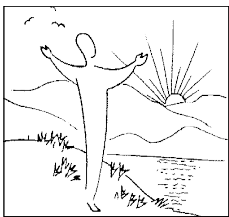
Monday—Thursday mornings at 9AM



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.

Lisa Allen reads "Still I Rise" during the Worship Service this morning.

Maya Angelou (1928 -) is an American author and poet. Her works speak powerfully of surviving a past of abuse and of overcoming continuing discrimination. She is best known for her autobiographical "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings". "Still I rise," the poem read today, was originally published in 1978.



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 a printed version of the Church Directory available in the office.



Friday Link Submissions Needed!

We are looking for your stories, photos, favorite poems, appropriate jokes, favorite bible passages, book recs., etc.! Please consider contributing to our *Friday Link* Newsletter. You can remain anonymous, too, if you'd like. Email your submissions to BPapagian@fccmanchesternh.org.

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

- **Mon, Jan. 17th 6:30PM Church Trustees**
- **Sun, Jan. 23rd 4PM ONA Committee Zoom Meeting**
- **Tues, Jan. 25th 6:30PM Outreach Committee Zoom Meeting**
- **Tues, Feb. 1st 6:30PM Membership Committee**
- **Mon, Feb. 7th 6PM Deacons' Board Meeting**
- **Mon, Feb. 14th Stewardship email only**
- **Tues, Feb. 15th 6PM Church Council Meeting**
- **Thurs, Feb. 17th 6PM Reopening Task Force**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY—FRIDAY 9AM TO 2PM

Please note the Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

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

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

If you would like to drop off food at the church office please call ahead 603-625-5093.

- 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
 - canned meats: tuna, ham, or chicken
 - Hormel Meals
 - oatmeal
 - juice boxes



Prayer Requests

Send Barbara your Prayer Requests by Thursday each week to be included in the Sunday Worship Service. Email her:

BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org

Please send thinking of you messages to Zach Hastings, Fran Hastings' grandson, who underwent a much needed surgery this week.

Zach Hastings C/O Fran Hastings
6 Alexander Drive
Manchester, NH 03109



The next Women's Connection Zoom event is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th at 6:30. More details to come.

Do you have a sewing machine to sell?

Kathy, one of our English for New Americans teachers here at FCC, is looking to buy a used sewing machine. Please let the church office know if you have one!

Resilience Reigns at FCC

Please note that UpReach volunteer opportunities for *Resilience Reigns* have been postponed for now due to rising Covid numbers. Watch for new dates to be announced in the coming months.



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.**

