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January 23, 2022

Sunday Morning Worship Services on Facebook

THIS WEEK AT FCC

Sunday, January 23rd

10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook
 4:00 PM Open & Affirming Committee Zoom Meeting

Monday, January 24th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Tuesday, January 25th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Outreach Committee Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, January 26th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Thursday, January 27th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Friday, January 28th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, January 29th

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, January 30th

10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook

Due to the rapidly rising numbers of Covid cases in New Hampshire and the contagiousness of this latest variant, First Church will temporarily have pre-recorded Sunday worship with the expectation of returning to in-person, livestreaming worship on February 27th and then continuing throughout Lent. For the next few weeks we will broadcast the service Live on Facebook at 10:00 am, and it will be posted on our Facebook page as a Vimeo link at 7:00 am each Sunday. The church office remains open for now, but with some staggered staffing. We do ask that you call ahead to make sure the staff member you need to meet with is in.

Upcoming Worship

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

Sunday, February 6th 10:00 AM
 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Girl Scout Cookies

It's that time of year again to buy Girl Scout cookies from the troops that meet here at FCC! Call Lauren in the church office or email her to place your orders: 603-625-5093 or

LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org.

Cost is \$5.00 per box. Cookies will be available beginning Feb. 12th and the deadline to order is Feb. 28th! Flavors listed here or visit the Girl Scouts website for a more detailed description of each type of cookie:

[https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/cookie-](https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/cookie-flavors.html)

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Open & Affirming News

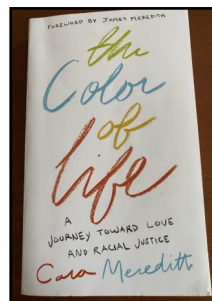
Are you looking for a good read for the coming months of winter?

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!

Registration is Open for Horton Center!

2022 is a brand-new summer packed with fun, faith, lots of new and old friends, activities, great food and sleepouts. Horton Center offers opportunities for children of all ages – yes, that includes adults. The schedule and other information can be found at <https://hortoncenter.org>. The Deans, Counselors and Summer Staff are excited and ready to offer a safe, fun in-person camp again in 2022.



Souper Bowl IX is coming!

The Greater Manchester Clergy Association is once again sponsoring a contest to see which Faith Community can collect the most cans of soup (or any other healthy can of food) the weekend of the Super Bowl, February 11th—13th.



Last year we raised almost \$1500; the year before we had 1400 food items. This year we will be doing cans again, but since services will be on-line, we are asking you to start buying cans of soup and other non-perishable food items and delivering the bounty anytime to the church office during the week of February 13th. All Food Banks and Pantries have seen increased need in recent years. All food donated during this Souper Bowl collection will be given to New Horizons. The outreach committee thanks the congregation for their past generosity and is confident that we can do even better this year.

KEEPING THE CHURCH CALENDAR CURRENT

Please let the church office know if your committee will be meeting in the coming weeks/months. We would like to keep everyone informed!

Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Monday—Thursday mornings at 9AM



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 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 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)

- 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 6PM Stewardship (email only!)
- Tues, Feb. 15th 6PM Church Council Meeting
- Thurs, Feb. 17th 6PM Reopening Task Force

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: M—F 9AM TO 2PM

Please call us if you'd like to stop by to be sure we are here to welcome you! 603-625-5093.

Please email your Committee Reports to Linda if you have not done so yet—thank you!
LBonetti@FCCManchesterNH.org



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

BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org

Please send prayers for healing to Tarweh ("Mr. T") Williams who is home recovering from recent open heart surgery.

Mr. Tarweh Williams
200 Hanover Street #302
Manchester, NH 03104



WOMEN'S CONNECTION NEWS

If you would like to join WC for a good time and missed the last gathering, watch for when we play BINGO again or join us for our next gathering... February 10th at 6:30pm on Zoom! It will be our annual

Valentine's Day themed gathering. We will be making a very easy craft.

Even if you are not crafty you can make this. Kits will be put together and available to pick up in the church office for a small fee. There are other activities being planned as well.

Just email Pam (blanclp@comcast.net) or Denise (beau.de@comcast.net) to let them know you would like to join in on the fun!



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.

