

### THE CHURCH COUNCIL

**Senior Pastor**—Rev. Carolyn Keilig **Clerk**—Karen Hawver  
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 Sue Clement, Kathy Rowe, Kate Parker  
**Ministry of Sustaining Our Church Home**—  
**Coordinator**—Grant Dugan, Kathy Nelson, Neil Funke,  
 Sue Curtis  
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### FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

**Interim Senior Pastor**—Rev. Carolyn Keilig  
**Associate Pastor & Director of Parish Care** —  
 Rev. Barbara Papagian  
**Director of Music Ministry**—Adam Peithmann  
**Church Administrator**—Linda Bonetti  
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**Children’s Ministry Coordinator**—Kelda York  
**Church Sexton**—Sokhom Sar  
**Building Manager** — Peter Perich  
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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:BPapagian@fccmanchesternh.org).



### 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: [LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org). 603-625-5093 or [LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org).



Cost is \$5.00 per box. Cookies will be available beginning Feb. 12th and the deadline to order is Feb. 28th! Visit the Girl Scouts website for a detailed description of each type of cookie available this year: <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/cookie-flavors.html>

### On the Calendar...

- Please note that the Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of the President's Day Holiday
- Rev. Keilig will be away on vacation from Feb. 2nd thru Feb. 8th & Feb. 25th thru March 3rd



January 30, 2022

### Sunday Morning Worship Services on Facebook

### THIS WEEK AT FCC

**Sunday, January 30th**

10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook

**Monday, January 31st**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

**Tuesday, February 1st**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Membership Committee Zoom Meeting

**Wednesday, February 2nd**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

**Thursday, February 3rd**

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

**Friday, February 4th**

No Church Activities Scheduled

**Saturday, February 5th**

No Church Activities Scheduled

**Sunday, February 6th**

10:00 AM Worship Service on Facebook

Due to the number 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 (603-625-5093).

### Upcoming Worship

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

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**Sunday, February 6th 10:00 AM**  
 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
 Rev. Dr. Jim Howard Leads Worship on Facebook

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**Sunday, February 13th 10:00 AM**  
 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
 Worship on Facebook

The Open and Affirming Committee invites you to a book study/discussion of Cara Meredith's memoir, *The Color of Life: A Journey*

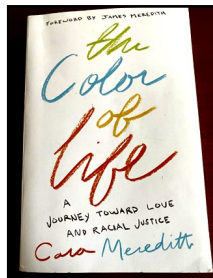


*Toward Love and Racial Justice*

**Sunday, March 13th at 1:00pm via Zoom**

You still have time to read and enjoy this book and a copy is available in the church office if you'd like to borrow it. You may wonder why our committee chose *The Color of Life*. Words in the title contain seeds for our choice and the questions below may factor into our

- discussion:
- ⇒ How did Cara's journey make you reflect on your own life?
  - ⇒ How do we engage in conversations about race and racial justice with love?
  - ⇒ And what does racial justice mean to us, to our congregation?



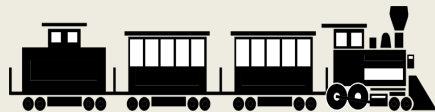
Join us on Sunday, March 13th for an important and thought provoking discussion. Zoom link will be available and posted as date gets closer. Please reach out to Carol Soucy with any questions.

**Can You Please Help the Meal Train?**

This month, the Meal Train is reaching out more to those at home while we as a church step back for a few weeks for everyone's safety. We are looking to restock especially with cookies for our FCC family, UpReach program staff and Liberty House occupants. UpReach staff is isolated as we are and would appreciate a "caring" gesture as they wait to restart their programs. Liberty House occupants can always use a "caring" hand. For Valentine's Day we hope to deliver FCC's wishes to both of them with special cookie bags. Can you please help?

Also, we are looking for small one serving meals, soup, muffins, small breads, coffee cakes, and of course our popular cookies! Items are stored in the freezer

downstairs in the church. Please mark what the item is and the date. Containers are available for small meals and soups on the shelves next to the freezer downstairs. Cookies, muffins, etc. can be put in one large freezer bag. We are always grateful for your generous support in FCC's outreach! Please see the Meal Train's article in the February Window for much more information and a special recipe. We "thank" you in advance. If you know of anyone who could use a little lift, please contact one of us. WE CARE ABOUT YOU! - Liz Verity ([liz-v@comcast.net](mailto:liz-v@comcast.net)) & Peggy Neveu ([frannys1@aol.com](mailto:frannys1@aol.com))



**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) beginning the weekend of the Super Bowl, Feb. 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!



**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

- Tues, Feb. 1st 6:30PM Membership Committee
- Mon, Feb. 7th 6PM Deacons' Board Meeting
- Tues, Feb. 8th 6PM Church Council Meeting
- Thurs, Feb. 10th 6:30PM Pastor Search Comm.
- Mon, Feb. 14th 6PM Stewardship email only
- Thurs, Feb. 17th 6PM Reopening Task Force
- Mon, Feb. 21st 6:30PM Church Trustees
- Tues, Feb. 22nd 6:30PM Outreach Committee
- Thurs, Feb. 24th 6:30PM Pastor Search Comm.

**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.

Are you receiving the **FRIDAY LINK NEWSLETTER** in your email inbox? It is published the first and third Friday of the month! Be sure to check your "junk/spam" folders if you are not receiving it!



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

[BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org)

Please send \*thinking of you\* messages to Kate Parker as she had a recent fall on the ice. She is okay and recovering.



Kate Parker  
19 Agawam Street  
Manchester, NH 03104



**\*WOMEN'S CONNECTION\***

If you would like to join us 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](mailto:blanclp@comcast.net)) or Denise ([beau.de@comcast.net](mailto: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 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.

