

Steeple Minute

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TO THE MEMBERS of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

YOU ARE HEREBY CALLED TO ATTEND

THE 220TH ANNUAL MEETING

of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.

SUNDAY, February 19, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

“YOU ARE CALLED”

Come and be a part of history. Come and enter into the conversation about who we are and what is God calling us to become. Come and let your voice be heard. This church has been such an important part of the life of our community for 220 years! Wow! This is amazing! Let's keep it going!

The church's annual meeting is an important event in the life of this church. In a congregational church, each member promises to be a part of the life of the church. The covenant we enter into gives us certain rights as well as responsibilities. The annual meeting is held so that each of us has the opportunity to have a voice in what we feel God is calling us to do and how we will then respond as a 'Body of Christ'. We rely on each and every one of you be part of this.

We will begin this annual meeting with worship as we have traditionally done. During that time, we will invite you into the wondering about where do we go from here? The council will introduce to you some reflections we have put together about who we are and where we have opportunities to grow in a series of statements: "We Believe...We Wonder...We Need You To..."

After worship we will gather to share coffee and refreshments and get down to the business of pondering these things as well as the work of this church and how we support it with our time, talents, and resources. We will be asked to consider and decide on proposals brought to you by various groups who have been working on issues important to the life of the church. We also will be voting on our officers and our budget.

Please review the annual report before you come. It will help move the conversation forward. Please let us know if you have any questions and, most of all, please come! Let us know if we can do anything to help you attend.

So, how do we carry the mission and vision of our church into the future? What is God saying to you?

Yours in Christ,
Alice Muh, Vice Moderator

First Congregational Church

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Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			<p>1</p> <p>6:00 PM – Choir rehearsal- LP</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7:00 PM-AA-FH</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7 :00 PM-AA-FH</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pastor Away</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7:00 PM-AA-FH</p>
<p>5 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY</p> <p>9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship Service</p> <p><i>Lars Nielson</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7:00 PM – AA - FH</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>Lars Nielson</p> <p>Maxine Hadlock</p> <p>Pastor Away</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>Henny Bogardus</p> <p>1:00 PM – Finance Mtng. - CR</p> <p>6:00 PM – Choir rehearsal- LP</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7:00 PM-AA-FH</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP</p> <p>6:30 PM – Council –CR/Zoom</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7 :00 PM-AA-FH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pastor Away</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7:00 PM-AA-FH</p>
<p>12 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY</p> <p>9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship Service</p> <p><i>Mary Menzies</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 PM – SLLC BOD - Zoom</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7:00 PM – AA - FH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Happy Anniversary!</p> <p>Karen & Stuart Lord</p> <p>Pastor Away</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM – Choir rehearsal- LP</p> <p>Pastor Away</p> <p>7:00 PM-AA-FH</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP</p> <p>7 :00 PM-AA-FH</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM-AA-FH</p>
<p>19 220TH ANNUAL MEETING</p> <p>9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship Service</p> <p>11:00 AM – Business Meeting-FH</p> <p><i>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM – AA - FH</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>6:00 PM – Soup, bread & worship in the Ladies Parlor</p> <p>7:00 PM – AA – FH</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP</p> <p>7 :00 PM-AA-FH</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>Asa Gould</p> <p>7:00 PM-AA-FH</p>
<p>26 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation</p> <p>10:00 AM-Worship Service</p> <p><i>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM – AA - FH</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>(29) 3/1</p> <p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>Emily LaFlam</p>	<p>KEY:</p> <p>FH - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>LP - Ladies Parlor</p> <p>CR - Classroom</p>		

Financial Report

December 31, 2022	YTD
Member support:	\$164,702
Scheduled w/d from trust funds	\$ 1,917
Other Income:	\$ 12,139
Total Income:	\$178,758
Total Expenses:	\$155,505
Net:	\$ 23,253



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Enjoy!

Prepared to Serve - February 25!

Join Tina Peabody and Peter in Pembroke on **Saturday, February 25th** for "Prepared to Serve", the New Hampshire Conference Annual Training Event that features workshops on a host of topics timely for our church today including Church Vitality, Hybrid Worship, Spirituality of Aging, Best Financial Practices, Carrying God's Grace to the Spiritual But Not Religious. The workshops look helpful, timely and inspiring.

I'll drive us down so reserve your seat and join us for a fun day! We'll also celebrate Sara Marean's Installation as Associate Conference Minister - and invite her to come see us in Littleton.

Register using the link below and choose your workshops of choice.

We'll make sure we are well represented at various workshops to take away all we hope to learn!

<https://nhcucc.org/caring-for-congregations/prepared-to-serve>

Hope you can join us!

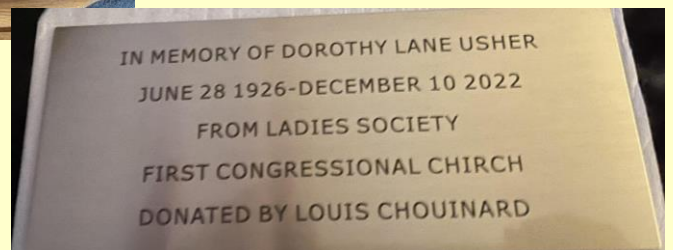
Peter



Doug Menzies helping **Brayden Smith** with his new Acolyte position 1/22/2023



This clock and plaque will hang at the Riverglen House where Dorothy made many friends!



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Church Staff

Interim Minister, Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz
Administrative Assistant: Pam Nute
Organist & Choir Director: Dottie Morton
Sexton: Reg LaFlam

Officers

Moderator: Tim Gould
Vice Moderator: Alice Muh,
Treasurer: Joyce Krill
Assistant Treasurer: Rachel Clark

Committee Chairs

Christian Education: Kim Smith
Deacons: Mary Menzies
Finance: Phil Krill
Mission: Linda Warden
Music: Tina Peabody
Personnel Relations: Tina Peabody
Property Management: Laurie Boswell

Shining Lights Learning Center

Board Chair: Suzanne Schott
Director: Melissa Kam

