

Steeple Minute

First Congregational Church of Littleton
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June, July and August Summer Worship at First Congregational!

We have a fun summer of worship planned to continue to deepen our faith and connections with each other!

Sanctuary Worship: On the first and third Sundays of June, July and August we'll gather in the sanctuary for worship. Communion will be on the first Sunday of the month. Associate Conference Minister, Sara Marean, will be with us for worship on Sunday, June 16 for a conversation on the ministry of the United Church of Christ here in New Hampshire and throughout our nation and world. We'll be collecting your questions to share with her in the next few weeks.

Brunch Church: On the second Sundays of June and July we'll gather for "Brunch Church" in the Ladies Parlor for a simple worship service of fellowship and feasting. And on August 18, we'll be taking "Brunch Church" outside to worship in Remich Park.

Worshipping Together: On the fourth Sundays, we are joining with First United Methodist and the Community Church of Christ in Franconia to share worship together. In June we head down Main Street to First United Methodist, in July welcome everyone here to worship with us, and in August we take off to Franconia. We will be providing car-pooling from the church – let us know if you'd like a ride. A team member from each of our three churches will be planning and leading worship on each of these Sundays based on scripture texts from the Revised Common Lectionary.

A Church Picnic! We are having a picnic with our three churches on Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 at the Community Church of Christ in Franconia. You can RSVP at church on Sundays or call Pam in the church office. Bring a side dish to share (there is a sign up at the back of the church). The other churches will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, desserts and beverages. We'll provide car-pooling from the church at 12:30.

Scripture Focus: This Summer we are turning our scripture focus to the "Narrative Lectionary" which provides an opportunity to learn more about a portion of scripture or book of the Bible. In June we'll focus on learning more about the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:2-4) and in July and August we'll read through one of the "Epistles", 1 John.

Summer Music: We are treated to Summer Musicians who will provide special music for worship. Some of them will be here 15 minutes before worship to provide a time for quiet and reflection.

Thank You! We are grateful to Mary Menzies, Lars Nielson and Amy Greene who will provide worship coordination this summer. Thank you as well to Elaine Pollak and Dottie Morton who are coordinating summer musicians.

Join the Fun! And finally, we'd love for you to get involved in our summer worship!

- **Worship:** Let Peter, Mary, Lars or Amy know if you'd be willing to help out in leading part of a worship service or share a Why Church reflection on your faith and life journey.
- **Why Church?** We are continuing sharing stories our own faith and life journeys this summer. Do let Peter know if you'd be willing to share yours!
- **Church Openers:** We are compiling a list of simple tasks that are needed each Sunday to open the church and get ready for worship. It takes about 15 minutes to do and we'll be offering some simple instructions after worship in June for all who might take a Sunday or two to help out. Thank you!
- **Greeters:** Sign up at church or talk with Dottie Bailey to take a Sunday to welcome us to church and provide some simple refreshments after worship in the back of the sanctuary.

First Congregational Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
KEY: FH - Fellowship Hall LP - Ladies Parlor CR - Classroom						1 Happy Birthday! Ken Aldrich Happy Anniversary! Emily & Reg LaFlam 7:00 PM-AA-FH
2 Happy Birthday! Emma Greene 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i>	3 Happy Birthday! Bob Muh 7:00 PM – AA - FH	4 Pastor Away	5 Pastor Away 7:00 PM-AA-FH	6 Pastor Away 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	7 Pastor Away 3:00 PM – Preschool Graduation - FH	8 Pastor Away 7:00 PM-AA-FH
9 BRUNCH CHURCH! 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>Worship Leaders: Mary Menzies & Amy Greene</i>	10 Happy Anniversary! Kathy & Richard Searles 6:00 PM – SLLC BOD - Zoom 7:00 PM – AA - FH	11 Happy Birthday! Bonnie Boswell 6:00PM – Eastern Star – FH	12 Happy Anniversary! Linda & Bob Warden 1:00PM – Finance Meeting – CR 7:00 PM – AA – FH	13 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	14 Pastor's Sabbath	15 Happy Anniversary! Joyce & Phil Krill 10:00AM-6:30PM Private Event - FH 7:00 PM-AA-FH
16 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i> Associate Conference Minister, Sara Marean Happy Birthday! Rachel Clark	17 7:00 PM – AA – FH	18	19 7:00 PM – AA – FH	20 Noon – Council – Zoom & :FH 6:00 PM-AIAnon- LP 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	21 Pastor's Sabbath	22 Happy Anniversary! Alice & Bob Muh 7:00 PM-AA-FH
23 9:30 AM-Worship Service <i>First United Methodist Church</i>	24 7:00 PM – AA - FH	25 Pam vacation	26 Pam vacation Happy Anniversary! Christine & David Sundman 7:00 PM – AA – FH	27 Pam vacation 6:00 PM-AIAnon- LP 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	28 11:30 am – Ladies Brunch – Topic of Town Pastor's Sabbath	29 7:00 PM-AA-FH
30 FOOD PANTRY OFFERING 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>Worship Leader: Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i> Happy Birthday! Dottie Morton						

June Worship Schedule

June Worship Focus: The Lord’s Prayer

June 2 Lord’s Prayer - Luke 11:2-4 - Our Father

June 9 - Lord’s Prayer Luke 11:2-4 - Hallowed Be
Brunch Church in the Ladies Parlor

June 16 - Lord’s Prayer - Luke 11:2-4
Thy Kingdom Come
Guest Worship Leader, Associate
Conference Minister, Sara Marean
Rachel Clark’s 91st birthday!
Father’s Day

June 23 - 9:30am Worship at **First United
Methodist** - (Revised Common Lectionary Texts)
Note the worship time is **9:30 am!**

June 30 - Lord’s Prayer 11:2-4 Give Us this Day
our Daily Bread and Forgive Us our Debts as We
Forgive our Debtors

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Thank You! \$885 was raised

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As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Financial Report

April 30, 2024	YTD
Member support:	\$53,608
Scheduled w/d from trust funds	\$ -
Other Income:	\$ 4,566
Total Income:	\$58,174
Total Expenses:	\$65,114
Net:	\$ - 6,940

Shining Lights Learning Center Children Plant the Community Garden

More cute pictures on page 5!

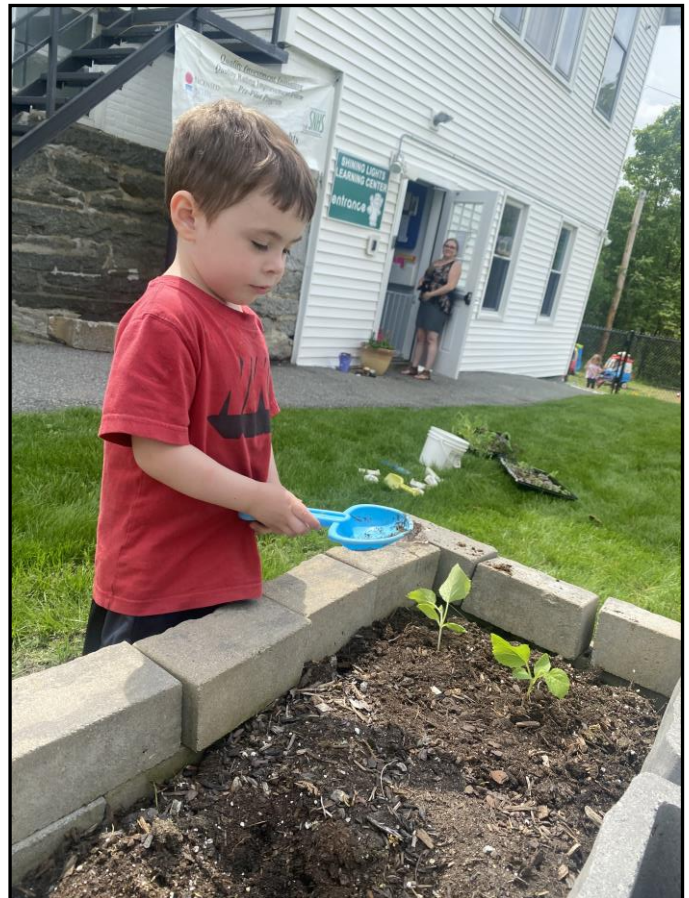


Memorial Day Service

Thank you to our Veterans!



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Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz, Pastor
Office Manager: Pam Nute
Organist & Choir Director: Dottie Morton
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Officers

Moderator: Alice Muh
Vice Moderator: Dan Kiefer
Treasurer: Joyce Krill
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Committee Chairs

Christian Education: Kim Smith
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Finance: Phil Krill
Mission: Linda Warden
Music: Tina Peabody
Personnel Relations: Tim Gould
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Shining Lights Learning Center

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