

**CHURCH STAFF**

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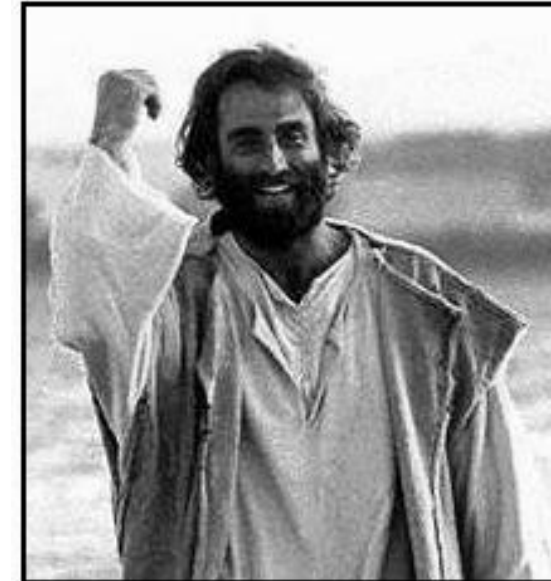
**Shining Lights Learning Center:**

Director: Ms. Melissa Kam  
Board President: Suzanne Schott

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!  
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in  
this place will know and experience the love,  
forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
January 22, 2017*



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| <b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br>Dorothy Morton<br>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.                                              | ~~~~<br>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday<br>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Worship Service and Sunday School<br>10:00 a.m.                                                                                    | ~~~~<br>FCC Shining Lights Learning Center<br>444-7379                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Coffee Fellowship 11:15 a.m.                                                                                                       | E-mail: <a href="mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net">fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net</a>                                                                                                                                      |

*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ**

**January 22, 2017**

**Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering "Hearts Full of Gratitude" *Bryan Sirchio*

Welcome and Announcements *Ann Craxton*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading from Psalm 27

One: You are my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear, O God?

**All: You are the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I ask of you; one thing I seek:  
to live in your house all my days,

**All: to bask in your beauty, inquire in your temple,  
and lift up your great songs of praise!**

One: You shelter me, God, when the day of trouble comes;  
you hide me beneath the cover of your tent;  
you set my feet high on a rock.

**All: I lift up my head above my foes all around,  
I offer sacrifices in your tent with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make a joyful melody to you!**

One: Teach me your way; lead me on a level path.  
I believe I shall see your goodness while I live.

**All: Wait for God, beloved. In the tumult, wait for God.  
Listen, God is calling you. Take courage. Wait for God!**

\*Hymn #592 "Jesus Calls Us"

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine" *Larson*

Welcome New Members:

*Vivian Davis, Elizabeth Edney, Bob and Estelle LaFleur*

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Prayer of Welcome and Sung Blessing

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.**

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer and Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6; Matthew 4:12-23

\*Hymn (*insert*) "The Summons"

Sermon "Will you come . . ."

\*Hymn #602 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" *vs. 1-3*

\*Benediction

\*Response #602 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" *vs. 4*

\*Postlude



***Please be sure to take your insert home and stick it on your fridge as a reminder of this fun night! Or, give it to a friend and ask them to join us!***

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**Announcing the 214<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LITTLETON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

*This has been changed to the SECOND Sunday in February from the "usual" first Sunday. Annual Reports will be available in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**Our Church By-Laws (Article IX, Section 3) call for an annual meeting of the congregation for the purposes of:**

- Electing officials and committees
- Setting the budgets
- Reporting on the activities of the Church in the previous year
- Conducting any other business that would require the vote of the membership

The annual meeting serves not only to take care of the business of the Church, but to remind us of our obligations to this Church, our community, to the world and to God. In fellowship with each other and God, we have the privilege and responsibility to carry out these promises and to guide our congregation in the coming year. Please plan on coming to the annual meeting which starts with worship at 10:00 AM and the business meeting following in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a potluck following the meeting ~ Please bring your favorite thing to share!

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***ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL***

*Rehearsals for the Ecumenical Choir Festival will begin on Sunday, Feb. 5th at the Methodist Church at 1:00 pm. Rehearsals will also be held on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> and 19th with the concert on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. at the Methodist Church. If you love to sing but are unable to commit to the weekly regular choir, you are welcome to join us in the Ecumenical Choir. If you are interested, contact Maryann Langdoc at 603-444-5282.*

**Notices for the week of January 22, 2017 – January 28, 2017**

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TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School  
 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
 Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath  
 Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Dinner Bell – All Saints Church  
 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
 Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
 Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall  
 Sat..... 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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**Usher/Greeter:** Brenda & Ross Fairweather

**Coffee Fellowship:** Brenda & Ross Fairweather

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God  
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Please send pictures and articles to Pam  
 for the February issue of *Steeple Talk*  
 by Wednesday.

**Thank you!!**

# January Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

## CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

**Teachers SAU #84** – loosing jobs as deal with budget.

(Wilma Weddington)

**Tom Oleary** – thyroid cancer.

(Judy Oleary)

**Rachel B.** – student who has been plagued by illness and weight loss. Seems to be Celiac disease.

(Su Schott)

**Ron Bolt** – cancer.

(Alison Bolt)

**Judy Jalbert** – has lymphoma.

(June Davis)

**Kasey Willoughby** - Glenda Iles thirty-five year old niece, who lives in Virginia, has just discovered that she has a tumor on her kidney.

(Glenda Iles)

**Henrietta Aldrich** – recovery from surgery last Wednesday.

(Ken Aldrich)

## Cancer

Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)

Arped Lind (June Davis)

Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)

Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)

Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)

Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)

Peter Low (Tina Peabody)

Joni Prell (Linda Warden)

Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam)

Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles)

Judy Jalbert (June Davis)

James Stewart (Tim Gould)

Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)

Jean Lange (Emily LaFlam)

*\*\*Names listed without original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.*

## Illness/Recovery

June Davis (Emily LaFlam)

Jean Kimball (David Weddington)

Marla Strong (Kim Smith)

Betsy Bergen (Bob Muh)

Aldyn Frenkiewich (Linda Warden)

Don Bliss (Judy Oleary)

## Family Concerns

Brian Muh & Epic Church (Alice Muh)

Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)

Heather Menzies (Doug Menzies)

Annette & John Russo (Wilma Weddington)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Elizabeth Poliven (Ed O'Brien)

Family of Wayne Chase (Emily LaFlam)

Family of Linda Hall (Wayne Ruggles)

Family of Nancy Aldrich (Linda Warden)

Family of Joel Peabody (Tina Peabody)

Family of Al Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)

## Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.*

*If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376.*

*If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.*