

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. W. David Weddington
Organist & Music Director: Dorothy Morton
Administrative Assistant: Pam Nute
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OFFICERS:

Moderator: Ann Craxton
Vice-Moderator: Lars Nielson
Treasurer: Dudley Bailey
Assistant Treasurer: Joyce Krill

Our Covenant

We covenant with the Lord, and with one another, to walk together as followers of Jesus Christ. We purpose to devote ourselves to the study, the practice, and the spread of Christianity. We will endeavor to be loyal to this fellowship; to help one another in the Christian life; according to our ability and opportunity to support the work and attend the meetings of this Church; and in every way to strive to make it a power in the service of God and all people.

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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  
February 12, 2017*

Pastor:  
**Rev. W. David Weddington**  
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**Music Director & Organist**  
Dorothy Morton

Wednesdays. 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.m.

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Church office hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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*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**

**February 12, 2017**

**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany/Church Annual Meeting**

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

Gathering "It's All About Love" *Bryan Sirchio*

Welcome, Calling the Annual Meeting to Order, Announcements  
and Opening Prayer *Ann Craxton, Moderator*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Deuteronomy 30:11-20*

One: Surely my commandment isn't too hard—says our God—  
it isn't too high or far away.

**All: You don't have to climb up to heaven to get it;  
you don't have to sail the seven seas.**

One: No, my word is very near you—

**All: in your mouths and in your hearts so you can do it.**

One: Look—says our God—I am setting before you  
life and prosperity, death and adversity.

**All: If you obey my commands, I will bless you.  
If your heart turns away, you will perish.**

One: Look, I am setting your choices before you:  
life and death, blessings and curses.

**All: Choose life, so that you and your children may live—  
loving, obeying, and holding fast to God.**

One: Beloved, it's simple. There's life and there's death.

**All: Choose life! L'chaim! Choose life!**

\*Hymn #11 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Children's Time

Choir Anthem "Deep River" *arr. Lowry*

Commissioning of New Deacons

*Brenda Fairweather and Ross Fairweather*

**We thank you, good and loving God, for the many and varied  
gifts of your Holy Spirit. As we welcome Ross and Brenda as  
Deacons, give them wisdom, compassion, creativity and  
courage. Help them to care for the people of this church, to  
support its ministers, and guide us in worship that brings us  
closer to each other and you. We pray in the name of our  
servant Lord, Jesus. Amen.**

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

\*Hymn #648 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon "deeper"

\*Hymn #589 "Here I Am, Lord"

\*Benediction

\*Response #589 "Here I Am, Lord" (refrain)

\*Postlude

Reconvene the Annual Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

## TODAY

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

**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 and 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.

**Annual Reports are available at the back of the sanctuary.**

*An updated version of the Clerk's Report is available. A few years ago, when the office was in transition, some of the numbers didn't get changed, and that has thrown them off ever since. Thanks to Rachel Clark for doing the research to correct these numbers. Also, please note that this updated report includes the November passing of Ray Morton. If there are any errors or omissions in this updated report, please let me know. blessings, david*

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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.*

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### **DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION TODAY**

There will be a special collection today to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance. Envelopes for this specific purpose are included in the bulletin. Thank you!

\$191 was collected in January ~ Thank you for your kindness!

## Notices for the week of February 12, 2017 – February 18, 2017

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TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School  
 11:15 am ....Annual Business Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
 5:30 pm ....SLLC & CE Following - Classroom

Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 1:30 pm ....Ladies Society – Ladies Parlor  
 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Thurs..... 7:15 pm ....COG – Classroom

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

**Usher/Greeter:** Dottie & Dudley Bailey

**Coffee Fellowship:** Pot Luck in the Fellowship Hall

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**The Ladies Society will be meeting this week as their meeting last week was postponed due to the icy weather.**

# February 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.

**Mike McKillop** – cancer. (Brenda Fairweather)

## Cancer

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| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)          | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles) |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)         | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)    |
| Peter Low (Tina Peabody)             | Joni Prell (Linda Warden)      |
| Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles) | James Stewart (Tim Gould)      |
| Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)           | Ron Bolt (Alison Bolt)         |
| Tom Oleary (Bob Oleary)              | Arped Lind (June Davis)        |
| Judy Jalbert (June Davis)            | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)       |

## Illness/Recovery

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| Henrietta Aldrich (Ken Aldrich)  | Jean Kimball (David Weddington) |
| Marla Strong (Kim Smith)         | Betsy Bergen (Bob Muh)          |
| Aldyn Frenkiewich (Linda Warden) | Don Bliss (Judy Oleary)         |
| Jean Lange (Emily LaFlam)        | Peggy Heatly (Marti Faulkner)   |

## 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 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.*

*\*\*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.*

