

CHURCH STAFF

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*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
February 19, 2017*

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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.*

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| <p><b>Pastor:</b><br/><b>Rev. W. David Weddington</b><br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:pastordavid@myfairpoint.net">pastordavid@myfairpoint.net</a></p> <p><b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br/>Dorothy Morton</p> <p>Wednesdays. 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm<br/>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.<br/>~~~</p> <p><b>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday</b><br/>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> | <p>189 Main Street<br/>Littleton, NH 03561<br/>603-444-3376, Fax: 603-444-6589<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:fstcong@myfairpoint.net">fstcong@myfairpoint.net</a><br/><a href="http://www.1stconglittleton.org">www.1stconglittleton.org</a></p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Worship Service and Sunday School<br/>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship<br/>11:15 a.m.</p> |
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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 19, 2017**  
**Seventh Sunday of Epiphany**

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

Gathering (*insert*) "It's All about Love" *Brian Sirchio*

Welcome and Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Leviticus 19*

One: God spoke to the people through Moses and said:

**All: "You shall be holy since I am holy: I am God.**

One: When you harvest your grain, don't gather it all;  
leave some at the edges for the poor.

**All: When you harvest your grapes, don't strip the vine bare;  
leave some for immigrants: I am God.**

One: Don't cheat one another. Don't steal. Don't lie.  
Don't hold back the wages a worker has earned.

**All: Don't mock or abuse the disabled; fear God: I am God.**

One: Give even-handed justice to poor and rich alike.  
Don't slander your neighbors;

don't profit from their hurt: I am God.

**All: Don't let your heart fill with hate for your kin,  
but do show your neighbor the error of his ways,  
or you will be guilty yourself.**

One: Don't avenge yourself; don't carry a grudge.

**All: Love your neighbor as yourself: I am God."**

One: Thank you, God, for giving us your Law and your Love,

**All: And thank you for reminding us  
that you are God (and we are not!).**

**We forget. Please forgive us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Hymn #805 "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled"

Children's Time

Special Music "No Greater Gift" *Schram*

Moments of Concern and Celebration

(please fill out a blue card in the pew)

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

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology (#815)

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture Matthew 5:38-48

\*Hymn #393 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Sermon "and deeper"

Hymn #399 "We Are God's People"

\*Benediction

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

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

\*Postlude

# ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

*The Concert is on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. at the Methodist Church.*

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## DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION

There was a special collection last week to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance.

**\$174 was collected last week ~ Thank you for your kindness!**



## Emergency Food Collection Next Week!

*The Food Cupboard is in need of the following items:*

Soups, stews, coffee, canned meat (turkey, chicken, ham, corned beef, Spam). Paper towels & tissues. Dry cereals, snacks, crackers.  
Condiments for sandwiches.

**Thank you!**

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**Officers for 2017:** Dudley Bailey, Treasurer, Tim Gould, Vice Moderator, Lars Nielson, Moderator and Joyce Krill, Assistant Treasurer

## Notices for the week of February 19, 2017 – February 25, 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  
 Office Closed

Tues..... 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

**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Cynthia Nielson

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

**The office will be closed on Monday and Friday**

**Please send in any pictures, articles or announcements  
for the March issue of Steeple Talk by Thursday.**

**Thank you!**

# 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.

**Shirley Smith** – found her husband had passed away. (Alison Bolt)

**Charlotte**, Ed and Ann Craxton's youngest daughter, needs prayers during her decision to go to seminary. (Ed Craxton)

## Cancer

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| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden) | 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)    | Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather)   |

## 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

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.*

