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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 26, 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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*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 26, 2017**

**Eighth Sunday of Epiphany**

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

Gathering #585      “Be Still and Know”

Welcome and Announcements

*Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading

*Psalm 131*

One: Dear God, my heart is not haughty,  
my eyes are not raised too high;

**All: I do not trouble myself with things  
that are too great, too marvelous for me.**

One: Instead, I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
like a weaned child with its mother.

**All: My soul is calm and quiet,  
like the weaned child that is with me.**

One: Beloved, place all your hope in God.

**All: We will open our calm and hopeful hearts  
to the love of God now and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #617      “Near to the Heart of God”

Children’s Time

Anthem      “How Can I Keep from Singing?”      *arr. Ellingboe*

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 6:24-34

\*Hymn #624

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Sermon

“Loved”

Hymn #571

“Trust and Obey”

*vs. 1-3*

\*Benediction

\*Response #571

“Trust and Obey”

*vs. 5*

\*Postlude

Wednesday, March 1, is

**Ash Wednesday**

*the day we begin the journey of Lent.*

*During Lent, we set aside time to reflect  
as we prepare for the mysterious and wonderful gifts  
of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter.*

*We'll meet in the Ladies' Parlor for a special service of worship.*

*The room will be open at 6:30 p.m. for those who may want to spend some time in quiet reflection. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. I hope you'll come and share this time with us.*

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN OUR ADULT BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT**

We're going to be meeting for a time of reading and exploring Holy Scripture on the Sundays during the Season of Lent (March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2 and 9).

We'll gather at 11:30 in the Sunday School Room off the Choir Room to reflect on the Scripture Readings for the coming Sunday.

We'll be following a practice called Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)-- not an analytical reading so much as a prayerful reading, each of us opening our hearts to receive the special gift Holy Spirit wants to offer us through our pondering of these precious words today.

I'm hoping we can also do some journaling of our thoughts and feelings during the week as we ponder these readings at home, I'll have some blank notebooks available but feel free to bring your own if you have one you'd like to use.

You can find the readings for each Sunday at the following websites:

[www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu)

or [www.ucc.org/worship\\_samuel](http://www.ucc.org/worship_samuel)

You might want to read them ahead of time; you might want to do some journaling, or not. Feel free to come whenever you can. I'm looking forward to time together, opening our hearts to the Spirit of God through the gift of the Word in this Holy Season of Lent.

**Notices for the week of February 26, 2017 – March 4, 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..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Ash Wednesday Service – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – 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:** Judy & Bob Oleary

**Coffee Fellowship:** Glenda Iles

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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***ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL***

***The Concert is TODAY at 3:00 pm. at the Methodist Church.***

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

***Back by popular demand! Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> NO Joke!***

***GAME NIGHT 4pm - 7pm in the Ladies Parlor***

## 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.

**Arthur & Kris Brooks & Family** – catastrophic fire at their home in Barnet, VT on February 17. (Elaine Pollak & Glenda Iles)

**Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh** – last day at Franconia Community Church – Saturday, March 4th. (Wilma Weddington)

**June & Vern Davis** – both sick with colds or viruses. (Emily LaFlam)

**Arthur Arnold Family** – had a house fire. (Marti Faulkner)

**Family of Nancy Lange** – Nancy, wife of Rev. Jonathan Lange, interim pastor of our church 1996-1997, died last week. (Bob Muh)

### 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)   |

### Family Concerns

Heather Menzies (Doug Menzies)  
Annette & John Russo (Wilma Weddington)

### 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)   |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Joel Peabody (Tina Peabody)  
Family of Al Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)  
Family of Shirley Smith (Alison Bolt)

### 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.*