

**CHURCH STAFF**

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*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
March 12, 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.*

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**

**March 12, 2017**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

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

Gathering #391      “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Welcome and Announcements      *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading      *Psalm 121*

One: I lift up my eyes to the radiant hills—  
white against blue sky, silent and strong—  
I lift up my eyes to the high, granite hills:  
Where shall I turn for help?

**All: My help comes from God the Eternal, the One  
who draped the high hills in their mantle of snow,  
the One who created the mountains, the trees,  
the One who made heaven and earth!**

One: God the Eternal will not let you stumble;  
God watches over us all night and day.

**All: God watches over our rising and sleeping;  
God does not slumber; God does not sleep.**

One: God is your keeper, your shelter from evil—  
from sunstroke by day and from moonshine by night.

**All: God watches over our going and coming  
today and forever. Praise God!**

\*Hymn #3      “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Children’s Time

Special Music

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

\*Hymn #389      “Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture      John 3:1-17

Sermon      “Night Visitor”

Hymn #435      “God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Benediction

\*Response #231 “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

\*Postlude



# Easter Lily Order Form



Easter lily orders are now being taken. The cost is **\$15** a lily

**All orders must be given to Glenda Iles by March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "Cherry Blossom"**

Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary under the Madonna Window ~  
Any questions? Call Glenda at 398-7353

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## SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

**Bring something to share if you'd like (but not required) a true Pot Luck.**

**There is no charge and bringing a friend is strongly encouraged!**

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## The Community Outreach Group is

Hosting a rehearsal dinner for the Littleton High School Drama Dept.  
again this Spring on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for 50 people!

**Please consider helping with this Outreach and Random Act of Kindness by  
purchasing a pizza or water, making a dessert or helping at the dinner!**

We will be serving Pizza, 1 big simple salad, water and hand-held desserts.

There is a sign-up sheet with instructions in the **Ladies Parlor during Fellowship**

*Any questions? See Tim Gould!*

## Notices for the week of March 12, 2017 – March 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 ....Mardi Paws Celebration! – Ladies Parlor  
 11:30 am ....Exploring Holy Scripture – Classroom
- Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
 4:30 pm ....Finance Committee – Ladies Parlor  
 5:30 pm ....SLLC Board & CE following - Classroom
- 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
- Thurs..... 4:30 pm ....Property Committee – Classroom  
 7:15 pm ....COG – Dunkin Donuts @ Walmart
- 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:** Christian Ed

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

## 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!

\$219 was collected in February ~ Thank you for your kindness!

## March 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.

**Denise Batchelder** – fell and hurt her back. (Karen Lord)

**Violet Hopkins** – fell, broke her hip, surgery on 3/4/17.

**Leslie and Heather Dunbar** – My aunt Leslie has end stage lung disease and will be coming home from the hospital and her daughter, Heather (my cousin) will be caring for her. (Alice Muh)

**Joyce Willoughby** – cancer is back in her spine and will undergo more extensive tests. (Glenda Iles)

### 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)             | Arped Lind (June Davis)              |
| Judy Jalbert (June Davis)          | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)             |
| Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather) |                                      |

### Family Concerns

Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)  
Arthur & Kris Brooks & Family (Glenda Iles)  
Aaron & Gabriel Morton (Dottie Morton)

### Illness/Recovery

Peggy Heatly (Marti Faulkner) Pat Whipple (Emily LaFlam)  
Ron & Alison Bolt (Dottie Bailey)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Al Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)  
Family of Shirley Smith (Alison Bolt)  
Family of Nancy Lange (Bob Muh)

### 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.*

