

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
March 15, 2015*

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Director: Mrs. Dianah Hale
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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.

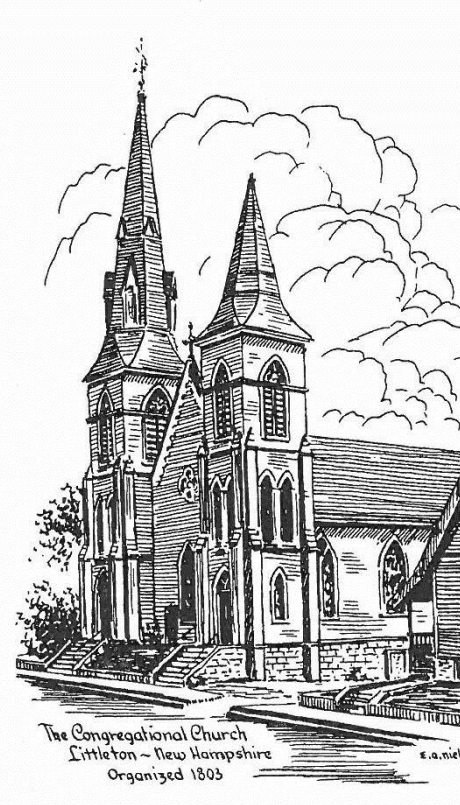
Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.m.

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Church office hours: Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 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 15, 2015: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

Gathering #179      “Awesome God”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer    *Ann Craxton*

Prelude

Responsive Reading:      *based on Numbers 11, 21 & John 6*

One: Manna we called it. It's Hebrew: “Mah nah?”

It means “What's this stuff?” Really. No kidding.

**All: Every day, God sent us manna from heaven  
to feed us as we made our desert journey.**

One: It looked a lot like coriander seed.

It was the color of gum resin and we gathered it,  
ground it, beat it in mortars, then boiled it in pots  
and made cakes. They tasted like cakes baked with oil.

**All: Every night, when dew fell, the manna fell with it.  
We found it on the ground in the morning.**

One: We grumbled: “What? Are you trying to kill us, God?  
You brought us out of Egypt where we ate beef and fish,  
cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic,  
and you led us to the desert where there isn't any food!  
O yes, and by the way, we hate this awful food.”

**All: Manna we call it. “What's this stuff?”  
And we gripe because it isn't steak;  
and still God sends our daily bread—  
the Bread of Heaven, the Bread from God  
who comes to give life to the world.**

\*Hymn #207      “We Have Come to Join in Worship”

Children's Time

Anthem                      “Holy Darkness”                      *Schutte*

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 #684      “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Scripture                      Numbers 21:4-9

Sermon                      “Desert Walk”

\*Hymn #602      “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response      “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”      *Lutkin*

\*Postlude

**FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**WHEN:** March 28, 2015 8 am to 10 am

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**COST:** Free

The Christian Education Committee and the Revitalization Task Force will be sponsoring a free community **Pancake Breakfast** on March 28 from 8 am to 10 am. This is going to be a community outreach project instead of our usual Palm Sunday mission fundraiser. The purpose of providing this breakfast is to serve the community in a tangible way, sharing God's love with our neighbors, warming their hearts as well as their bellies.



~MENU~

*Pancakes*

*With real Maple Syrup or Blueberry Syrup*

*Sausage Bacon*

*Juice, coffee, tea, and milk*

**We are asking for help from the congregation with set up, cooking, serving, and clean up as well as donations to help cover the cost of food. The sign up poster can be found at coffee fellowship.**

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

Sunday, March 15 marks our *One Great Hour of Sharing* special offering ~ the U.C.C. refugee, relief and development offering which helps transform lives through health, educational, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries around the world. Our generosity helps people worldwide to achieve self-sufficiency, to reach their full potential, to lead lives of dignity, and to reach some level of comfort and freedom from want and fear. For the past 66 years, *One Great Hour of Sharing* has been a multi-denominational effort with millions of Christians from diverse backgrounds joining forces on one day each year to reach out to those around the world. The theme chosen by the U.C.C. for this year's OGHS campaign is drawn from 2 Corinthians 8:13-15: ***"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: 'The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little'".*** In 2013 and 2014, our members and friends donated \$1,877.60 and \$1,987.00 respectively in support of *One Great Hour of Sharing*, more than double the amount raised in 2012. Please give generously, carrying forward our congregation's rich tradition of serving those most in need.

**Notices for the week of March 15, 2015 – March 22, 2015**

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TODAY 10:00 am ...Worship Service  
11:15 am ...Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
11:30 am ...Mark Study – Choir Room  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
5:30 pm ...SLLC Board Meeting  
Tues..... 6:00 pm ...Al Anon/Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 6:30 pm ...Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ...Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Thurs.....6:00 pm ...Revitalization Task Force – Ladies Parlor  
Sat..... 11:00 am ...Dick Holland Service  
7:30 pm ...AA – Fellowship Hall

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

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**Usher/Greeter:** Su Schott  
**Flowers:** to the Glory of God  
**Coffee Fellowship:** Glenda Iles – Ladies Parlor

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Please contact Glenda Iles (444-5336) to order your Easter Lilies. The cost will be \$13.00.  
**She needs your order by March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Please make sure to take your lily with you after the service.

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**Save the Date – Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> will be church cleanup day**

## March Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the improvement of our economic situation, Iran and its people, 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.

Family of Dick Holland – Loss, grieving  
Family of Ruth McKenzie Lee who passed away in February (Tina Peabody)  
Roxie Bowker – Cancer (Rachel Clark)  
Mary Hodgdon

### Cancer

Lisa Boissonneault (Linda Warden)  
Patti Cruickshank Schott (Su Schott)    Jim Aguilar (Phil & Joyce Krill)  
John Potocki (Linda Warden)            Pam Lynch (Linda Warden)  
Andy Andrews (Marti Faulkner)        Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)  
Donna Bliss Rosenberg (Don Bliss)

### Illness/Recovery

Jim Baker (Emily LaFlam)                Patricia Tuck (Patricia Tuck)  
Jessica Goodell (Glenda Iles)          Pat Whipple (Emily LaFlam)  
Melodie Paskowski (Judy Warden)  
Karen Elizabeth Krill (Joyce & Phil Krill)

### Family Issues/Strength

Linda Hall (Linda Hall)                  Pamela Leslie (Pam Leslie)  
Denise Batchelder (Karen Lord)        Kimberly Noël (Kimberly Noël)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Shirley Stefanik (Tim Gould)  
Sam Paquette & Sons (Karen Lord)

## 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.***

