



WE WISH TO THANK all of the persons listed for contributing Easter lily's that you will see displayed in our church on Easter in two weeks.

Last minute orders can be made today by contacting Glenda Iles.

Alison Bolt - In memory of Laverne Smith Kohl and Alice Smith Lynn

June Davis – In memory of my parents, Charles & Regina Cicerone

Barbara Holland – In memory of Dick

Emily & Reg LaFlam – In memory of our son, Ron LaFlam

Alice & Bob Muh

Su Schott & children – In memory of Schott & Sleeper, parents and grandparents

Elaine Stroop – In memory of members no longer with us

Wilma & David Weddington – In memory of Walter Weddington & Al Whetstine

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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  
April 2, 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**

**April 2, 2017—Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

Gathering #704      “God Will Make a Way”

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer      *Brenda Fairweather*

Prelude

Responsive Reading      *Psalm 130*

One: Out of the depths we cry out to you!

**All: Let your ears hear us! O God, be attentive to our cries!**

One: If you took note of our failings, O God,  
which of us could stand in your presence?

**All: But you are forgiving—you fill us with awe!**

**Our souls flood with hope; we wait for your coming  
even more than those who watch for the morning—  
even more than those who watch for the morning!**

One: O my people, put all your hope in God;  
for with God there is mercy, and power to save.

**All: It is God who will save us. The Holy One, the Sovereign,  
will free us from the darkness of our sins.**

\*Hymn #596      “I Surrender All”

**\*Confession: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips  
tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and  
what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us  
free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in  
which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more  
and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ  
our Savior. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri #813

\*Statement of Faith (*front cover of hymnal*)

Children’s Time

Choir Anthem      “A Lenten Meditation”      *arr. Michaels*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer with Our Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture      John 11:1-44

Sermon      “Yea, though I walk . . .”

\*Hymn #413      “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn #690      “He Leadeth Me”

\*Benediction

\*Response #232      “God Be with You”

\* Postlude

Lectionary readings for the coming week:

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54

# The Community Outreach Group is

Hosting a rehearsal dinner for the Littleton High School Drama Dept.

**THIS**

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, salad, water and hand-held desserts.

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

*Please join the group on Thursday night to watch the performance!  
Tickets are half-price for our group.*

*Meet in the Littleton High School Lobby  
7:00 – 7:10 pm!*

*Any questions? See Tim Gould!*



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Are you looking for a wonderful way to provide a service for a child in need?

## **The Fresh Air Fund**

is seeking families willing to open their hearts and homes to New York City children for one or two weeks this summer.

Hosts may request a boy or girl between the ages of 7 and 12. As a volunteer host family you will help a child enjoy the simple pleasures of a summer away from the hot city streets. Please call Sally Sherrard at 444-2289 or visit [www.freshairfund.org](http://www.freshairfund.org) for more information.

## **Notices for the week of April 2, 2017 – April 8, 2017**

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- TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service, Communion & Sunday School
- 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
- 11:30 am ....Exploring Holy Scripture – Classroom
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 4:30 pm ....Random Act of Kindness – LHS Cafeteria
- 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs..... 7:00 pm ....LHS Play Performance – LHS Lobby
- Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men’s Breakfast – Littleton Diner
- 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:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy Oleary

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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# April 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.

**Cynthia Farquharson** – cancer (Linda Warden)

**Peter Campbell**, son of Rev. Tom & Pat Cambell – cancer (Glenda Iles)

## Cancer

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| 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) |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)       |                                    |

## Family Concerns

Aaron & Gabriel Morton (Dottie Morton)  
Leslie & Heather Dunbar (Alice Muh)  
Margaret & Mike Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)

## Illness/Recovery

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| Caroline Gale (Elaine Stroop) | Denise Batchelder (Karen Lord) |
| Stanley Rapee (Mark Blodgett) | Bette Vaugh (Tina Peabody)     |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Rick Gilbert (Marti Faulkner)

## 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.*

