

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
April 26, 2015*

CHURCH STAFF

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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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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 26, 2015**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Gathering #548

“As the Deer”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Unison Reading:

*Psalm 23*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

\*Hymn #489

“Pass Me Not”

Children's Time

Anthem: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”  
*Bradbury/Artman*

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 #550

“I Want to Be Like Jesus”

Scripture

1 John 3:11-24

Sermon

“and I will dwell . . .”

\*Hymn #535

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

\*Benediction

\*Response #713

“Seek Ye First”

\*Postlude

## COMPLETING THE CIRCLE

Thursday, 6:30 pm – Ladies Parlor

Feedback may or may not result in change, but it is very important to embrace the process. Our introductory experience with Rev. David McMahill's "Completing the Circle" model for reviewing ministries was very helpful. We listened to each other, learned a lot, and incorporated changes. However, as the Deacons reflected on issues involving the process itself, it seemed appropriate to make adjustments to better reflect the nature of our church. Accordingly, instead of having more frequent meetings, each focusing on one aspect of our ministry, we plan to schedule small group gatherings in the spring, winter, and fall to discuss our church as a whole.

Please take the opportunity to reflect on your experience of worship, pastoral care, Christian education, committee and task force work, mission projects, membership concerns and anything else that may occur to you. Then, plan to bring your thoughts to the Ladies Parlor on **Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 6:30.**

We will keep our reflection groups to six or eight people and have as many groups as we need to accommodate everyone who wants to take part.

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## North Country Chorus ~ Spring Concert 2015

May 1<sup>st</sup> 7:30 pm

Here at the First Congregational Church!

featuring *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff

Tickets are available in advance from [Catamount Arts](#) (which has recently reduced its service fees!): adults \$11, students \$5.50 (including fees).  
Admission at the door will be adults \$12, students \$5

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Dinner Bell – May 5th

Clean Up Day – May 16th

## Notices for the week of April 26, 2015 – May 2, 2015

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TODAY. .. 10:00 am....Worship Service & Sunday School

11:15 am....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

8:30 am....Lakeway screenings – Ladies Parlor

Tues..... 6:00 pm....Al Anon/Ladies Parlor

7:00 pm....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall

Wed..... 6:30 pm....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor

7:00 pm....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm....NC Chorus Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thurs..... 6:30 pm....Completing the Circle – Ladies Parlor

Fri..... 7:30 pm....NC Chorus Concert - Sanctuary

Sat..... 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:** Dottie & Dudley Bailey

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

**Coffee Fellowship:** Bob & Judy Oleary



# April 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.

John Stevenson – head injury (Linda Warden)

Marvin Curnutt – stroke 7 months ago (Emily Laflam)

Jackie Canfield Willy - in ICU with pneumonia (Marti Faulkner)

## Cancer

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| Paul MacMillan (Tina Peabody)        | Roxie Bowker (Rachel Clark)       |
| Patti Cruickshank Schott (Su Schott) | Jim Aguilar (Phil & Joyce Krill)  |
| John Potocki (Linda Warden)          | Andy Andrews (Marti Faulkner)     |
| Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)            | Donna Bliss Rosenberg (Don Bliss) |
| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)          | Lisa Boissonneault (Linda Warden) |

## Illness/Recovery

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|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ezekiel Gettemy (Erma Sheley)              | Art Hunt (Laurie Boswell)   |
| Jimmie Dudley (Jo Beth Dudley)             | Seth Donnan (Donna Matz)    |
| Karen Elizabeth Krill (Joyce & Phil Krill) | Erica Duffy (Donna Matz)    |
| Walter Weddington, Sr. (Wilma Weddington)  |                             |
| Bill & Marcia Hurkett (Marti Faulkner)     | Anna Jackman (Linda Warden) |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Gary Whitcomb (Tina Peabody)  
Family of Dick Holland (Judy Warden)

## 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.***

