

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.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
April 30, 2017*

*To approach the stranger is to invite  
the unexpected, release a new force,  
let the genie out of the bottle. It is to  
start a new train of events that is  
beyond your control . . .*

*T. S. Eliot*

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| <b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br>Dorothy Morton<br>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.                                              | ~~~~~<br>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday<br>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                             |
| Worship Service and Sunday School<br>10:00 a.m.                                                                                    | ~~~~~<br>FCC Shining Lights Learning Center<br>444-7379                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Coffee Fellowship 11:15 a.m.                                                                                                       | E-mail: <a href="mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net">fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net</a>                                                                                                                                      |

*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 30, 2017**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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

\*Gathering Music #349 “O How He Loves You and Me”

Welcome & Announcements *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading *1 Peter 1:17-23*

One: We call on your name, dear Father of all,  
impartial Judge, weighing us all by our deeds.

**All: With trembling hearts, we call on your name  
while we wait through our exile here.**

One: We wandered in futility, trapped by our past.  
You rescued us—gave our lives meaning and purpose.

**All: You ransomed us, not with mere silver and gold,  
but with Christ’s precious blood, like the Passover lamb.**

One: He was there for us at the beginning of the worlds;  
he appeared to us now, at the end of the age.

**All: Through him, we have come to trust you, O God.  
You raised him up, gave him your glory, and so  
we set all our faith, all our hope on you.**

One: As we open our souls now to live in your truth,  
let us love one another with genuine love,  
a love that arises from deep in our hearts.

**All: We are being reborn, not of perishable seed,  
but of seed that will last forever. And so we rejoice.  
Through our faith in your living Word, Jesus,  
we thank you, we give you our praise.**

\*Hymn #56 “To God Be the Glory”

Children's Time “Food Collection”

Special Music “Alleluia, Praise His Name”

*Schram*

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

Pastoral Prayer

Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology #815

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #572 “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Luke 24:13-35

Sermon “With Genuine Love”

\*Hymn #604 “I Then Shall Live”

\*Benediction

\*Response “Be Known to Us In Breaking Bread”

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart.  
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood,  
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.  
Amen.

\*Postlude

Scripture Readings for Next Week:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10



# Church Clean Up Day is THIS SATURDAY!



Starting at 8am until noon. A list of small projects will be provided, so come and pick one of your choosing!

There will be snacks provided and a light fellowship lunch following.

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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.

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**Please look for the Dinner Bell Sign Up Sheet  
in the Ladies Parlor today. There are a few items still needed.**

**We are hosting the dinner on Tuesday.**

Please join us at 4:30 pm to help serve the meal! If you cannot make it, you can drop off your item by 1:30 pm on Tuesday to Pam in the office for delivery to the All Saint's church!

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**There are Bibles at the back of the Sanctuary available for you to take home with you!**



## Notices for the week of April 30, 2017 – May 6, 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..... 5:00 pm ....Dinner Bell – All Saints' Church
- 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
- Sat..... 8:00 am ....Church Clean Up Day
- 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:** Bob Muh

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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### REMINDER

The office is resuming “summer hours” this week through September.

Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm

Thank you!

## May 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.

**Bev Frankenwich** – suffered a stroke after heart surgery is now in rehab and is hopeful for complete recovery. (Tina Peabody)

**Jeff White** – having an MRI. (Donna Matz)

**Sandra Eaton** - shoulder replacement on 4/27. (Judy Warden)

**Barbara Enderson** – shoulder replacement 4/25. (Judy Warden)

**Joy Moore** – Broke leg. Had surgery at DHMS. Now at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital. (Mary Menzies)

**Judy Dean** – breast cancer, having surgery in May. (Alice Muh)

**Tracy Lange** – throat cancer. (good friend, Mary and Penny Blodgett)

**Pat Tuck** – broke hip and recovering from surgery. (David Weddington)

### 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 O'leary)          | Ron Bolt (Alison Bolt)             |
| Arped Lind (June Davis)              | Judy Jalbert (June Davis)          |
| Travis Gay (Judy Warden)             | Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather) |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)       | Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)         | David Sime (Linda Smith)           |

## Family Concerns

Nicole & Seala Mardin (Peter Hilton)

## Illness/Recovery

Thomas Leard (Emily LaFlam)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Kirk McKenzie (Tina Peabody)

## 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.*

