



*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
April 9, 2017*

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

**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

**Roberta Lavoie & Jean Kimball** – In memory of Jane Boswell

**Dottie Morton** – In memory of Ray

**Alice & Bob Muh**

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

**Elaine Strop** – 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.*

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 9, 2017**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

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

Gathering Music #297 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Open Prayer *Emily LaFlam*

Prelude

Responsive Reading: *Matthew 21:1-11*

One: As we approached the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two of us ahead. He said,

**All: "In the next village you'll find a donkey  
tied to her stall and her colt will be with her.  
Untie them both and bring them to me.  
If anyone asks, just say 'Jesus needs them.'"**

One: (Jesus was preparing to dramatize the prophet's promise:

**All: "Daughter of Zion, look! Your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on the foal of a donkey! Rejoice!")**

One: We found the donkeys just as Jesus had said we would.  
We covered their bony backs with our cloaks  
to soften Jesus' ride; we cut down branches and covered  
the stones of the road to soften Jesus' path. And we sang:

**Sing:** (#297 *vs. 3*)

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King;  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

Children's Time

Anthem "Of Palms and Praise" Furman/Drennan  
(*Here we'll wave our palms as we bring them to the Table of Blessing*)

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 #324 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Scripture Philippians 2:5-11

Sermon "Let This Mind Be in You"

\*Hymn #327 "The Old Rugged Cross" *vs. 1-3*

\*Benediction

\*Response #327 "The Old Rugged Cross" *vs. 4*

\*Postlude

Lectionary readings for the coming week:

Acts 30:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew  
28:1-10

# The Community Outreach Group

Hosted the rehearsal dinner for the Littleton High School Drama Dept.



Wednesday, April 5th

Thank you to everyone who contributed money for pizza, water, salad and desserts!

Thank you to Linda W., Kim S., Alice M., Estelle L., Tim G. and Wilma and David W. for coordinating and attending the dinner.

## April 13 at 7:00 pm ~ Maundy Thursday Service

Location: Ladies Parlor

We'll retell the story of Jesus' last Passover Meal with his disciples. (The pastor will be there by 6:30, in case you'd like to come for some quiet time before the service.) We'll share the sacred meal with one another; we'll let ourselves experience the growing darkness as Jesus, the Light of the World, breathes his last.

## April 14 at 7:00 pm ~ Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service

Location: All Saints' Episcopal Church

The ministers of four local churches will lead worship. There'll be a combined choir. It will be a different sort of service, helping us to reflect on the wondrous love Jesus showed us on Good Friday.

## April 16 at 5:30 am ~ Easter Sunrise Services

United Methodist Church

Location: Daughters of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Convent  
226 Grove Street, Littleton

Cannon Mtn. ~ 5:45 am Tramway run  
Franconia Community Church

*Steeple Talk Correction!*

**Church Clean Up Day is May 6<sup>th</sup>**

(Not May 2nd as reported in Steeple Talk)



## Notices for the week of April 9, 2017 – April 15, 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

11:30 am ....Exploring Holy Scripture – Classroom

Mon..... 5:30 pm ....Shining Lights Board & CE - Classroom  
Pastor's Sabbath

Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 1:30 pm ....Ladies Society – Ladies Parlor

5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor

6:30 pm ....Choir Practice

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

Thurs..... 7:00 pm ....Maundy Thursday Service – Ladies Parlor

Fri..... Shining Lights and Office Closed

7:00 pm ....Ecumenical Good Friday Service –

All Saints Church

Sat..... 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:** Judy and Bob Oleary

**Coffee Fellowship:** Estelle and Bob Lafleur

**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!

\$179 was collected in March ~ Thank you for your kindness!

## 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.

**Thomas Leard** – just found out he has polycystic kidney disease.  
(brother of Emily LaFlam)

**David Sime** – going to Dartmouth for throat cancer surgery to remove his voice box and vocal chords (he's 75).  
(Linda Smith)

### 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)       | Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)         |                                    |

### Family Concerns

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

### Illness/Recovery

Caroline Gale (Elaine Stroop)                      Stanley Rapee (Mark Blodgett)  
Bette Vaughn (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.*

