

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
May 3, 2015*

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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**

**May 3, 2015**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

Gathering #138

“Holy Ground”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *John 15:1-8*

One: You are the vine, Jesus, lush, green and growing,  
roots in rich soil, watered deeply with God.

**All: Up through your green stalk you send the sweet sap  
to leaf out your branches, to nourish the fruit.**

One: You are the vine, Jesus; we are the branches.

**All: God is the gardener, bringing forth richness;  
fruitless or fruitful, each branch is pruned  
in the service of life, to the glory of God.**

One: You are the vine, Jesus; we are the branches.  
Cut off from you, we are helpless; we die.

**All: Abiding in you, you abiding in us,  
the gift of God’s love will sweeten within us.**

One: You are the vine, Jesus, we are the branches.

**All: Drive us to fruitfulness, ripen us, grow us  
until, by abiding in you, we become  
nourishing, delightful gifts of God’s wild,  
extravagant love for the world. Amen.**

\*Hymn #657

“Cleanse Me”

**Confession: Almighty God, you love us, but we have turned  
away from your love. You call, but we have listened to other  
voices first. We have walked away from our neighbors in**

**need, we were so wrapped up in our own concerns. Focused  
on our bottom line, we have condoned evil, prejudice,  
warfare and greed. God of grace, help us to see and  
acknowledge our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri #813

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

Children’s Time

Special Music “God, Speak to Me”

*Robinson/Havergal*

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

Scripture

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon “and the walls come tumbling down”

\*Hymn #384

“Spirit Song”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*(insert)*

\*Hymn #682

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*Benediction

\*Response#231

“Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

\*Postlude

## 2015 March for Meals

Please consider a donation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Meals on Saturday, May 16, sponsored by the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council and hosted this year by Newfound Area Senior Services.

In the Littleton service area alone (Littleton, Bethlehem, Monroe, Sugar Hill, Franconia, Lisbon, Landaff, Easton and Lyman), over three thousand tasty and nutritious meals are delivered each month by a corps of dedicated volunteers. Proceeds from the March for Meals have become an increasingly important supplement to governmental funding, as looming budget cuts make it ever more difficult to cope with dramatically increased need. The Grafton County Senior Citizens Council continues to recover from a loss of \$100,000 as a result of the federal budget sequestration in 2013. Meals on Wheels isn't just about food; it's a friendly face, some kind words, and the opportunity for a volunteer to make a quick assessment of the wellbeing of a homebound senior.

As of April 28, "Team Littleton", which raised almost two-thirds of last year's county-wide March for Meals revenue, was far ahead of the pack with \$7,041.00 in donations and pledges. You can help the Littleton Area Senior Center maintain its leadership role in keeping this critically important program strong and vibrant.

You can make a contribution to the 2015 March for Meals by visiting the GCSCC website: [www.gcsc.org](http://www.gcsc.org) (click on the March for Meals logo at the top right) or contribute by check payable to the Littleton Area Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton, NH 03561.

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### **Bell Ringers needed on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>!**

for the  
Memorial Procession down Main Street

11:00 am (for ten minutes)

Please email Pam at [fstcong@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fstcong@myfairpoint.net) or call 444-3376

If you are willing to help

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**Don't forget! Clean Up Day – May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am**

## Notices for the week of May 3, 2015 – May 9, 2015

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TODAY. .. 10:00 am....Worship Service, Communion &  
Sunday School  
11:15 am....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
Tues..... 5:00 pm....Dinner Bell – All Saints Church  
5:00 pm....Property Committee Meeting – FH  
6:00 pm....Al Anon/Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 6:30 pm....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Thurs..... 6:30 pm....Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall  
Fri..... 4:00 pm....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall  
Sat..... 8:00 am....Men's Breakfast – Bolt Residence  
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:** Bob Muh

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

**Coffee Fellowship:** Kellie & Rachel Clark



# May 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.

Al Whetstine – Racing heart/blood pressure (Wilma Weddington)

Joyce Willoughby – Spots found on lungs (Glenda Iles)

Family of Ralph Harris who passed last week (Tina Peabody)

Patricia Tuck – ongoing health concerns

## Cancer

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| Paul MacMillan (Tina Peabody)     | Roxie Bowker (Rachel Clark) |
| 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)     |
| John Stevenston (Linda Warden)             | Seth Donnan (Donna Matz)      |
| Karen Elizabeth Krill (Joyce & Phil Krill) | Erica Duffy (Donna Matz)      |
| Wendy Dubois (Judy Warden)                 | Marvin Curnutt (Emily Laflam) |
| Bill & Marcia Hurkett (Marti Faulkner)     | Anna Jackman (Linda Warden)   |
| Jackie Canfield Willy (Marti Faulkner)     |                               |

## 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.***

