

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  
May 14, 2017*



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| <p><b>Pastor:</b><br/>Rev. W. David Weddington<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:pastordavid@myfairpoint.net">pastordavid@myfairpoint.net</a></p> <p><b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br/>Dorothy Morton<br/>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Worship Service and Sunday School<br/>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 11:15 a.m.</p> | <p>189 Main Street<br/>Littleton, NH 03561<br/>603-444-3376, Fax: 603-444-6589<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:fstcong@myfairpoint.net">fstcong@myfairpoint.net</a><br/><a href="http://www.1stconglittleton.org">www.1stconglittleton.org</a></p> <p>~~~~~<br/>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday<br/>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>~~~~~<br/>FCC Shining Lights Learning Center<br/>444-7379<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net">fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net</a></p> |
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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 14, 2017**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**

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

\*Gathering Music #384 "Spirit Song"

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading:

One: Generous God, we thank you for sharing  
the gift of your mothering love with us:

**All: We thank you for giving us human mothers  
whose nurture and guidance made us who we are.**

One: We thank you for grandmothers, aunts and strong guiding  
women who taught us and helped us to grow.

**All: We thank you for this community, the church, where you  
touch us with tenderness, wisdom and strength,  
and allow us to be your mothering hands for each other.**

One: Today as we lift up our voices in worship,  
help us remember with grateful hearts  
the powerful gifts of mothering love  
you have shared with us in this world;

**All: and help us discover, deep in our hearts,  
the mothering love you call us to share  
with your children today and every day. Amen.**

\*Hymn #256 "Love Has Come!"

Children's Time

Special Music "Song of Ruth" *Eilers*

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

Scripture John 14:1-14

\*Hymn #686 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sermon "Welcome Home"

\*Hymn #435 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*Benediction

\*Response #384 "Spirit Song" *Refrain*

\*Postlude

Lectionary Readings for the coming week:  
Act 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

**The Family Church Supper** scheduled for  
**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Aldrich Camp has been cancelled.

**DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION TODAY**

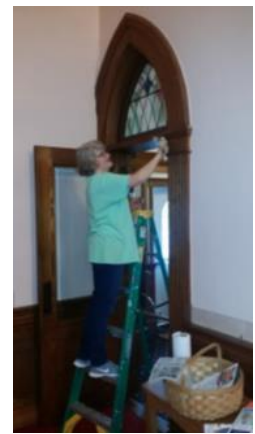
There will be a special collection today to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance. Envelopes for this specific purpose are included in the bulletin. Thank you!  
 \$179.25 was collected in April ~ Thank you for your kindness!



**Thank you to everyone who participated  
 in Church Clean up Day on Saturday!**



And to the **Community Outreach Group**  
 for providing lunch!



**Notices for the week of May 14, 2017 – May 20, 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..... 4:30 pm ....Finance Committee – Classroom
- Pastor's Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Council Meeting – Classroom
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs..... 4:30 pm ....Property Committee – Classroom
- Sat..... 8:00 am ....Meals on Wheels Walkathon
- 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Usher/Greeter:** Estelle and Bob LaFleur

**Coffee Fellowship:**                      **Flowers:** to the Glory of God

**Strengthen the Church Special Offering – Pentecost Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. There will be special envelopes in the bulletin for this offering. Thank you.

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

**Arped Lind & Judy Jalbert** – cancer free. (June Davis)

**James Stewart** – surgery to remove spot on lung. (Tim Gould)

## 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)             |
| Travis Gay (Judy Warden)             | Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather) |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)       | Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)         | David Sime (Linda Smith)           |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh)                | Tracy Lange (Mark Blodgett)        |

## Loss/Grieving

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| Family of Joe Donnan (Donna Matz) | Doris Blodgett & Family (Mark Blodgett) |
| Carrie Leigher's son & Family     | Maggie Tatone's father & Family         |

## Illness/Recovery

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| Bev Frankenwich (Tina Peabody)      | Sandra Eaton (Judy Warden)  |
| Barbara Enderson (Judy Warden)      | Pat Tuck (David Weddington) |
| Josie Smith & Family (Cindy Sparks) |                             |

## 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.*

