

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  
July 9, 2017*



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

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

\*Gathering Music #215 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Emily LaFlam*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Matthew 11:28-30*

One: We come to this time of worship weighed down  
with burdens we struggle to bear alone—bodies that ache,  
the needs of our loved ones, old hurts we never forgave.

**All: And Jesus says, “Come unto me, all you  
who are weary and heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.”**

One: Still, we cling to our burdens. They’re ours. We don’t know  
who we’d be if it weren’t for the heavy loads we bear.

**All: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.”**

One: And we pause. Do we dare to let go of our burdens,  
let Jesus share them, rely on his love?

**All: “For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”**

One: Jesus, we’re ready to give it a try.  
Help us to let go and trust you, we pray.

**All: Help us, dear Friend, to trust you enough  
to yield up our lives to your care.**

\*Hymn #575 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Special Music

Moments of Concern and Celebration  
(please fill out a blue card in the pew)  
Pastoral Prayer and the Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Music  
\*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture Romans 7:15-25

\*Hymn #591 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Sermon “Surrender”

\*Hymn #548 “As the Deer”

\*Benediction

\*Response #215 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” *vs. 3, 4*

\*Postlude

The lectionary readings for next week are: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm  
65; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Special thanks to Fran Day  
who is sharing her music with us this morning.*

## Summer Special Music Schedule

July 16<sup>th</sup> Lori Jo Gardner

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Dick Alberini

July 30<sup>th</sup> Dale Childs

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SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, September 9, 2017
9 - 11am
4th Annual RiverWalk for MS

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## DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

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 is included in the bulletin. Thank you!

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

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TODAY... 10:00 am ....Worship Service

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor

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

Thurs..... 5:00 pm ....Property Committee – Classroom

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:** Volunteers

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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## July 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.

### Cancer

Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)

Peter Low (Tina Peabody)

Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)

Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather)

Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden)

David Sime (Linda Smith)

Tracy Lange (Mark Blodgett)

Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)

Joni Prell (Linda Warden)

Travis Gay (Judy Warden)

Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)

Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)

Judy Dean (Alice Muh)

Steve Cobb (Dottie Morton)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Natalie Beane (Dorothy Usher)

Family of Bud Miller (Elaine Stroop)

Family of Patricia Tuck

### Illness/Recovery

James Stewart (Tim Gould)

Diane Brown (Judy Oleary)

Rae Edenfield (Marti Faulkner)

Anne Taylor (Su Schott)

### 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.*

