

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 16, 2017*



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| <p><b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br/><b>Dorothy Morton</b><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/><b>444-7379</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p><b>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday</b><br/><b>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</b></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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**July 16, 2017**

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

\*Gathering Music #209 "This Is the Day"

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Ann Craxton*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Isaiah 55:1-9*

One: Ho! Everyone who is thirsty, come!  
Come to the waters of life!

**All: Ho! Everyone who is penniless, come!**  
**Come and buy food, wine and milk without price!**

One: Why waste your money on things don't nourish?

**All: Why work for things that can never fulfill?**

One: Listen to me, come and eat what is good!  
Enjoy the rich food of my table!

**All: Open your ears and come! Come to me!**  
**Pay attention, and let your soul live!**

One: For I am about to make a covenant with you—  
a covenant of faithfulness, of steadfast love;

**All: And you will be my witnesses, the bearers of my love;**  
**and you will lead my scattered people home.**

One: Strangers, too, people you do not know,  
will come to me because of your witness.

**All: Surprised, ecstatic people who never heard of us**  
**will find their way to our door—and all because of God,**  
**whose deep, abundant gifts have filled**  
**our lives with heavenly light!**

\*Hymn #128 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

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 *Isaiah 55:10-13*

\*Hymn #90 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Sermon "After the Exile, the Joy of Homecoming;  
after the Lean Years, the Bounty of God!"

\*Hymn #293 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

\*Benediction

\*Response #764 "The Trees of the Field"

\*Postlude

The lectionary readings for next week are: Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm  
139; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

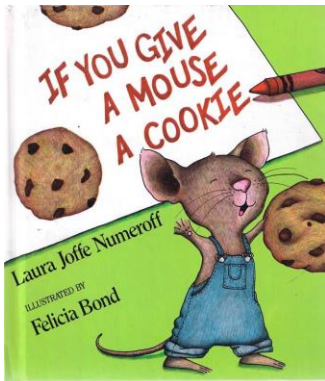
*Special thanks to Lori Jo Gardner*  
*who is sharing her music with us this morning*  
*and to Dick Alberini,*  
*who is filling in for Dottie.*

## Summer Special Music Schedule

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

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

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Thank you to **Emily LaFlam** for reading to the Children at Shining Lights on Wednesday!

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### DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION

**Thank You!!**

Thank you for your generosity. \$194 was collected last week to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance.

## Notices for the week of July 16, 2017 – July 22, 2017

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

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

6:00 pm ....AIAnon – Ladies Parlor

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

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

Thurs..... 7:15 pm ....COG – 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:** Brenda & Ross Fairweather

**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.**

**Gail Oakes** – eye infection, will need corneal transplant. (She is unable to come north for summer as is her custom.) (Su Schott)

**Todd and Melissa Mueller** – she has MS. They were involved in a serious vehicle accident. She has multiple fractures of the pelvis. He has profound brain injury and is in a rehab facility. Both are young – in 30's. (Alison Bolt)

**James Stewart** – prayers for help in making a decision whether to have a major surgery (1/2 lung removed). (Tim Gould)

**Brian and Ali Muh & Family** – Brian able to raise funds for his mission at UNH Intersity. Brian & Ali will find a home in the UNH area. (Alice Muh)

**Rebecca & Mike Limberg** – Mike will be able to find a university position. (Alice Muh)

**Thomas Leard** (Emily's brother) – Will be starting dialysis soon. Kidneys are getting worse. (Emily LaFlam)

**Ed VanVeldhouse / Sheri, his wife and caregiver** – stage 4 heart failure. Prayers for his comfort, safety and knowledge he is loved. Comfort, love and strength for Sheri. (Wilma Weddington)

**Linda Carter** (Donna's sister) – a strange parasite in her bladder. Will be seeing an infectious disease doctor to see how it can be treated. (Donna Matz)

**Ken Aldrich** – had bad fall. Is at home. (Karen Carbonneau)

## Illness/Recovery

James Stewart (Tim Gould)  
Diane Brown (Judy Oleary)

Rae Edenfield (Marti Faulkner)  
Anne Taylor (Su Schott)

## 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 Patricia Tuck

## 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.***