

**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 30, 2017*

Pastor:  
**Rev. W. David Weddington**  
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**Music Director & Organist**  
Dorothy Morton

Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service  
10:00 a.m.

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Church office hours: Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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**  
**July 30, 2017**

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

\*Gathering Music #612      “In This Very Room”      *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements      *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading      *Romans 8:26-39*

One: So the Spirit helps us in our weakness:  
when we don't know how to pray, the Spirit intercedes  
and prays on our behalf with sighs too deep for words.

**One: And we know all things work together for good  
for those who love God, who are called to God's service.**

One: Then what shall we say? If God is for us,  
who could ever stand against us?

**All: It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?**

One: It is Jesus, who died, who was raised, who is at  
the right hand of God, who intercedes for us.

**All: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will hardship, distress, persecution or famine,  
nakedness, peril, or sword?**

One: No. In all these things we are more than conquerors  
through Jesus who loved us.

**All: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things that are present, nor things yet to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*Hymn #712      “Be Still, My Soul”

Special Music      “Go Down Moses”      *Traditional*

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      “Precious Lord”      *Dorsey/Allen*  
\*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #624      “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Scripture      Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50

Sermon      “. . . where you'd least expect it . . .”

\*Hymn #661      “Little Is Much, When God Is in It”

\*Benediction

\*Response #612      “In This Very Room”      *vs. 3*

\*Postlude

The lectionary readings for next week are: Genesis 55:22-31;  
Psalm 17; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

*Special thanks to Dale and Marilyn Childs  
who are sharing their music with us this morning.*



**Saturday, September 9, 2017  
9-11am**

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

***Back by popular demand ~ Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>!***  
***4:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the Ladies Parlor***

***Plans are underway to do a Chili Cook-off at the game night!***  
***(Instead of pot luck.) Bring a crockpot of your favorite chili recipe. Don't have one? No worries! Shredded cheeses, sour cream and cornbread will also be needed. More details to come as the date gets closer.***

***There is no charge and bringing a friend is strongly encouraged***  
***Fun for All Ages!***

Brought to you by the **Community Outreach Group**

**Notices for the week of July 30, 2017 – August 5, 2017**

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- TODAY... 10:00 am ....Worship Service
- Mon..... Pastor's Vacation to 8/21/2017
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- 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:**

**Flowers:** Thank you to Su Schott and her beautiful gardens

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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.

**Edward Wilkinson** – He passed away this week after a battle with cancer. Prayers please for him and his family. (Sharon Larson)

**Michelle Carmody** – pray for Michelle as she continues to heal and grieve the passing of her wife, Carol Detrick, a year ago in June (2016). Thank you. (Wilma Weddington)

## 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)  
Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)

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 Patricia Tuck  
Family of Peter Gauthier (Millie Nelson Family) (Judy Warden)  
Family of Joe Ward (brother of Pat Whipple) (Linda Warden)

## Illness/Recovery

James Stewart (Tim Gould)      Todd & Melissa Mueller (Alison Bolt)  
Thomas Leard (Emily LaFlam)      Gail Oaks (Su Schott)  
Linda Carter (Donna Matz)      Patricia Eddy (Tina Peabody)  
Maggie Michaud (Marti Faulkner)      Jeff White (Donna Matz)  
Ed & Sheri VanVeldhouse (Wilma Weddington)

## Family Issues/Challenges

Brian and Ali Muh & Family (Alice Muh)  
Rebecca & Mike Limberg (Alice Muh)

## 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.*