

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
August 23, 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.*

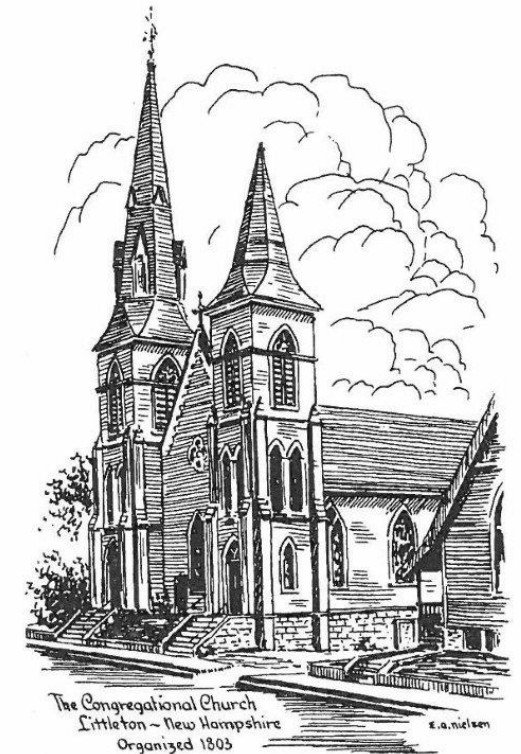
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**Music Director & Organist**  
Dorothy Morton  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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*Our Mission Statement:  
As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation 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**  
**August 23, 2015**

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

Gathering Music#391 “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 34*

One: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

**All: The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

One: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

**All: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

One: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**All: He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**

One: Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**All: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

\*Hymn #21 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Special Music “A Spiritual Medley” *Alison Bolt*

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

\*Hymn #597 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-20

“A Fresh Look at ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ ” *Judy O’Leary*

\*Hymn #486 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Sermon “Who Is Christmas For?” *Emily LaFlam*

\*Hymn #589 “Here I Am, Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Response #585 “Be Still and Know” *Verse 1*

\*Postlude

*We offer our thanks to Alison Bolt who is bringing us our special music today and to our Lay worship leaders.*

**The September issue of Steeple Talk is now in production!**

Please get your articles, pictures or anything you would like included to Pam in the office by Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Collection Next Sunday  
August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*The Food Cupboard ins in desperate need of the following items:*

Soups, stews, coffee, teabags, canned or dry milk, canned meat (turkey, chicken, ham, corned beef, Spam, etc.)  
Snacks, canned fruit and crackers.  
Canned cat food. Juices and snacks for children.

**Thank You!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>  
214<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Grapone Conference Center, Concord, NH**

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**A big Thank You to Bob Muh who will be covering  
in the office on Monday from 10am to 1pm.**

**Pam will return on Tuesday at 9 am!**

**Notices for the week of August 23, 2015 – August 29, 2015**

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TODAY. ... 10:00 am ... Worship Service  
Mon..... Pastor's Vacation to September 1  
                  Shining Lights New School Year Begins  
Tues..... 6:00 pm .. Al Anon/Ladies Parlor  
                  7:00 pm ... Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall  
Wed..... 5:00 pm .. AA – Ladies Parlor  
                  7:00 pm ... Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Sat..... 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:** Alice and Bob Muh

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Summer Music Schedule**

August 23           Alison Bolt  
August 30           Phil Brown

Lori Jo Gardner, soloist on July 19<sup>th</sup>, has left copies in the office of her latest CD, *After the Rain*, for purchase of \$15 each. Two copies of her previous recording, *pierce my ear*, are also available for \$5 each.

Please contact Pam in the office if you would like to purchase one.

# August 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.

**Seth Donnan** - kidney disease (Donna Matz)

**Jerry Tobyne** – internal bleeding (Marti Faulkner)

## Cancer

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Courtney Vashaw (Tina Peabody) | Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)         |
| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)    | Lisa Boissonneault (Linda Warden) |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles) | Sue Openhowski (Rachel Clark)     |
| Heidi Schultz (Dottie Morton)  | Bill Littlefield (Donna Matz)     |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)   | Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)        |

## Illness/Recovery

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Marvin Curnutt (Emily Laflam) | Anna Jackman (Linda Warden)       |
| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)      | Christopher Roberts (Glenda Iles) |
| Jeff White (Mike Matz)        | Ed Warden (Judy Warden)           |
| Pat Whipple (Pat Whipple)     |                                   |

## Family Issues/Strength

James Richard Donovan (Richard Donovan)  
John and Lonna Potocki (Linda Warden)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Art Hunt and Laurie Boswell (Karen Lord)  
Family of Jim Aguilar (Joyce & Phil Krill)

## 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.*

