

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
August 30, 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.*

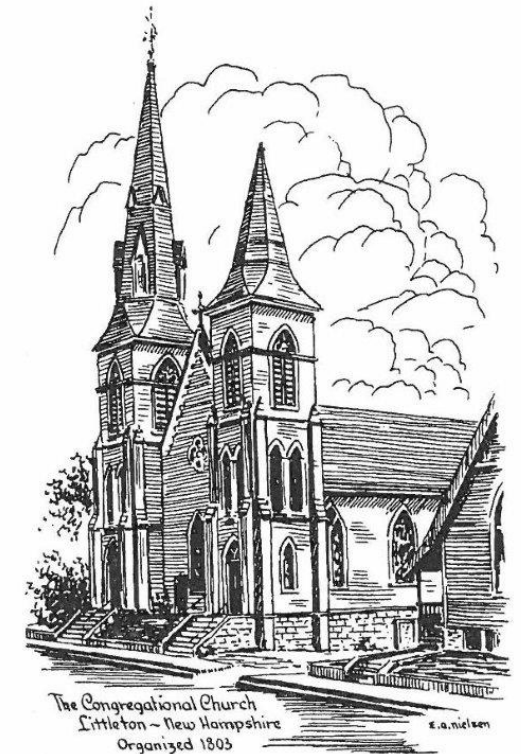
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**Music Director & Organist**  
Dorothy Morton  
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*Our Mission Statement:  
As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire 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 30, 2015**

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

Gathering Music #179 "Awesome God"

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer *Emily LaFlam*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 15*

One: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

**One:** who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to  
their friends, nor take up a reproach against their  
neighbors;

**All: who despise the wicked, but who honor those who fear  
the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

One: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a  
bribe against the innocent.

**All: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

\*Hymn #408 "How Firm a Foundation"

Special Music *Phil Brown*

Food Collection

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 #426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Scripture James 1:17-27 *Judy O'Leary*

"A Fresh Look at 'The Lord's Prayer' " *Judy O'Leary*

\*Hymn #424 "The Servant Song"

Sermon "Why Do Bad Things Happen?" *Mary Menzies*

\*Hymn #410 "Standing on the Promises"

\*Benediction

\*Response #393 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" *verses 1&3*

\*Postlude

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

## RiverWalk for MS

September 12, 2015 ~ Registration is from 9-11am at the church

This will be a fun walk with a photo scavenger hunt for the children. It will start from the church and proceed down Main Street and then down to the River Walk area before circling back to the church. Walkers may complete the approximately 1 mile loop as many times as they like. Walkers will receive a t-shirt on a first come, first served basis and refreshments! Registration fees of \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids will be waived for individuals who meet or exceed our fundraising goals of \$50 for adults and \$10 for kids. **Come and bring a friend!!** Registration information is available on the church website ([http://www.1stconglittleton.org/images/ms\\_reg\\_2015.pdf](http://www.1stconglittleton.org/images/ms_reg_2015.pdf))! Walkers can also help take pictures of the event or assist those who may wish to do the scavenger hunt but forgot a camera so if you can, bring a camera/cell phone along!

If walking isn't your thing, we could use **people to help with registration**. We could use people with cameras/cell phones to take pictures of the event or help scavenger hunt participants who might have forgotten their own cameras. We also need granola bars, bottled water, and apples. Please let us know if you can help in any of these areas! **Come and bring a friend!!**

In addition to being a great opportunity to raise money and awareness for a very important cause, this is part of the CE/RTF initiative to host one community event each season. It is super important that as many people from the church community attend as possible so that the presence of the church can truly be felt within the community!!

Thanks so much and see you on the 12th!!

*Kim Smith*

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**Living Prayer:** Beginning Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign Up on the board in the back of the church.

**Dinner Bell:** Our first Dinner Bell will be held Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and is our opportunity to serve God by making food to share.

**Harvest Dinner:** Be sure to look over the Sign Up Board at the back of the church to help with this important October 3<sup>rd</sup> event.

**Neighbors in Need:** Special Offering – Sunday, October 4th

**Stewardship:** Opening program – Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

***More information about all of these exciting happenings will be published in the September issue of Steeple Talk***

## Notices for the week of August 30, 2015 – September 5, 2015

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

Mon.....Pastor's Sabbath

Tues..... 5:00 pm .. Property Committee – Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm ... Al Anon/Ladies Parlor

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

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

Thurs. 6:30 pm .. Council Meeting – 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:** Dottie & Dudley Bailey

**Flowers:** Thank you to Su Schott for providing flowers from her garden throughout the summer!

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**Thank You for your donations to the Food Pantry this week!**

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### **An Autumn Serenade for Winds**

**This concert will take place on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.**

*Donations gratefully accepted to benefit the music fund.*

# 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.

**Diane Stinaker** (*sister of Debbie Leonard*) – brain cancer  
(Richard & Elaine Peterson)

## Cancer

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| 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)     | Seth Donnan (Donna Matz)          |
| Jerry Tobyne (Marti Faulkner) |                                   |

## Family Issues/Strength

James Richard Donovan (Richard Donovan)

## Loss/Grieving

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

## 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.*

