

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
September 6, 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.*

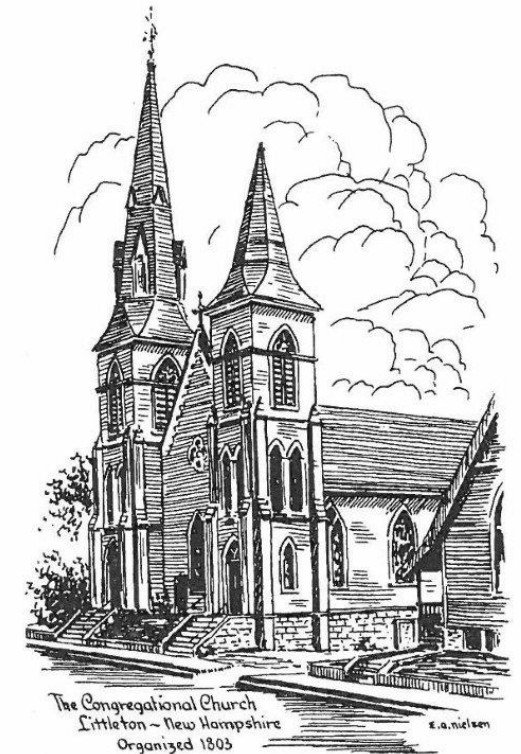
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*Our Mission Statement:  
As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
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**September 6, 2015**

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

Gathering #745 “Rejoice in the Lord Always”  
Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*  
Prelude

Call to Worship *Psalm 146*

One: Praise! O my soul, sing praises to God!

**All: We will praise you as long as we live!**

One: Don't put your trust in powerful rulers,  
no help will come from them.

**All: Powerful rulers are mortal; when breath departs,  
all their plans perish with them.**

One: Happy are those whose help, whose hope,  
is in you alone, Maker of all!

**All: You created the heavens, the earth, the sea  
and all that is in them; you keep faith forever!**

One: You execute justice for the oppressed,  
feed the hungry, set prisoners free.

**All: You open the eyes of the blind and lift up  
all those who are bent with heavy burdens.**

One: You love those who live by the light of your law;  
you watch over strangers, orphans and widows;  
the way of the wicked, though, you bring to ruin.

**All: You reign forever, for all generations.  
Praise! O my soul, sing praises to God!  
We will praise you as long as we live!**

\*Hymn #682 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**Confession: Loving God, you give us voices tuned to songs of  
joy and we fill your ear with worry and complaint. You give**

**us hands ideally formed for tender loving care and we ball  
them into fists and hurt each other. You give us hearts of  
yielding flesh to fill your world with kindness and we trade  
them in for hearts of stone and fill our world with fear.  
Forgive us, O God, for abusing your gifts, for walking away  
from our calling. In your mercy, take away our sin and fill  
us again with your purpose. We ask in the name of Jesus,  
who lived the gift of today so well. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri #813

\* Statement of Faith (*inside hymnal cover*)

Special Music

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) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture James 1:19-25, 2:8, 14-19, 24, 26

Sermon “Yours are the hands . . .”

\*Hymn #667 “Lord, Speak to Me”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*insert*)

\*Hymn #604 “I Then Shall Live”

\*Benediction

\*Response #231 “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

\*Postlude

*We offer our special thanks to Dick Alberini  
who is bringing our worship music this morning.*

## 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*



## Notices for the week of September 6 – September 12, 2015

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

Mon.....Pastor's Sabbath

.....Office Closed – Labor Day

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

Wed ..... 1:30 pm ..Ladies Society – Fellowship Hall

3:30 pm ...Missions Mtng. - Classroom

5:00 pm ...AA – Ladies Parlor

5:45 pm ...Choir dinner and rehearsal - FH

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

Sat..... 8:00 pm .. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual MS Walk

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:** Ann and Ed Craxton

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

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**Next week is the special collection for the Deacon's Fund  
which helps people who come to our door in need  
of assistance**

# September 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.

**Bernard Glynn** – recovering from a mild heart attack (Linda Warden)

## 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)        |
| Diane Stinaker (Richard Peterson) |                                   |

## 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.*

