

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
January 3, 2016*

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

Wednesdays. 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

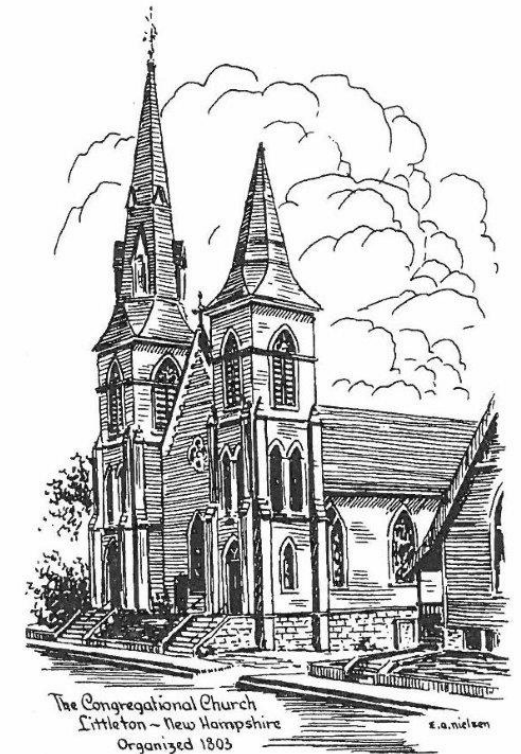
Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.m.

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Church office hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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**  
**January 3, 2016**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas Day**

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

Gathering Music #209 "This Is the Day" *(sing it twice)*

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

One: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

**All: a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;**

One: a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

**All: a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.**

\*Hymn #3 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Special Music "Mary Had a Baby" *Spiritual*

Moments of Concern and Celebration  
(Please fill out a blue card in the pew rack)  
Pastoral Prayer and Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Music "Mary, Did You Know" *Rowry/Greene*  
\*Doxology (#815)  
\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #343 "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Revelation 21:1-6a *Doug Menzies*

\*Hymn #757 "Soon and Very Soon"

Sermon "A New Beginning" *Mary Menzies*

\*Hymn #415 "We Are Called to Be God's People"

\*Benediction

\*Response #237 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

\*Postlude

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

## The Christmas Fund ~ Special Offering

Thank you to everyone who gave to this special offering

\$403.50 was raised!

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### Thank You to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Eve Offering

\$613.50 will be divided between

*The Emergency Fuel Assistance program of Catholic Charities  
YM360 – a local based ministry for youth*

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We will be hosting **Dinner Bell** on **January 12<sup>th</sup>**!

See the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for details

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**Stewardship Update:** To date, we have received 44 pledges totaling \$130,976. If you intend to make a formal pledge commitment for 2016 and have not yet done so, your assistance in helping to close out our stewardship program will be sincerely appreciated and will enable the church council to finalize our 2016 budget for presentation at the annual meeting in February. Thank you very much. *Bob Muh, Stewardship Coordinator*

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## Save the Date ~ Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

### The Community Outreach Group (COG)

*(Formerly the Revitalization Task Force)*

## Is planning a Game Night in the Ladies Parlor!

Afternoon session is 3 – 5 pm  
Potluck/Crockpot dinner from 5 - 6pm  
Evening session is 6 – 8 pm

More information will be forthcoming after their meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>!

## Notices for the week of January 3, 2016 – January 9, 2016

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TODAY. .. 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom

10:00 am ....Worship Service & Sunday School

11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

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

7:15 pm ....Community Outreach Group – LP

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

6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor

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

Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men's Breakfast – O'Leary Residence

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:** Brenda Fairweather

**Coffee Fellowship:** Brenda Fairweather

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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## A Swinging Epiphany Celebration with the Swing North Big Band

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm ~ St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Newport

Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm ~ St. Rose of Lima Church in Littleton

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm ~ Danville Congregational Church in Danville, VT

*A program of "lessons & carols" accompanied by jazz interpretations*

For more information [www.stjjazz.com](http://www.stjjazz.com)

## January Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the improvement of our economic situation, Syria 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.

### Family of Richard Peterson

### Family Celebrations

**Connor Joseph & Jack Daniel Hurley** – identical twin great-grandsons born 12/14 to Pat Whipple. (Emily LaFlam)

### Cancer

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| Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)         | Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)    |
| Alison Bolt (Linda Warden)        | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles) |
| Holly Hyslop (Su Schott)          | Joe Carter (Donna Matz)        |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)      | Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)     |
| Diane Stinaker (Richard Peterson) | Mike Jorde (Donna Matz)        |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)       |                                |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)    | Bill & Janet Doyle (Emily LaFlam) |
| Bob Iles (Alice Muh)        | Jeremy Doyle (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Alan Williams (Judy Warden) | Carol Detrick (Wilma Weddington)  |
| Don Bliss (Glenda Iles)     | Jake Baker (Alice Muh)            |
| Ed Warden (Judy Warden)     | Makayla McNerney (Marti Faulkner) |

## Family Issues/Strength

Ivey Mask (Wilma Weddington)      Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Lily Bloom (Emily LaFlam)  
Family of Rodney Collins (Tim Gould)

### 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.*

