

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. W. David Weddington
Organist & Music Director: Dorothy Morton
Administrative Assistant: Pam Nute
Sexton: Joe Chukinas

OFFICERS:

Moderator: Ann Craxton
Vice-Moderator: Lars Nielson
Treasurer: Dudley Bailey
Assistant Treasurer: Joyce Krill

COMMITTEES

Christian Education: Kim Smith, Chair
Deacons: Mary Menzies, Chair
Finance: Dudley Bailey, Chair
Mission: Judy O'Leary, Chair
Music: Rachel Clark, Chair
Personnel Relations: Tina Peabody
Property Management: Reggie LaFlam, Chair
Stewardship: Bob Muh
Trustee of Trust Funds: Dudley Bailey
Caring Tree: Karen Carbonneau
Steeple Talk: Pam Nute

Shining Lights Learning Center:

Director: Ms. Melissa Kam
Board President: Suzanne Schott

~~~~~

*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  
January 10, 2016*

Pastor:  
Rev. W. David Weddington  
E-mail: [pastordavid@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pastordavid@myfairpoint.net)

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.

189 Main Street  
Littleton, NH 03561  
603-444-3376, Fax: 603-444-6589  
E-mail: [fstcong@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fstcong@myfairpoint.net)  
[www.1stconglittleton.org](http://www.1stconglittleton.org)

~~~~~

Church office hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

~~~~~

FCC Shining Lights Learning Center  
444-7379  
E-mail: [fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net](mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net)



*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 10, 2016**  
**Baptism of Jesus**

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

Gathering Music #291 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Call to Worship *Psalm 29*

One: O God, Eternal Sovereign! We glorify your name.

**All: O God, Eternal Sovereign! We bow before your strength.**

One: We worship you in splendor, O God, Eternal Sovereign!

**All: Over the waters, your voice rings out;  
your glory thunders!**

One: Your voice, O God, Eternal Sovereign, over mighty waters!

**All: Full of power and majesty, your mighty voice goes forth.**

One: Your voice, O God, Eternal Sovereign,  
breaks the mighty cedars!

**All: The highlands skip like a yearling calf,  
the mountains like a young wild ox.**

One: Your voice, O God, Eternal Sovereign,  
flashes forth flames of fire!

**All : The desert quakes, the wild-lands shake  
at the sound of your mighty voice.**

One: It whirls the oaks, strips forests bare;

**All: and in your temple, all of us shout:  
“Glory. Glory. Glory!”**

One: Oh God, Eternal Sovereign!

Give your people strength to live.

**All: O God, Eternal Sovereign—  
bless your people with your peace!**

\*Hymn #408 “How Firm a Foundation”

*(Sing this verse after verse #2)*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

\*Confession: **O God, Eternal Sovereign, help us now to open our hearts to you. We know our weakness, the darkness within, the fear and the selfish aggression that seek to control our thoughts and our deeds. Forgive us for turning from Jesus’ command to love you and love our neighbors with all our heart, our soul, our mind. Forgive us, and give us the courage to live as you call us to live. We pray in the strength and the kindness we have known through the life and in the living presence of Jesus. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri #813

\* A Christmas Creed from Latin America *(insert)*

Anthem “Do Not Be Afraid for You Are Mine” *Larson*

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon “By Name”

\*Hymn *(insert)* “Come Away from Rush and Hurry”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn #293 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

\*Benediction

\*Response #291 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *vs. 3, 4*

\* Postlude

**Ushers & Greeters are needed!**

Please consider signing up on the yellow poster board at the back of the sanctuary

**Coffee Fellowship Hosts are also needed!**

\*\*\*\*\*

*Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the sanctuary*

\*\*\*\*\*

**DEACON'S FUND**

There will be a special collection today to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of assistance. Envelopes for this specific purpose are included in the bulletin. Thank you!

\*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\*\*

**Announcing the 213<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LITTLETON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

Our Church By-Laws (Article IX, Section 3) call for an annual meeting of the congregation on or about the first Sunday in February for the purposes of:

- Electing officials and committees
- Setting the budgets
- Reporting on the activities of the Church in the previous year
- Conducting any other business that would require the vote of the membership

The annual meeting serves not only to take care of the business of the Church, but to remind us of our obligations to this Church, our community, to the world and to God. In fellowship with each other and God, we have the privilege and responsibility to carry out these promises and to guide our congregation in the coming year. Please plan on coming to the annual meeting on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> which starts with worship at 10:00 AM and the business meeting following in the Fellowship Hall.

**Notices for the week of January 10, 2016 – January 16, 2016**

\*\*\*\*\*

TODAY. .. 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service, Communion & Sunday School  
 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
 4:30 pm ....Finance Committee - LP

Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Dinner Bell – All Saints Church  
 6:00 pm ....Al Anon/Ladies Parlor  
 6:30 pm ....Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wed..... 12:00 pm ...Ladies Society – Littleton Diner  
 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Fri..... 5:00 pm ....Boy Scout Weekend – Fellowship Hall

Sat..... 7:30 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

\*\*\*\*\*

**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Ann Craxton

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

\*\*\*\*\*

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

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*

# 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.

**Steve Cobb (Dottie Morton)**

### Cancer

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 Richard Peterson (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.*

