

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
January 31, 2016*

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. W. David Weddington
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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 31, 2016—Season of Epiphany**

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

Gathering #423

“The Bond of Love”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Lars Nielson*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*The Beatitudes*

*Matthew 5:1-12*

One: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;

and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**All: Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.**

One: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**All: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.**

One: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

**All: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

**All: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'  
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you  
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**All: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,  
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets  
who were before you.**

\*Hymn #256

“Love Has Come”

Anthem

“Instruments of Your Peace”

*(The Prayer of St. Francis)*

*Dearman*

Children’s Time

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 #424

“The Servant Song”

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

“Dearly Beloved . . .”

\*Hymn #612

“In This Very Room”

*vs. 1, 2*

\*Benediction

\*Response #612

“In This Very Room”

*vs. 3*

\*Postlude

*Our worship planners for today were Lars Nielson and  
Ross and Brenda Fairweather.*

*Pledge envelopes and copies of the Annual Report are located at the back of the sanctuary*

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**If you picked up an Annual Report on January 24<sup>th</sup>, please pick up CORRECTION PAGES at the back of the SANCTURY**

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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 budget
- 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. Coffee will be available.**

Please stay for a potluck lunch after the meeting. It will be a “true potluck”!  
Please bring your specialty or something to share with everyone.

**Notices for the week of January 31, 2016 – February 6, 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  
11:45 am ....Mark II Study - Classroom  
Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath  
Tues..... 6:00 pm ....Al Anon/Ladies Parlor  
7:15 pm ....COG/CE Meeting – Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 5:00 pm.....AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – 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:** Bob Muh

**Coffee Fellowship:** Brenda Fairweather

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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*Thank you to Bob Muh for filling in the office on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>!*

## 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.

**Patrick & Family** - healing at Dartmouth, and his family who had a terrible scare (Kim Smith)

**Roland Garceau, Sr.** – stroke (Karen Carbonneau)

**Joann Wilson** – cancer (Judy Oleary)

**Barbara Enderson** – sent to Dartmouth by ambulance due to upper intestinal problems (Judy Warden)

**Family of Bob Horan** – Bob passed in November. He was a long time Superintendent of SAU 35 (Tina Peabody)

**Dan Benson** – suffered a stroke recently (Su Schott)

### 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 (Judy Warden) | 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)  |

### Illness/Recovery (cont.)

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Steve Cobb (Dottie Morton)    | Jake Baker (Alice Muh)            |
| Ed Warden (Judy Warden)       | Makayla McNerney (Marti Faulkner) |
| Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam) | Dan Benson (Su Schott)            |
| Bing Clark (Linda Warden)     | Pat Whipple (Linda Warden)        |
| Don Bliss (Don Bliss)         |                                   |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Richard Peterson (Linda Warden)  
Family of Linda Caswell (Barbara Holland)

### 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.*

