

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
October 4, 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.*

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.

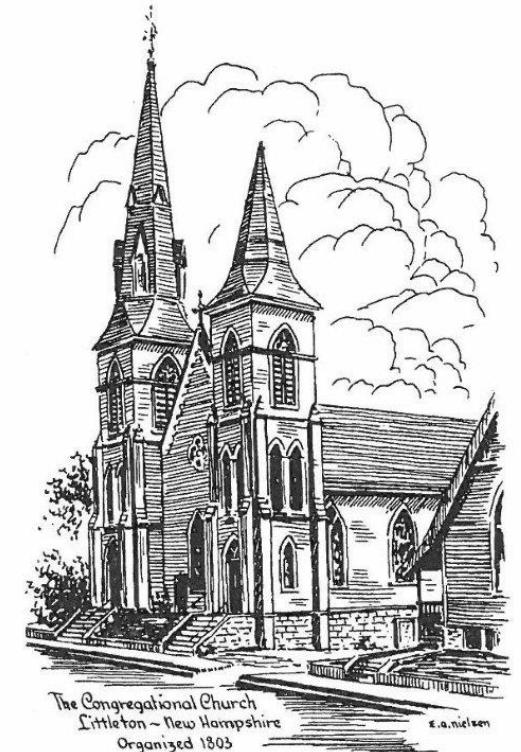
Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.m.

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*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**

**October 4, 2015**

**World Communion Sunday and the Feast of Saint Francis**

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

Gathering #105                      “We Will Glorify”                      *vs. 1, 3*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer                      *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Call to Worship                      *Psalm 8*

One: Majestic, Bright, Eternal, Just, Amazing and Divine—  
how wondrous is your name in all the earth!

**All: Children, little babies, lift their voice—a joyful noise—  
it is a stronghold, bringing all your foes to silence.**

One: I look at the sky, the great beauty you made,  
the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars.

**All: What are we? Why do you notice us at all?  
What are human beings that you care so much for us?**

One: And yet you made us just a little lower than yourself!  
You crowned us with your glory and your honor.

**All: You placed this spinning globe, this fragile planet  
in our hands, to nurture and to honor and to love.**

One: Fresh air and clean water, the rich and loamy soil,  
majestic trees and plants for food, sheep, oxen, cattle, deer,

**All: great cats and little foxes, antlered elk and polar bears,  
birds that fill the silent air, lobster, fish, great whales,**

One: and everything that travels in the dark depths of the sea—  
O God, you placed the life of all creation in our care.

**All: Majestic, Bright, Eternal, Just, Amazing and Divine—  
how wondrous is your name in all the earth!**

\*Hymn #63                      “All Creatures of our God and King”

**Confession: God, you created this beautiful world, and you gave us the gifts we would need to be able to care for your Creation. Instead, we have used your gifts to exploit Creation for our selfish ends, and now Creation is suffering deeply from our abuse. For the harm we have done to the world we share, we offer our sorrow and pray that you will give us another chance. Help us overcome our selfish ways and grant us the wisdom and courage to honor Creation as the gift of your abundant love, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri #813

\* Statement of Faith (*insert, United Church of Canada*)

Anthem                      “Prayer of Saint Francis”                      *Pote*

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                      Genesis 2:15-25

Sermon                      “partners and helpers for life”

\*Hymn (*insert*)                      “For the Fruit of All Creation”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion                      (*insert*)

\*Hymn #586                      “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

\*Benediction

\*Response #764                      “The Trees of the Field”

\*Postlude

## Neighbors in Need (NIN) TODAY

This special mission offering of the UCC supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering today.

*Thank you*

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**Thank you** to everyone who helped make the RiverWalk for MS a success on September 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day. \$3,220 was raised!

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**Thank you** to everyone who donated food to the pantry last week. Your contribution help stock the bare shelves. \$128 was also raised for supplies.

Next week: Deacon's Fund to help community members in emergency situations.

## Notices for the week of October 4, 2015 – October 10, 2015

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TODAY. ... 10:00 am .. Worship Service, Communion & ..... Sunday School  
 11:15 am .. Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
 11:30 am .. Living Prayer Study- Classroom  
 Mon.....Pastor's Sabbath  
 Tues..... 5:00 pm .. Property Committee – FH  
 6:00 pm ... Al Anon/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:** Roberta Lucht & Gabriel Jacques

**Coffee Fellowship:** Karen & Vic Carbonneau

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

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# October 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.

Reg & Emily's younger son, Roger, is not a match for Ron's stem cell transplant, so they are putting his name on the National Registry.  
(Emily LaFlam)

**Roberta Lucht** – trigeminal neuralgia (Roberta Lucht)

Family of **Barbara Hardy**, died on 9/20/15. Also prayers for her husband, **Charles Hardy**, who is having heart issues (Tina Peabody)

**Joe** – stage 4 melanoma (Friend of Mike & Donna Matz)

## 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)     |
| Holly Hyslop (Su Schott)          | Bill Littlefield (Donna Matz)     |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)      | Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)        |
| Diane Stinaker (Richard Peterson) | Mike Jorde (Donna Matz)           |

## Illness/Recovery

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| Marvin Curnutt (Emily Laflam) | Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)      |
| Ed Warden (Judy Warden)       | Ryan Benson (Su Schott)       |
| Seth Donnan (Donna Matz)      | Jerry Tobyne (Marti Faulkner) |
| Bernard Glynn (Linda Warden)  | Pam Adams (Glenda Iles)       |
| Denis Cotè (Linda Warden)     | John Blair (Emily LaFlam)     |

## Family Issues/Strength

James Richard Donovan (Richard Donovan)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Art Hunt and Laurie Boswell (Karen Lord)

## 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.*

