

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
October 16, 2016*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Director: Ms. Melissa Kam  
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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.*

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

Gathering #745      “Rejoice in the Lord Always”

Welcome, Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading

*Psalm 121*

One: I lift up my eyes to the radiant hills—  
yellow and orange, crimson and gold—  
I lift up my eyes to the beautiful hills:  
Where shall I turn for help?

**All: My help comes from God the Eternal, the One  
who painted the hills yellow, orange and red,  
the One who created the mountains, the trees,  
the One who made heaven and earth!**

One: God the Eternal will not let you stumble;  
God watches over us all night and day.

**All: God watches over our rising and sleeping;  
God does not slumber; God does not sleep.**

One: God is your keeper, your shelter from evil—  
from sunstroke by day and from moonshine by night.

**All: God watches over our going and coming  
today and forever. Praise God!**

\*Hymn #793      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Children’s Time

Anthem                      “O Love of God”                      *Chute/Breckwalter*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory  
\*Doxology #815  
Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #712                      “Be Still, My Soul”

Scripture                      Genesis 32:22-31

Sermon                      “Blessed by Adversity, Wounded by Grace”

\*Hymn #210                      “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”                      *vs. 1-3*

\*Benediction

\*Response #210                      “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”                      *vs. 4*

\*Postlude

**Neighbors in Need 2016 ~ Special Mission Offering**

Thank you for your generosity. \$879 has been collected!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE**

**who helped with the Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction**

**They were very successful!**

**Happy Harvest Hospitality ~ Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

*COG & CE members ARE AT IT AGAIN! They will be decorating the outside of the church and handing out candy from 2-4pm for the Trick-or-Treaters and offering warm food and kid friendly activities in the Fellowship Hall from 4- 6pm before heading off to the Gathering of the Jack O'Lanterns*

*We want to make the First Congregational Church the Headquarters for Harvest Festival Fun for families in our community. Won't you help welcome families to "our house"?*

*There is a meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 in the classroom to finalize plans for this very fun event and the COG and CE teams need your help!*

**Please contact Alice Muh or Kim Smith if you would like to be involved - it's going to be fun!!**

**Notices for the week of October 16, 2016 – October 22, 2016**

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- TODAY..... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School
- 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
- 11:30 am ....Adult Bible Class
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- Tues..... 5:30 pm ....COG & CE – Classroom
- 6:00 pm ....AIAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall
- Sat..... 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

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

**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:**

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

The *Ladies Society* is in need of some help with their Annual Rummage Sale!

Pricing and sorting help is needed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Help is also needed on the days of the sale, Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> (all day) and the morning of Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

This is an important fundraiser for the *Ladies Society*!

Please contact June Davis at 444-0765 if you have any questions

# October Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

## CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, 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.

### Cancer

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| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)     | Lois Smith (Alison Bolt)       |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)  | Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam) |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)    | Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)   |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)     | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)     |
| Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)        | Peter Low (Tina Peabody)       |
| Astrid Warden (Judy Warden)     | Joni Prell (Linda Warden)      |
| Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam) | Sandra Eaton (Judy Warden)     |
| Suzanne Pelletier (Judy Warden) |                                |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Amy Welch (Wilma Weddington) | Kristen Steele (Barbara Holland) |
| Joel Peabody (JoBeth Dudley) | Doug Menzies (Mary Menzies)      |
| Ann Craxton (Rachel Clark)   |                                  |

### Family Issues

Aaron Morton (Dottie Morton)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Bonnie Ardida Hall (Tina Peabody)  
Family of Pierre Lafitte (Ginger Miller)  
Family of Walter Weddington (Ann Craxton)

## 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.*



Due to a recent computer crash, Pam is rebuilding email groups. If you know of someone who is not getting regular correspondence from the office, please let her know so that she can make sure they get on the proper list.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as things get back to normal!