

CHURCH STAFF

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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.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire*

*November 26, 2017*



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Dorothy Morton  
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**

**November 26, 2017: Dedication Sunday**

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

Gathering #794      “Let All Things Now Living”      *vs. 1*

Welcome and Announcements      *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading      *Psalm 95*

One: O come, let us sing to the Holy One, our God;  
Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

**All: We come into your presence  
with grateful hearts, O God,  
with joyful noise,  
with songs of praise to you!**

One: For you are great, a mighty King above all other gods.  
You hold the depths of earth, the highest mountains,  
in your hand.

**All: The sea is yours, you made it,  
and the dry land, which your hands have formed.  
We worship you, we kneel,  
we bow before you, God, our Maker!**

One: You are our God, and we are the people of your pasture,  
the sheep of your hand. O give us hearts that are tender,  
hearts that are open to take in your manifold blessings.

**All: And as you have blessed us, O God, so make us  
a blessing to all of your people, we pray,  
that we may enjoy your pleasure, O God,  
and walk in your ways all our days.**

\*Hymn #788      “Now Thank We All Our God”

Children’s Time

Anthem      “Offertory”      *Beck*

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

Scripture      2 Corinthians 9:6-15

\*Hymn #677      “Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy”

Sermon      “Pilgrims on a Journey”

\*Hymn #424      “The Servant Song”

\*Benediction

\*Response #794      “Let All Things Now Living”      *vs. 2*

\*Postlude

*Lectionary readings for the coming week:  
Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37*

# North Country Chorus ~ 70th Annual Christmas Concert

*The Christmas Oratorio* by J.S. Bach (sung in English)

7:30 pm on Friday 1 December ~ Here!

“Christians, be joyful, and praise your salvation.” So begins J.S. Bach’s exuberant first cantata in the Christmas Oratorio. The trumpets blare, the timpani booms, and the 75 voices of the North Country Chorus announce the celebration of Christ’s birth.

“Break forth, O beauteous, heavenly light.” In addition to the exuberant choruses, audience will enjoy reflective chorales, many familiar to the ear as popular hymn tunes, as well as arias, airs and recitatives from the soloists.

Bach composed this work as six cantatas, each intended for a major feast day of the Christmas season. Part I, for Christmas Day, describes the Birth of Jesus; part II, the annunciation to the shepherds; part III, the adoration of the shepherds, part IV, the circumcision and naming of Jesus; part V, the journey of the Magi; and part VI, for Epiphany, the adoration of the Magi.

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## Please Join Us to Decorate the Church!

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Noon to whenever the church is decorated!

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch ~ please bring whatever you would like to share for lunch.

## Notices for the week of November 26, 2017 – December 2, 2017

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- TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class: James - Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service
- 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:00 pm ....NC Chorus Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Rehearsal – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Fri..... 7:30 pm ....NC Chorus Concert - Sanctuary
- Sat..... Noon .....Hanging of the Greens – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

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

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**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy & Bob Oleary

**Flowers:** Given by Dottie Morton and sons, Matthew, Andrew and Aaron in memory of Ray

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Please send to Pam your pictures, announcements and/or articles for the December issue of Steeple Talk by Tuesday morning. Thank You!



# November 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.

Thankful and grateful for all organ and tissue donor for all those waiting ~ truly a different kind of stewardship. (Karen Lord)

**Madison Ferland** – 7-year old recovering from a complicated major surgery. (Karen Byron)

**Harry Hatch** – dying of cancer. (Ross Fairweather)

**Johnny Suglia** – Johnny, my cousin’s son, collapsed at work on Tuesday due to a blood clot in his lung. He is now in a neuro ICU, in a coma. Prayers for Johnny and his family. (Amy Sharpe)

## Cancer

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| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Joni Prell (Linda Warden)          | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)          |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh)              | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)    |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)       | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)        |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)        |
| Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles)       | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis)    |
| Joyce Watrous (Glenad Iles)        | Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody) |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Mary Hodgdon (Her Father) (Elaine Stroop)  
Family of Dan Nute (Emily LaFlam)  
Family of Don Bliss (Judy Oleary)

## Illness/Recovery

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| Dianne & Jeff White (Donna Matz) | Bill Hardy, Sr. (Tina Peabody) |
| Sharon Bartley (Karen Lord)      | Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)       |
| Bing Clark (Mary Hodgdon)        |                                |

## 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.*

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## Filled with Gratitude for Response to Emergency and International Relief Funds

With profound gratitude to the churches of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ, we want to share that offerings of \$18,879.68 have been received to date, and sent on to the United Church of Christ USA Emergency and International Relief Funds for hurricane, wildfire, and other natural disaster relief.