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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.

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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**  
**November 27, 2016**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Dedication Sunday**

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

Gathering #794 "Let All Things Now Living"

Welcome Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Candle *Isaiah 2:1-5*  
*Ross and Brenda Fairweather*

One: One day soon the mountain of God  
will rise, will be the highest mountain of all.

**All: People will come from all over the world,  
saying: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,  
to the house of the God of our people."**

One: Teach us, O God, how to walk in your paths;  
instruct us in your just and loving ways.

**All: Let your holy word flow down from the heights,  
your teachings from your Holy City.**

One: Our God will render fair and healing justice to the nations;  
our God will help us rise above the conflicts that divide us.

**All: We shall beat our swords to plowshares,  
and our spears to pruning hooks;  
one nation shall not lift a sword against another nation;  
we shall not practice violence or learn war any more.**

*(We light the first Advent Candle)*

One: We light this candle in the fervent Hope  
that the Child who is coming will heal to our angry world.

**All: And all shall be well; and all shall be well;  
and all manner of thing shall we be well.**

\*Hymn #805 "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled"

Children's Time

Anthem "Call to Advent" *J. Jerome Williams*

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

Pastoral Prayer

Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

We Worship God with Our Pledges, Our Tithes and Our Offerings  
Offertory

\*Doxology #815

\*Prayer of Dedication and Offertory Prayer

Scripture Matthew 24:36-44

\*Hymn (*insert*) "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

Sermon "In Anxious Hope, We Wait, Awake and Ready!"

\*Hymn #292 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

\*Benediction

\*Response # 244 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

\*Postlude

# North Country Chorus

Christmas 2016

This season's program, led by Musical Director Alan Rowe, will include A *Christmas Cantata* by Arthur Honegger, *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and several other short works.

- Friday 2 December, 7:30 pm, at **First Congregational Church**, Littleton, NH
- Saturday 3 December, 7:30 pm, at Wells River Congregational Church, VT
- Sunday 4 December, 3 pm, at Peacham Congregational Church, VT

Purchase tickets in advance from Catamount Arts:

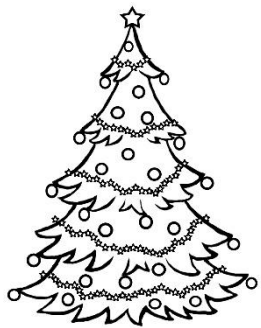
Adults \$10, Students \$5

Admission at the door: Adults \$13, Students \$5

**Please send Pam pictures and articles for the December issue of Steeple Talk. She will be working on it on Monday!**

*Thank you!*

## Be a Part of our Tree!



Things tend to go by quickly this time of so it is a good time to mark those calendars for our Annual Church Tree Decorating on December 4<sup>th</sup>! As with last year, we challenge everyone to “Be a Part of our Tree!”

The Challenge - We are all individuals who come together as a church family and it would be great if our tree could represent that. Bring in something that represents you that we could hang on the tree or we will be making ornaments out of pictures. If you have a picture of yourself, your family, a group at this church, a place you love etc., e-mail it to the church office or bring it with you on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will also be taking pictures of anyone who wishes to be part of the tree on the 4<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested!

## Notices for the week of November 27, 2016 – December 3, 2016

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TODAY... 10:00 am ....Worship Service  
 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
 Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath  
 Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
 Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 5:30 pm .....NC Chorus Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
 Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 pm ....North Country Chorus Concert - Sanctuary  
 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:** Glenda Iles

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

**Thank you to everyone who baked for the Cake Walk and participated in the walk! \$276 was raised for the children’s piggy banks!**

# 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.

**Brian Muh & Epic Church** – God’s guidance and wisdom during this period of transition and growth. (Alice Muh)

## Cancer

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| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)     | Arped Lind (June Davis)              |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)  | Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)    | Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)         |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)     | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)           |
| Peter Low (Tina Peabody)        | Joni Prell (Linda Warden)            |
| Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam) | Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles) |
| Judy Jalbert (June Davis)       |                                      |

## Illness/Recovery

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| Joel Peabody (JoBeth Dudley)    | Holly Ramsdell (Donna Matz) |
| Wilma Spears (Donna Matz)       | Jeff White (Donna Matz)     |
| Jean Kimball (David Weddington) |                             |

## Family Issues

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| Aaron Morton (Dottie Morton) | Janet & Richard Nelson (June Davis) |
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## Loss/Grieving

Family of Anna Jackman (David Weddington)  
Family of Dotto Ruggles (David Weddington)

## 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.***

