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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 29, 2015*

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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.

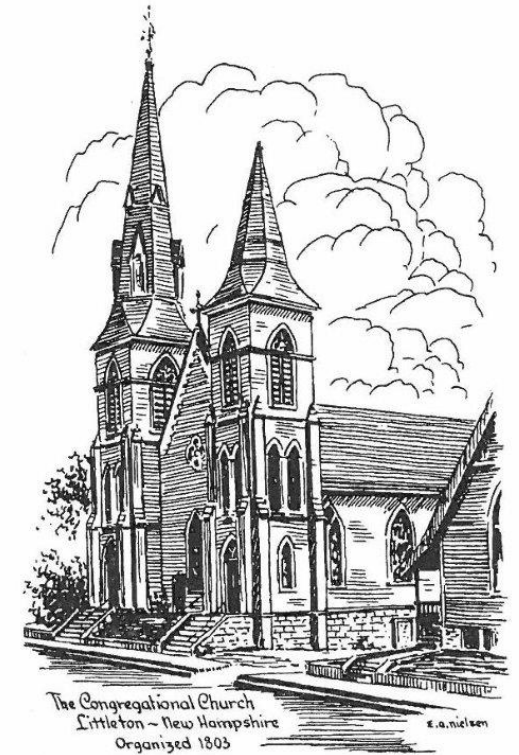
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Church office hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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**  
**November 29, 2015**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

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

Gathering Music #243                      “Emmanuel”  
Welcome, Announcements and Prayer                      *Deacon – Ann Craxton*  
Prelude and Ministry of the Acolyte  
Lighting the First Advent Candle                      *Rick and BG Frazier*  
One: Today, with a single candle, it begins. With Christians all  
over the world, we enter the time of hopeful expectation.  
“Jesus is coming,” we say in our hearts, and we light this  
candle to remind us of our faith, to remind us of God’s great  
love.  
**All: Today, by the light of a single candle,**  
**we gather as a people of Hope.**  
One: Today, with Christians all over the world, we wait in  
breathless awe for the miracle to come. Every year it comes,  
and every year our trembling hearts are filled with songs of  
joy and childlike wonder.  
**All: This is how the prophet Isaiah said it:**  
**“Out of the stump of a once mighty tree,**  
**a new branch has leapt into life.”**  
One: (*light the candle*) Out of the hopes we thought were dead,  
new life is starting to sprout! So here, in this dark,  
imperfect world, we are lighting a candle of *Hope*.  
**All: We have heard that a special Child is coming,**  
**that God is coming to live among us! Soon, we will see**  
**a new creation, for we are a people of Hope.**

\*Hymn: #244    “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Anthem                                              “*Prepare!*”                                              *Nygaard*

Children’s Time

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

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

Scripture:                                              Luke 21:25-36

Hymn #259    “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Sermon:    “with ragged *Hope*, we welcome you again”

\*Hymn #747                                              “Soon and Very Soon”                                              *vs. 1-3*

\*Benediction

Response #747                                              “Soon and Very Soon”                                              *vs. 1*

\*Postlude

**It's time for Poinsettia Orders!**

The cost is \$15. All orders must be given to Glenda Iles (444-5336 or cell 398-7353) by **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CHERRY BLOSSOMS". The poinsettias will be used at the service on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. *All dedications must be given to Glenda in writing. Thank you very much.*

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**North Country Chorus**  
Presents its 68<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Christmas Concert**  
**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm**  
**Here!**

**Alan Rowe, Musical Director**  
**Admission at the door: Adults \$12, \$5 Students**  
**For more information visit: [northcountrychorus.org](http://northcountrychorus.org)**

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**December 6<sup>th</sup> is Tree Decoration Fun "Family Style"!**

In most families there are those who like crafts, there are those who like food, and there are those who like music, etc. Not everybody likes everything but that is okay because the most important part of family gatherings is really getting together! There will be finger sandwiches, drinks and munchies, music, popcorn and cranberry garlands, and crafts all to get us all in great holiday spirits in the Fellowship Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>. We will also be taking pictures of anyone who wishes to be part of the tree on the 6<sup>th</sup>!



**Notices for the week of November 29, 2015 – December 5, 2015**

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TODAY. ... 10:00 am ..Worship Service & Sunday School  
11:15 am ..Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
Tues..... 5:00 pm ..Property Committee – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm ...Al Anon/Ladies Parlor  
Wed ..... 5:00 pm ..AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:00 pm ...NC Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
6:30 pm ...Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ...Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Thurs..... 6:30 pm ..Council Meeting – Classroom  
Fri..... 7:30 pm ..NC Chorus Christmas Concert - Sanctuary  
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:** Rick & BG Frazier

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy and Bob Oleary

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Wreath donations are still needed for two doors.**

Please contact Glenda Iles (444-5336 or cell 398-7353) if you are willing to help!



# November 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.

**Jeff White** - friend, rushed to hospital with severe abdominal pain. Testing is being conducted. (Donna and Mike Matz)

**Joe Carter** – back to hospital, please pray for mental stability and safety. (Donna and Mike Matz)

## Cancer

|                                   |                                |
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| 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 (Richard Peterson) | Mike Jorde (Donna Matz)        |

## Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)         | Ginny Collins (Tim Gould)        |
| Roberta Lucht (Roberta Lucht)    | Wilman Gadway (Linda Warden)     |
| Aldyn Frenkiewich (Linda Warden) | Vic & Karen Carbonneau           |
| Alan Williams (Judy Warden)      | Carol Detrick (Wilma Weddington) |
| Don Bliss (Glenda Iles)          | Jake Baker (Alice Muh)           |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Glenn Stillings (Marti Faulkner)  
Family of Alan Astle (Linda Warden)  
Family of Rodney Collins (Tim Gould)

## Family Celebration

Kalin Sara McClary (Tina Peabody)

## 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.*

