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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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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.*

**\*Confession: God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never get around to changing; good things we have left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be known among us now and forever! Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri #813

\* Statement of Faith

**A Statement of Faith for Advent**

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.

We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

Even so, we are not a naïve people.

We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.

But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end.

The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.

And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**December 6, 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

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

Gathering Music #245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer *Ann Craxton*

Prelude: Sonata in F (Adagio) by Marcello *Jo Beth Dudley*

Lighting the Advent Candles *Ron and Alison Bolt*

One: Last week, by the light of a single candle, we remembered that Christ is our Hope in an uncertain world.

**All: And the candle of Hope still shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome it.**

One: Today, we join with Christians all over the world to light a candle for the Prince of Peace.

In a time of great conflict, uncertainty and fear, we long for Peace beyond our understanding.

**All: We long for the Peace that can only come when the people of earth share the blessings of earth as sisters and brothers together.**

One: In the name of the Child who comes to fulfill God's promise of genuine Peace on earth,

**All: In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we lift up our voices in song.**

\*Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

Anthem "Awaken and Prepare Us" *Frombach*

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, Offerings and Pledges  
Offertory Music: "What Child is This?" *Traditional*  
\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture Luke 1:67-80

Sermon "by God's tender mercy--*Shalom*"

\*Hymn #251 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *Rev. Penny Lowes*

\*Hymn "Let There Be Peace on Earth" *(sing twice through)*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

As children of one God, we are family;

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

\*Benediction

\*Response #245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *vs. 3, 4*

\* 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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Every December our Church assembles and delivers Christmas baskets filled with cookies, fruit, and other goodies to shut-ins, folks in nursing homes, and others we want to touch with our love. This task has traditionally been performed by the Deacons. However, we are now down to a very small number of Deacons and could use some help with this again. Last year several people assisted by making extra Christmas cookies while they were doing their holiday baking. That was wonderful!!

This year we have a list of 20 potential gift basket recipients. We would like to be able to reach out to all of them. With your help, we will be able to do so! We need the following:

### Donations of:

Christmas cookies .....12 each / 20 dozen total, assorted  
Candy (individually wrapped) .....6 pieces each / 120 pieces total  
Mini loaves of quick breads .....1 each / 20 loaves total  
Popcorn balls or similar goodies .....1 each / 20 goodies total  
Fruit (apples and oranges) .....1 of each, (2 if small, like clementines) / 20 or 40 total  
Money to buy baskets, wrappings, etc. ....as your heart dictates

**Help assembling** the baskets (meet in the Church Hall Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 am)

**Help delivering** the baskets immediately afterwards or in the next day or two. With enough helpers, you will only need to deliver a couple of baskets. A brief visit with the recipient is also much appreciated.

Please call or email Mary Menzies (444-2165; [dmenzies@roadrunner.com](mailto:dmenzies@roadrunner.com)) by Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> with your specific commitment (number of cookies or whatever you will be donating or helping with). We will decide on the final number of baskets when we know what help we will be getting.

Thank you in advance for helping with this project. It truly is a blessing to both the giver and the recipient!

The Board of Deacons: Emily LaFlam, Doug Menzies, Mary Menzies, Lars Nielson

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## Wreath Dedications

**Elaine Strop – To Everyone who touches our lives**  
**Anna Jackman – In loving memory of her husband, Elmer**  
**Brenda & Ross Fairweather – To the Glory of God**



## Notices for the week of December 6, 2015 – December 12, 2015

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TODAY. ... 10:00 am .. Worship Service & Sunday School  
11:15 am .. Coffee Fellowship & Tree Decorating Fun  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
Tues..... 5:00 pm .. Property Committee – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm ... Al Anon/Ladies Parlor  
Wed ..... 1:30 pm .. Ladies Society Meeting – LP  
5:00 pm ... AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ... Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ... Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Fri..... 5:30 pm .. Shining Lights Winter Pageant – FH  
Sat..... 8:00 am .. Men's Breakfast – Fellowship Hall  
1:00 pm ... Wedding Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
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:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Tim Gould & Linda Warden

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Calendar Correction:** The Eastern Star meeting at 7:00 will be held on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (not December 22<sup>nd</sup>). Thank you.

# December 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.

**Yolanda Hyde** – Illness/recovery at Dartmouth from internal infection  
(Linda Warden)

**Ron LaFlam** – He will be starting trials for his cancer on Monday at Dartmouth. We need prayers.  
(Reg & Emily LaFlam)

**Donor Families** – Thankful for and honor of – This is the month of National Donor Sunday – to honor donors and their families so that others may have life and hope.  
(Karen Lord)

**Bill and Janet Doyle** - Janet isn't doing well right now and Bill needs prayers to cope with her illness  
(Emily LaFlam)

**Jeremy Doyle** - abrasion on one eye and has to go to Boston for therapy  
(Emily LaFlam)

## 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)        |
| Joe Carter (Donna Matz)          | Wilman Gadway (Linda Warden)     |
| Aldyn Frenkiewich (Linda Warden) | Jeff White (Donna Matz)          |
| 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.***

