

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
December 27, 2015*

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. W. David Weddington
Organist & Music Director: Dorothy Morton
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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.*

Pastor:  
Rev. W. David Weddington  
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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
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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**  
**December 27, 2015**  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

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

Gathering Music #138      “Holy Ground”  
Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer      *Ann Craxton*  
Prelude      “Prayer”      *Beethoven*  
Call to Worship      *Colossians 3:12-17*  
One: So, since we have been called together, a holy community,  
chosen and loved by God,  
**All: let us clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, meekness, and patience.**  
One: Let us bear one another’s troubles and, when we feel hurt,  
let us find healthy ways to forgive one another.  
**All: As Jesus our Lord has forgiven us, so let us forgive  
one another.**  
One: Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love, the love that  
keeps the world in perfect harmony,  
**All: And the peace of Christ will rule in our hearts,  
the peace that makes us one.**  
One: Let us be thankful always. Let the word of Jesus dwell in  
our hearts and fill us with good things.  
**All: Let us teach, let us challenge one another to live by the  
wisdom we have in Christ;**  
One: With grateful hearts, let us sing psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs to God;  
**All: And whatever we do, in word or deed, let us do it in the  
name of Jesus our Lord, giving thanks to him through  
the powerful love of God our Creator. Amen.**

\*Hymn: #286      “Once in Royal David’s City”      *vs. 1-3*  
Children’s Time  
Moments of Concern and Celebration  
(please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer and the Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)  
Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Music      “Medley”      *Dosia Carlson*  
\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer  
Hymn #275      “Sing We Now of Christmas”  
Scripture      Luke 2:21-40  
Sermon      “A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices . . .”  
\*Hymn: #267      “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”  
\*Benediction (*unison*) **Now that the mad rush is over, we thank  
you that you are still God-with-us. As we face the year ahead,  
help us to accept the difficult parts of our lives; help us to  
make the changes we must make; help us to new places of  
openness and love toward you and the people around us; and  
help us to overcome the fears which keep us from fullness of  
life.**  
**As we face the year ahead, we thank you for one another  
and for your grace in Jesus Christ. Help us individually and as  
a congregation to be signs of your compassion, hope, joy, and  
unity in this world you love. We ask this in Jesus’ name.  
Amen.**  
\*Response #231      “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”  
\*Postlude      “Medley”      *Dosia Carlson*  
(Thanks to Barbara Holland who is playing for us this morning.)

# The Christmas Fund ~ Special Offering

Thank you to everyone who gave to this special offering

\$233.50 was raised!

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**Save the Date ~ Saturday January 23rd**

**The Community Outreach Group (COG)**

*(Formerly the Revitalization Task Force)*

**Is planning a Game Night in the Ladies Parlor!**

Afternoon session is 3 – 5 pm

Potluck/Crockpot dinner from 5 - 6pm

Evening session is 6 – 8 pm

*Come for the afternoon, come for the evening or join in the fun for both!*

*Games are provided or bring your favorite game to play with others.*

*A group game will also be facilitated!*

**More information will be forthcoming after their meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>!**

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We will be hosting **Dinner Bell** on **January 12<sup>th</sup>!**

Look for the sign-up sheet soon. For your convenience, your food contribution

can be dropped off at our church (before 1pm on that day)

and it will be delivered to All Saints Church for the 5pm dinner.

*Remember, everyone is welcomed to help and/or attend!*

## Notices for the week of December 27, 2015 – January 2, 2016

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- TODAY. .. 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom
- ..... 10:00 am ...Worship Service & Sunday School
- ..... 11:15 am ...Coffee Fellowship
- Mon..... Pastor’s Vacation Week
- ..... Office Closed
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ...Al Anon/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..... OFFICE CLOSED – Happy New Year
- 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:**

**Coffee Fellowship:**

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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## 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.

**Ed Warden** – waiting to see a new neurologist at Dartmouth Hitchcock for his trigeminal neuralgia. (Judy Warden)

**Makayla McNerney** – 12 year old girl had surgery to pin her hip. (Marti Faulkner)

**Bob Iles** – recovery from abdominal emergency surgery (Alice Muh)

**Connor Joseph & Jack Daniel Hurley** – identical twin great-grandsons born 12/14 to Pat Whipple. (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)        |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)       |                                |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)         | Bill & Janet Doyle (Emily LaFlam) |
| Robert Karmen (Judy Warden)      | Yolanda Hyde (Linda Warden)       |
| Aldyn Frenkiewich (Linda Warden) | Jeremy Doyle (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Alan Williams (Judy Warden)      | Carol Detrick (Wilma Weddington)  |
| Don Bliss (Glenda Iles)          | Jake Baker (Alice Muh)            |

## Family Issues/Strength

Ivey Mask (Wilma Weddington)      Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Lily Bloom (Emily LaFlam)  
Family of Rodney Collins (Tim Gould)

### 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.*

