

CHURCH STAFF

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

February 18, 2018

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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:  
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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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*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**  
**February 18, 2018**

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

Gathering #805      “If My People’s Hearts Are Humbled”      *vs. 1*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer      *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading      *Genesis 9:8-17*

One: And God said to Noah, “This is my covenant  
with you, your descendants,  
and every living creature on earth:

**All: “Never again will I cut off all flesh  
by unleashing the watery chaos.  
Never again will I rain down a flood  
of destruction on everything that breathes.”**

One: And God said, “Look. I am laying down my bow.  
This is the sign of the covenant  
I am making with every living creature forever:

**All: “See, I have set down my bow in the clouds,  
and it shall be a sign of my covenant with you.**

One: “When I call up the rain-clouds to water the earth,  
and I see my bow shining in the clouds,  
I will remember my covenant with you  
and with every creature that breathes;

**All: “And the waters shall never again become a flood  
to destroy every creature that lives on the earth.**

One: “When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember  
the everlasting covenant between me and you.”

**All: Look! It’s a rainbow, colorful, beautiful!  
God is remembering. Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn #139      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Special Music

Children’s Time

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

Mark 1:9-15

\*Hymn #435      “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Sermon

“Season of Sorrow, Season of Hope”

\*Hymn #147

“How Great Thou Art”

\*Benediction

\*Response #805 “If My People’s Hearts Are Humbled”      *vs. 2*

\*Postlude

*Lectionary readings for the coming week: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;  
Psalm 22; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.*



February 11<sup>th</sup>: Ecumenical Concert



Thank you to everyone who participated in the COG's Random Act of Kindness! And to Linda and Bob Warden for delivering the goodies!

## Notices for the week of February 18, 2018 – February 24, 2018

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- TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class – Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School  
 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
- Mon..... SLLC Closed  
 Pastor's Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Sat..... 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:** Marti Faulkner

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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We, the **Fresh Air** volunteers for this area, are hoping to recruit more volunteer hosts this summer so that more low-income NYC children are able to enjoy a one week vacation to our beautiful area.

Are you looking for a way to turn your faith into action? In 1877, the Reverend Willard Parsons, a minister of a small, rural parish in Sherman, Pennsylvania, asked members of his congregation to become volunteer host families for children who were growing up in New York City tenements. This simple idea has remained the same ever since!

By hosting a **Fresh Air** child, you are opening your hearts and homes to share the joys of summer in your community. Here is a short link about the program:

[https://youtu.be/3BracxrNU\\_4](https://youtu.be/3BracxrNU_4)

For more information: [freshair.org](http://freshair.org) or call Kathy Bales, area chair 802.748.3742 or Sally Sherrard at [sallyjsherrard@gmail.com](mailto:sallyjsherrard@gmail.com) (Littleton area chair)

## February 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.

**Priscilla Ingalls** – (she used to attend church here) – her husband died. They had been married 67 years. Her address is available in the office if you would like to send a card. (Emily LaFlam, her friend)

**Vern Davis** – cardiac catheterization next Wed. Has had to postpone much needed knee surgery that was scheduled on the 26<sup>th</sup>. (June Davis)

### Cancer

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)    |
| Travis Gay (Judy Warden)           | Judy Dean (Alice Muh)          |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)       | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)     |
| Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)         | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis) |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles)   |
| Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody)  | Joyce Watrous (Glenad Iles)    |
| Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster)    | GINNY DICKMAN (Judy Warden)    |
| Bruce Swanson (Judy Warden)        | Richard Price (Alice Muh)      |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)        | Jean Kimball (David Weddington)  |
| Bill Richardson (Alice Muh)     | Jennifer Gaudette (Tina Peabody) |
| Paula & Tom Berry (Judy Warden) |                                  |

## Family Issues/Concerns

Janet Doyle (Glenda Iles)  
Margaret Whetstine & Mike Whetstine (Wilma 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.*

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