

CHURCH STAFF

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

February 25, 2018

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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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*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.*

*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**  
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**February 25, 2018**

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

Gathering #544      “My Faith Still Holds”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer      *Mary Menzies*

Prelude      “Sarabande: Sonata #8”      *Fauré*

Responsive Reading      *Romans 4:13-25*

One: God said to Abraham: “Look at the stars.  
Your descendants will be like these.”

**All: And Abraham laughed till he fell on the ground.  
Then he got up and believed.**

One: It turns out the promise didn’t depend on Abraham’s careful observance of the Law. It was only his faith that mattered.

**All: Abraham trusted God and that was all God ever wanted.**

One: In the same way, we who claim Abraham as father are saved, as he was, by faith—

**All: by trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, and calls into being the things that are not.**

One: Weak as he was (a hundred years old, as good as dead!), old and barren as Sarah was (ninety!),

**All: Abraham believed God would give them a child—and God reckoned his faith to him as righteousness.**

One: And to us, who have faith in the promise of God, who raised Jesus (who died for our sins) from the dead, to us, who trust God, to us, God will reckon our faith as righteousness, too.

**All: And all that was broken will be made whole; and all that was crooked will be made straight; and all that was dead through the power of sin will be given new life by Christ’s love.**

\*Hymn #352      “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Anthem      “A Lenten Meditation”      *Michaels*

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      “Siciliana: Sonata #5”      *Händel*  
\*Doxology (#815)  
\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture      Mark 8:27-38

\*Hymn #705      “It Is Well with My Soul”

Sermon      “. . . in simple faith . . .”

\*Hymn #665      “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

\*Benediction

\*Response #544      “My Faith Still Holds”

\*Postlude

*Lectionary readings for the coming week: Exodus 20:1-17;  
Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22.*

Special thanks to Jo Beth Dudley for sharing her music with us today.



## Easter Lily Order Form

Easter lily orders are now being taken.

The cost is **\$15** a lily

**All orders must be given to Glenda Iles  
by Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

***This date is a correction! Orders are due on the 9<sup>th</sup>,  
not the 12<sup>th</sup>, as previously announced.***

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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 [sallysherrard@gmail.com](mailto:sallysherrard@gmail.com) (Littleton area chair)

## Notices for the week of February 25, 2018 – March 3, 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..... 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

Fri..... Evening ....Boy Scout Troop arrives to Sunday- LP

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:** Pam Nute

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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# 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.

**Audrey Nester**, Elaine Pollak’s mother is in LRH with pneumonia secondary to the flu. Most recently in the ICU. She is having a rough time. (Alice Muh)

**Marlene Baker** – she had a mild stroke. (Judy Warden)

## Cancer

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| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)     |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh)              | Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles) |
| Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)         | Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)   |
| Doreen Degenerica (June Davis)     | Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles) |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Joyce Watrous (Glenad Iles)  |
| Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody)  | Ginny Dickman (Judy Warden)  |
| Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster)    | 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)     | Vern Davis (June Davis)         |
| 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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