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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.*

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*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
February 28, 2016*

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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.

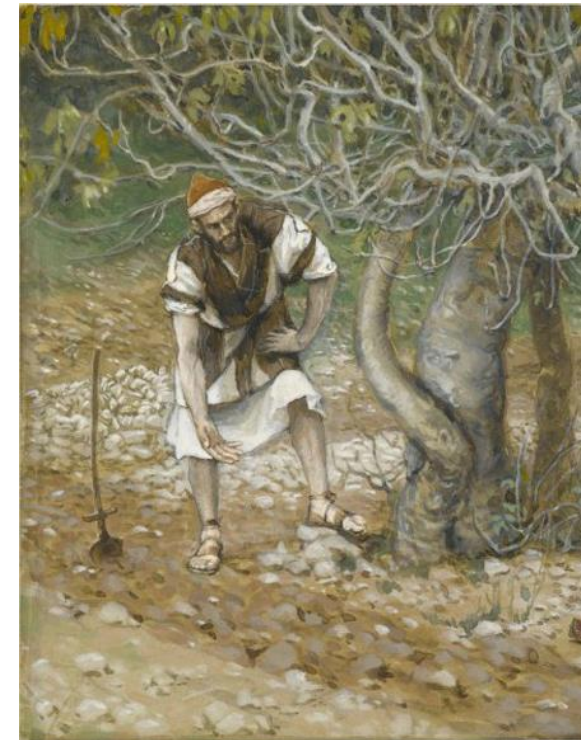
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Church office hours: Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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*Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree*

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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 28, 2016—Third Sunday of Lent**

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

Gathering #68 “We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer” *vs. 1, 3*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Ann Craxton*

Prelude

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 55:1-4;6-9* *Rev. Edward Craxton*

One: Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**All: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good.**

One: Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, like unto my steadfast, sure love for David.

**All: See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.**

One: Seek the Lord while the Lord may be found, call upon God while God is near.

**All: Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that the Lord may have mercy on them, and to our God, for God will abundantly pardon.**

One: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

**All: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

\*Hymn (*insert*) “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Anthem

Children’s Time - Collection for Food Pantry

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

\*Hymn #390 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Scripture Luke 13: 1-9

Sermon “Another Chance”

\*Hymn #435 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *vs. 1, 2*

\*Benediction

\*Response #435 “God of Grace and God of Glory” *vs. 3*

\*Postlude

## Noonday Concerts

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Join us for a free 40-minute performance Thursday lunchtimes at 12:10pm during Lent

\* please note that the March 10 concert is at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend | donations appreciated

35 School Street, Littleton, NH 03561

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## Littleton Methodist Church

Annual Lenten Chowder Luncheons on Fridays

February 12th —March 18th, 2016 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Fish or Corn Chowder Delicious Sandwiches Mouthwatering Homemade Pies

Free Delivery too!

**Thursdays** - e-mail your orders to: fumcchowder@gmail.com **Fridays** - call in to 444-5567 or 493-9934 between 7:30 - 10:00 for Delivery after 10:00—Pick-Up Only

Open Minds \* Open Hearts \* Open Doors

**10% of proceeds go to local Food Pantry!**

This Tuesday is our church's turn to host Dinner Bell at the All Saints' Church. Please contact Judy Oleary or Bob Muh if you would like more information of how you can get involved. Dinner Bell is a free dinner served every Tuesday at 5pm. It is open to anyone and the average attendance is 70 people. It is also a lot of fun to help!

Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to make or donate food.

## One Great Hour of Sharing ~ Special Offering SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the UCC that carries God's message of love and hope to people in 138 countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

## Notices for the week of February 28, 2016 – March 5, 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 – Ladies Parlor  
Mon..... Pastor's Vacation  
Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Property Committee – FH  
5:00 pm ....Dinner Bell @ All Saints' Church  
Wed..... 5:00 pm.....AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
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:** Emily and Reggie LaFlam

**Coffee Fellowship:** Eastern Star

**Flowers:** Celebrating Emily LaFlam's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday (again!)

LITTLETON AREA SENIOR CENTER

Today!

1:00 pm

“That's Amore!” Italian Dinner

*Fundraiser for Meals on Wheels*

*Adults: \$10 Children Under 12: \$5.00*



# February 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.

**Cynthia Nielson** – slipped on the ice on Wednesday morning and broke both of her wrists (Lars Nielson)

## Cancer

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 (Judy Warden)	Mike Jorde (Donna Matz)
Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)	Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)

## Illness/Recovery

Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)	Bill & Janet Doyle (Emily LaFlam)
Bob Iles (Alice Muh)	Jeremy Doyle (Emily LaFlam)
Steve Cobb (Dottie Morton)	Ed Warden (Judy Warden)
Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam)	Makayla McNerney (Marti Faulkner)
RBenson (Su Schott)	Pat Whipple (Linda Warden)
Barbara Enderson (Judy Warden)	Dan Benson (Su Schott)
Don Bliss (Don Bliss)	Roland Garceau, Sr. (K. Carbonneau)
Bing Clark (Linda Warden)	Martha Jane Aldrich (Barbara Holland)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Bob Horan (Tina Peabody)  
Family of Linda Caswell (Barbara Holland)  
Blaney Family (Jody Blaney)

## 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.*

