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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.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
March 6, 2016*

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
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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**  
**March 6, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

Gathering #126

“Holy Lord”

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer

*Ann Craxton*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Psalm 32*

One: Happy are those who know they are forgiven,  
who know that their sins have been pardoned.

**All: Happy are those who are free from deceit,  
who know God is not against them.**

One: When I kept silent, my bones ached from weeping;  
your hand lay on me like the heat of summer.

**All: Then I confessed; I stopped covering my flaws.  
I opened my heart and admitted everything,  
and you took away my guilt and my shame.**

One: O pray to our God, while our God may be found,  
that the great flood of troubles will not reach us.

**All: You are our hiding place, good and loving God.  
You preserve us from trouble; you protect us.**

One: Learn from the wise, and walk in healthy ways,  
not like horses or mules that are ruled by the bit.

**All: Many are the torments of the headstrong and wicked;  
steadfast love surrounds us when we put our trust in God.**

One: Be glad in God! Rejoice, all you who follow in God’s ways,

**All: and shout for joy, all you whose hearts  
are open to God’s love!**

\*Hymn #486 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”  
*(We’ll sing the Refrain after verses 2 and 4.)*

**\*Confession: God, you created us to enjoy abundant life,  
open, joyous and free. Instead, we keep choosing the narrow  
prison of ego, cramped and painful, living in ways that hurt  
our neighbors, ourselves and you. But there is wideness in  
your mercy. In Jesus, you came to break down prison walls,  
to give us another chance to live in your broad, abundant  
love. With broken and contrite hearts, we give you thanks for  
setting us free from the suffering of sin by Jesus’ reconciling  
love. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri #813

\*Statement of Faith *(inside cover of hymnal)*

Anthem

“You Are My All in All”

*Jernigan*

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 and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon

“In Widening Circles of Generous Love”

\*Hymn #462

“Come Share the Lord”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn #343

“Amazing Grace”

vs. 1-3

\*Benediction

\*Response #343

“Amazing Grace”

vs. 4, 5

\* Postlude

**FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**WHEN:** March 19<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 10 am

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**COST:** Free

The Christian Education Committee and the Community Outreach Group will be sponsoring a free community **Pancake Breakfast** again this year. The purpose of providing this breakfast is to serve the community in a tangible way, sharing God’s love with our neighbors, warming their hearts as well as their bellies.

*Please be sure to bring your informational insert home as a reminder to join us!*

**We are asking for help from the congregation with set up, cooking, serving, and clean up as well as donations to help cover the cost of food. Please see Tim Gould if you have any questions.**

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**Easter Lily Order Forms**



**Available at the back of the Sanctuary**

Glenda Iles will be taking Easter lily orders until Sunday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Please make all checks payable to: *Cherry Blossom*

They are **\$15 each** and can be in memory or in honor of someone *(in writing to Glenda)*

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**Next Sunday!**

**3:00 PM – Ecumenical Choir Concert in the Sanctuary**

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**One Great Hour of Sharing ~ Today**

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.

**NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL OPEN AT 10:00 AM ON MONDAY** instead of 9:00 am.

**Notices for the week of March 6, 2016 – March 12, 2016**

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- TODAY ... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service, Communion & Sunday School
- 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
- 11:45 am ....Mark Study II – Classroom
- 1:30 pm ....Ecumenical Choir Concert Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath  
Office Open at 10:00 am
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....Al Anon – Ladies Parlor  
7:15 pm ....GOG – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 1:30 pm ....Ladies Society – Ladies Parlor  
5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men’s Breakfast – Lofgren Residence  
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:** Dottie and Dudley Bailey

**Coffee Fellowship:** Joyce & Phil Krill

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**CORRECTION:** The Men’s Breakfast was advertised in the March issue of Steeple Talk at the Muh residence. **The breakfast will be held at the LOFGREN residence in March and the Muh residence in April. Thank you.**

# March 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.

**Jim Sturtevant** – recently diagnosed with lung cancer (Mary Sturtevant)

**Bob Bigalow** – 90 years old, pneumonia and congestive heart failure  
(Marti Faulkner)

**Joan Ziter** - just diagnosed with breast cancer (Judy Warden)

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

## Illness/Recovery

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| 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)  | Cynthia Nielson (Lars Nielson)        |
| Ryan Benson (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 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.*

