

CHURCH STAFF

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

March 18, 2018

OFFICERS:

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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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Church office hours: Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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COMMITTEES

Christian Education: Kim Smith, Chair
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Director: Ms. Melissa Kam
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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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*Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).*

Gathering #655

“Sanctuary”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Mary Menzies*

Prelude

“Two Arias in Rondeau”

*Naudot*

Responsive Reading

*Jeremiah 31:27-28, 31-34*

One: “The days are surely coming,” says our God,  
“when I will sow your house with the seed  
of humans and of animals.

**All: And just as I have watched over them  
to pluck up and break down,  
to overthrow, destroy, and bring to ruin,  
so I will watch over them to build and plant.**

One: The days are surely coming,” says our God,  
“when I will make a new covenant with my people.

**All: It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
and brought them out of the land of Egypt—**

One: a covenant they broke,  
though I was their husband,” says our God.  
“But this is the covenant I will make  
with my people after those days:

**All: I will put my law within them;  
I will write it on their hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

One: No more shall they teach one another;  
no more shall they say to one another,  
‘Know your God,’

**All: for all of them shall know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest;  
for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and remember their sin no more.”**

\*Hymn #591 “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Anthem

“Lamb of God”

*Reim*

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 “Air”

*Couperin*

\*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture

John 12:20-33

\*Hymn #539

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Sermon

“Seeds”

\*Hymn #686

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*Benediction

\*Response #384

“Spirit Song”

*vs. 1*

\*Postlude

*Readings for next week: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11.*

*Special thanks to Jo Beth Dudley  
for sharing her music with us this morning.*

**Palm Sunday Cake Walk Planned to Benefit the Shining Lights Community! March 25<sup>th</sup>**



This month our focus is on our neighbors downstairs, Shining Lights!! Shining Lights is a very special mission of the church, as we gift the children a space to grow and learn in a loving community. While we share a space, it is not often that members of the church and the families of Shining Lights have an opportunity to interact. We hope that our Palm Sunday Cake Walk will allow members of our two very special communities to have a little fun together and raise some money!! Shining Lights Families will be asked to sign up to make cakes. If any church families would like to contribute a cake or other fun dessert, please talk to a member of CE. We hope that we can all come and walk to the walk together so get those dollars ready and prepare to have some fun! 😊

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**Please check out the Informational Poster / Sign-up Board in the Ladies Parlor!**

**Contact Pam in the office if you have any questions.**



**Community Dinner**

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**A Homemade Meal!**

Chicken & Biscuits with vegetables, pickles, cranberry sauce, drinks and desserts

Adults/Teens: \$ 10.00      Children 5-12: \$5.00  
4 & under: Free

**5 PM – 6:30 PM**

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189 Main Street, Littleton



*We welcome everyone to the table*

**Notices for the week of March 18, 2018 – March 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..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Council – Classroom
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Rehearsal – 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

**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy & Bob Oleary

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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## March 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.

### Cancer

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)          |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh)              | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)        |
| Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)         | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis)    |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Joyce Watrous (Glenda Iles)       |
| Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody)  | Ginny Dickman (Judy Warden)       |
| Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster)    | Bruce Swanson (Judy Warden)       |
| Richard Price (Alice Muh)          | Barbara Sarafini (Linda Warden)   |
| Donna Cruickshank (Linda Warden)   | Mike MacKillop (Ross Fairweather) |
| Matt Byrne (Tina Peabody)          |                                   |

### Family Issues/Concerns

Janet Doyle (Glenda Iles)  
Margaret Whetstine & Mike Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)

### Illness/Recovery

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| Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)            | Jean Kimball (David Weddington) |
| Marlene Baker (Judy Warden)         | Vern Davis (June Davis)         |
| Phil Tomashek (Marti Faulkner)      | Audrey Nester (Alice Muh)       |
| Johnny Suglia & Family (Amy Sharpe) |                                 |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Ginny Dickman (Linda Warden)  
Family of Pam Michaud McBean (Marti Faulkner)

## 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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