

CHURCH STAFF

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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  
April 24, 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**  
**April 24, 2016**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

Gathering #219      “Surely the Presence”

Welcome and Announcements      *Mary Menzies*

Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship      “*Earth Day*”      *based on Psalm 148*

One: Praise God, you heavens! You angels of heaven,  
sing praises to God for the good gift of life!

**All: You bright, warming sun, you dark, heavy moon,  
sing praises to God for the good gift of life!**

One: Clean air for breathing and rich, loamy soil,  
rivers and oceans and life-giving rain,  
sing praises to God for the good gift of life!

**All: Wild beasts and cattle, creepers and birds,  
and all you strange giants who dwell in the deep—  
all you fierce elements—fire, hail and snow,  
wild, howling wind and cold, stormy blast—  
sing praises to God for the good gift of life!**

One: High craggy mountains and lush, wooded hills,  
beasts of the forests, pastures, and plains,

**All: beetles and grasshoppers, eagles and ravens,  
sing praises to God for the good gift of life!**

One: Peoples and rulers, young folks and old,  
men folks and women folks, sing praise to God.

**All: God, give us grace to respect your creation.  
God, give us courage to change selfish ways.  
God, give us time to repair our abuses.  
God, give us hearts that are humble and wise.  
God, our Creator, our Strength, give us hope,  
as we sing praise to you for the good gift of life. Amen.**

Hymn #63      “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Anthem      “A Place for Healing Grace”      *Sorenson*

Children's Time      *Food Collection*      *John 13:31-35*

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  
\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #428      “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Scripture      Acts 11:1-18

Sermon      “. . . as I have loved you . . .”

\*Hymn #429      “They’ll Know We are Christians”      *vs. 1-3*

\*Benediction

\*Response #429      “They’ll Know We are Christians”      *vs. 4*

\*Postlude

## Spring Concert 2016

North Country Chorus once again welcomes St. Johnsbury Academy's Hilltones as collaborators in its annual Spring Concert series. The featured pieces will be Mass in G by Franz Schubert and *Requiem for the Living*, composed by Dan Forrest in 2013. Several other short works will be performed by the Hilltones. Accompaniment will be provided by NCC's keyboard artist Jan-Piet Knijff and a chamber orchestra. The entire ensemble will perform under the leadership of NCC Musical Director Alan Rowe. Tickets are available in advance from Catamount Arts: adults \$10, students \$5. Admission at the door: adults \$12, \$5 students.

For more information, visit: <http://www.northcountrychorus.org/events.html>

Friday – Here! At 7:30 pm

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### The May Issue of Steeple Talk is underway!

Please send your submissions to Pam in the office by Tuesday morning.

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### Memorial Day Bell Ringers are needed!



Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 11:10 am

In observance of the Memorial Procession down Main Street

Please see Reg LaFlam if you are able to help!

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### Summer Office Hours ~ Starting in May

Monday through Thursday 9am – 2pm

## Notices for the week of April 24 – April 30, 2016

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TODAY..... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom  
10:00 am ....Worship Service  
11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall  
Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
5:30 pm ....NC Chorus Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Fri..... 7:30 pm ....NC Chorus Concert - Sanctuary  
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:** Brenda & Ross Fairweather

**Coffee Fellowship:** Brenda & Ross Fairweather

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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### Coming May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Strengthen the Church Offering

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the *Strengthen the Church* special mission offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking." *Strengthen the Church* is directed to your church's Conference, Local Church Ministries and The Stillspeaking Ministry for these purposes. *Invest in the Vision: Strengthen the Church!*

# April 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.

**Donna Prescott** – terminal cancer, in hospice. (Karen Lord)

**Jo Beth Dudley** – surgery on her knee. (Elaine Stroop)

## 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)         | Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)   |
| Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)       | Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)   |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)      | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)     |
| Jim Sturtevant (Mary Sturtevant) | Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)       |
| Carol Detrick (Wilma Weddington) | Peter Low (Tina Peabody)       |
| Astrid Warden (Judy Warden)      |                                |

## Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)              | Bill & Janet Doyle (Emily LaFlam) |
| Jeremy Doyle (Emily LaFlam)           | Ed Warden (Judy Warden)           |
| Ryan Benson (Su Schott)               | Jere Peabody (Tina Peabody)       |
| Dan Benson (Su Schott)                | Don Bliss (Don Bliss)             |
| Charron Sundman (Judy Warden)         | Camie Quail (Glenda Iles)         |
| Ann Cosgrove (Glenda Iles)            | Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam)     |
| Martha Jane Aldrich (Barbara Holland) | Jackie Home (Su Schott)           |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Bob Bigelow (Marti Faulkner)  
Family of James Edison (Wilma Weddington)

## Family Issues

Elizabeth Grimm (Wilma Weddington) The Weddington Family

## 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.*

