

**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  
May 15, 2016*



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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**

**May 15, 2016 – The Day of Pentecost**

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

Gathering #431                      “Shine, Jesus, Shine”                      *vs. 1, 2*  
Welcome, Announcements and Prayer                      *Mary Menzies*  
Prayer  
Prelude  
Call to Worship                      *Genesis 11:1-9*  
One: Once upon a time, a long time ago,  
when everybody spoke the same language,  
**All: Somebody said, “Hey, let’s make a name for ourselves!  
We’ll build ourselves a city, and in the city square  
we’ll build ourselves a tower up to heaven!”**  
One: Well, one day, God came down from heaven to earth,  
and saw the people working on the city and the tower;  
**All: “Whoa,” God said, “these people are great engineers!  
At this rate, they’ll not only finish this tower,  
they’ll do anything they put their minds to!”**  
One: Then God made it hard for them to understand each other—  
**All: everybody talked (and talked and talked),  
but pretty soon no one was listening.**  
One: Wat moet dat even beteken, jonge? Hé, que veut dire ce-la?  
¿Eres loco? ¿Porqué no hablas inglés, como yo?  
**All: They babbled without understanding, and soon they  
gave up on each other, gave up on their shared work,  
gave up on building their tower to heaven,  
and scattered all over the earth.**  
One: And you know what? That place is called Babel  
to this very day.

\*Hymn #23                      “The God of Abraham Praise”  
Anthem                      “Let the Flame Burn Brightly”                      *Rush/Larson*  
Children's Time  
Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)  
Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
\*Doxology #815  
\*Offertory Prayer  
\*Hymn #21                      “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”  
Scripture                      Acts 2:1-21  
Sermon                      “Anything We Put our Minds To”  
\*Hymn #293 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”  
\*Benediction  
\*Response #431                      “Shine, Jesus, Shine”                      *vs. 3*  
\*Postlude

## Strengthen the Church Offering

Pentecost Sunday, May 15

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message.

**Special envelopes are in your bulletin this week.**

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**Also Today!**

**Rebecca Rule, author, humorist & storyteller**

3:00 pm ~ Littleton Opera House

Opening at 2:00 pm with country/folk singer, Barbara Desroches

Donation of \$10.00 gladly accepted

To benefit Respitality Center: A social day program for those who have early Alzheimer's Disease and other related dementias. A day of respite for caregivers.

For more information, call 603-991-0155

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Congratulations to Judy Oleary & Kim Smith! Winners on Saturday, 5/7 and Monday, 5/9 of the Boxcar Caboose \$10 gift card & the \$25 Shaws Gift Card (respectively) in the Shining Lights May Calendar Raffle Fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who purchased a chance to win, every day in the month of May!!

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**The office food pantry is running low:**

**Please consider donating *on Food Pantry Collection week***

***Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>*, the following items:**

Small containers of condiments. Coffee. Cat food. Canned fruit. Soups, stews, canned meat (turkey, chicken, ham, corned beef, Spam). Canned or boxed (complete) meals.

## Notices for the week of May 15, 2016 – May 21, 2016

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TODAY..... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom  
9:00 am ....Choir Practice  
10:00 am ....Worship Service & 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  
Sat..... 8:30 am ....Meals on Wheels Walk-a-thon  
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:** Ann Craxton

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy & Bob Oleary

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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## Meals on Wheels Walk-a-thon – This Saturday!

Please see any member of COG (Tim Gould, Alice Muh, Linda Warden, Wilma or David) or the Missions Committee (Judy Oleary, Bob Muh or Doug Menzies) for more information on becoming a walker or donating to TEAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH!

Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. and walkers will have the opportunity to fortify themselves for the walk with a pancake breakfast. The walk will commence at 10:00 a.m. and alternative 1-mile and 3-mile routes are available.

# May 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.

### 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)      | Elaine Gray (Sarah Donovan)    |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)      | Jere Peabody (Tina Peabody) |
| Charron Sundman (Judy Warden) | Ann Cosgrove (Glenda Iles)  |
| Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam) | Jackie Home (Su Schott)     |
| Sandy White (Richard Donovan) | Dianne White (Donna Matz)   |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Ray Holland (Marti Faulkner)  
Family of Jim Cyr (Linda Warden)  
Family of Barbara Robinson (Linda Warden)

## 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.*

