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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 22, 2016*

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Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
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10:00 a.m.  
  
Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.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**  
**May 22, 2016**

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

Gathering #399                    “We Are God’s People”                    *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements                    *Ann Craxton*

Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship                    *John 1:1-5*

One: In the beginning, before there was anything,  
daytime and nighttime, sun moon and stars . . .

**All: In the beginning, before there were oceans  
or water came bubbling up from the ground . . .**

One: In the beginning, before there were mountains,  
flatlands and flood-plain, black with rich soil . . .

**All: In the beginning before there was broccoli,  
crabapples, jellyfish, black bears or quail . . .**

One: In the beginning, the Word was, the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**All: Everything happened, all things came to be,  
through the Word (for without the Word nothing can be).**

One: Life! Through the Word of God, Life came to be  
and that Life was the Light of us all.

**All: In the darkness it shines and, try as it might,  
the darkness has never overcome it.**

One: In the beginning, before there was anything,  
God spoke a Word, full of Life, full of Light . . .

**All: And the Word became flesh and lived here among us,  
glorious, graceful and true.**

\*Hymn #408                    “How Firm a Foundation”

Anthem

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 #414                    “O Word of God Incarnate”

Scripture                    Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Sermon                    “in the beginning, sheer delight”

\*Hymn (*insert*)                    “Lord of the Dance”

\*Benediction

\*Response #399                    “We Are God’s People”                    *vs. 3, 4*

\*Postlude

Congratulations to Jean Kimball! Winner on Saturday, 5/14 of 10 personal pan pizzas at Pizza Hut 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 next 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.

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**Attention: Due to the timing of Memorial Weekend Holiday, Pam will be working on the June issue of Steeple Talk a little earlier than usual.**

**Submissions would be very much appreciated by Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>!**

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**Save the Date!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Low Tech"**

**Community Family Fun Day**

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**2 - 6pm**

**Remich Park ~ by the Gazebo**

**Hotdogs, Popcorn & Lemonade ~ Come play "simply" in the park**

**Games and Activities for ALL ages**

**Bring friends, relatives, a lawn chair or blanket and have some fun**

This is a free event co-sponsored by the Community Outreach Group and the Christian Education Committee

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to the *Strengthen the Church* Special offering!  
\$533.25 has been collected to date.

**Notices for the week of May 22, 2016 – May 28, 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**

7:00 pm ....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall

**Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor**

7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

**Thurs..... 6:30 pm ....By-laws committee meeting – Classroom**

**Fri..... 2:00 pm ....Montessori School Rummage Sale set up – FH**

**Sat..... 8:00 am ....Montessori School Rummage Sale – FH**

7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Usher/Greeter:**

**Coffee Fellowship: Rachel & Judy**

**Flowers: to the Glory of God**

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Church Clean Up Day last Saturday! A recap and more pictures to come in the June issue of Steeple Talk!



## 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.

**Frank Tillotson** – illness (Virginia Miller)

**Muriel Anderson** – pneumonia, is 94 years old, and in the hospital  
(Mother of Chris Sundman)

**Eric Clark** – had seizure; getting good care and is looking good  
(Kellie Clark)

**Family of Carol Welborn** (Tina Peabody)

### 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)  
Family of John Oleary (Bob Oleary)  
Family of David Vital, Jr. (Karen Morneau)

## 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.*

