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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 8, 2016*

Pastor:  
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Music Director & Organist  
Dorothy Morton

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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*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 8, 2016**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day**

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

Gathering #219

“Surely the Presence”

Welcome and Announcements

*Mary Menzies*

Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship      “*A Litany for Mother's Day*”

One: Generous God, we thank you for sharing  
the gift of your mothering love with us:

**All: We thank you for giving us human mothers  
whose nurture and guidance made us who we are;**

One: We thank you for grandmothers, aunts and strong guiding  
women who taught us and helped us to grow.

**All: We thank you for this community, the church, where  
you touch us with tenderness, wisdom and strength,  
and allow us to be your mothering hands for each other.**

One: Today as we lift up our voices in worship,  
help us remember with grateful hearts  
the powerful gifts of mothering love  
you have shared with us in this world;

**All: and help us discover, deep in our hearts,  
the mothering love you call us to share  
with your children today and every day. Amen.**

\*Hymn #453      “Happy Our Home When God Is There”

Anthem

Children's Time

We Welcome New Members: *Ross and Brenda Fairweather*

**Unison: We welcome you with joy into the common life of  
this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we  
share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By  
the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow  
together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our  
risen Savior.**

Prayer of Welcome and Sung Blessing

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.**

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

Scripture

Acts 16:16-34

\*Hymn #505

“He Touched Me”

Sermon

“Unchained”

\*Hymn #503

“Since Jesus Came into My Heart”

\*Benediction

\*Response #231 “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

\*Postlude

**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 Have Started!**

**Monday through Thursday 9am – 2pm**

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**Thank you** to everyone who signed up to help with the LHS Drama Dept. rehearsal Dinner on Monday night  
**RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS**

*18 Pizzas, salads and a table full of desserts fed 60 cast members of all ages! Special thanks to Judy and Bob Oleary who helped the COG team make this a success!*

... Speaking of opportunities! The **C**ommunity **O**utreach **G**roup is always creating participation opportunities. Their next meeting is **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm** in the classroom. It will be a fun planning meeting for the Community Fun Day in the Park scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please come and be a part of this!

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

**Notices for the week of May 8, 2016 – May 14, 2016**

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- TODAY..... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service & Sunday School
- 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- 4:30 pm ....Finance Committee – Ladies Parlor
- 5:30 pm ....SLLC Board & CE - Classroom
- Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Property Committee – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 pm ....AIAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed.. ..... 1:30 pm ....Ladies Society – Ladies Parlor
- 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs..... 7:15 pm ....Community Outreach Group - Classroom
- Sat..... 8:00 am ....Spring Clean Up Morning
- 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 & Dudley Bailey

**Coffee Fellowship:** Su Schott & Tim Gould

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Church Clean Up Day**  
is this Saturday, starting at 8:00am!

Please meet outside the office door and pick your favorite assignment from the list of things that need to be done.

*~ Thank you from the Property Committee ~*

# 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.

**Elaine Gray** – kidney cancer (Sarah Donovan)

**Sandy White** – multiple surgeries – scar tissue. (Richard Donovan)

**Dianne White** – 2<sup>nd</sup> mammogram with biopsy and ultrasound, not sure if cancer, but had been cancer free for over 3 ½ yrs. (Donna Matz)

## 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)      | Jere Peabody (Tina Peabody) |
| Charron Sundman (Judy Warden) | Ann Cosgrove (Glenda Iles)  |
| Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam) | Jackie Home (Su Schott)     |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Ray Holland (Marti Faulkner)  
Family of Donna Prescott (Karen Lord)

## 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.*

