

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  
July 31, 2016*



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| <p><b>Pastor:</b><br/>Rev. W. David Weddington<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:pastordavid@myfairpoint.net">pastordavid@myfairpoint.net</a></p> <p><b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br/>Dorothy Morton</p> <p>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> | <p>189 Main Street<br/>Littleton, NH 03561<br/>603-444-3376, Fax: 603-444-6589<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:fstcong@myfairpoint.net">fstcong@myfairpoint.net</a><br/><a href="http://www.1stconglittleton.org">www.1stconglittleton.org</a></p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday<br/>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>FCC Shining Lights Learning Center<br/>444-7379<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net">fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net</a></p> |
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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**  
**July 31, 2016**

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

Gathering Music #426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” verses 1-2

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 85*

One: Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

One: Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**All: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**All: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

\*Hymn #343 “Amazing Grace”

Special Music *Alison Bolt*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer

Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Food Collection

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology #815

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture *Genesis 18: 1-10a (NIV)* *Ross & Brenda Fairweather*

\*Hymn #424 “The Servant Song”

Sermon “Love (and Kindness) is All You Need” *Lars Nielson*

\*Hymn #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

\*Benediction

\*Response #426 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” verse 3

\*Postlude

*We offer our thanks to Alison Bolt who is bringing us our special music today and to Lars Nielson, our guest preacher.*

**Court Appointed Special Advocate(CASA) of NH** is looking for new volunteers a few hours a month.

*CASA of NH trains, supervises and supports volunteers to advocate on behalf of abused children in court. Their goal is to help our community's most vulnerable children grow up in safe, permanent homes.*

**Training starts in September.**

To learn more about being a CASA Advocate, visit [www.casanh.org](http://www.casanh.org)

If you know of anyone who may have an interest in knowing more about CASA or would have time to consider being a CASA volunteer, please contact:

Lucie Remillard of NH CASA  
North Country Outreach Coordinator  
[lremillard@casanh.org](mailto:lremillard@casanh.org)  
603-752-9670 (office) 603-723-2617 (cell)

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**Third Annual!!**



**Save the Date!**

Saturday, September 10, 2016  
9-11am

**Notices for the week of July 31, 2016 – August 6, 2016**

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TODAY... 10:00 am ....Worship Service  
Mon..... Pastor's Vacation to August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
              7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Thurs..... 5:30 pm ....Ecumenical CE RiverWalk-(ends in FH)  
Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall  
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

**Flowers:** Thank you to Su Schott and her garden

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*Plans are already underway for the Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction!*

*Steeple Talk will be emailed at the beginning of the week with more information about these events and other fun happenings and news.*

Or you can visit: [www.1stconglittleton.org](http://www.1stconglittleton.org)

*to get your copy of Steeple Talk*

# July 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.

### Celebrations:

Our youngest son, Tom Sundman, was married in Malibu, CA on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
(Charron Sundman)

Oliver Robert Clark, new grandchild for Bob and Glenda Iles (Linda Warden)

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Dennis Sharpe – waiting for results of biopsy. (Mary Menzies)

## Cancer

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| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)    | Lois Smith (Alison Bolt)       |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles) | Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam) |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)   | Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)   |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)    | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)     |
| Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)       | Peter Low (Tina Peabody)       |
| Astrid Warden (Judy Warden)    | Joni Prell (Linda Warden)      |

## Illness/Recovery

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| Matt Bradbury (Donna Matz)          | Dan Doyle (Bill & Janet Doyle)    |
| Dick & Judy Campbell (Linda Warden) | Heather Wright (Wilma Weddington) |
| Sandy White (Richard Donovan)       | Donata Blanks (Judy Oleary)       |
| Damian Gates (Wilma Weddington)     | Kyle Doty (Donna Matz)            |
| Allison Bartley (Karen Lord)        | Bill Spencer (Glenda Iles)        |
| Todd Warden (Judy Warden)           |                                   |

## Family Issues

Lee & Linda Knutson (Dottie Morton)    Aaron Morton (Dottie Morton)  
Michelle Seekamp (June Davis)  
Kristi King and family (June Davis)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Carol Detrick/Michelle Carmody (Wilma Weddington)  
Family of Ralph Aldrich (Rachel Clark)

## 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.***

