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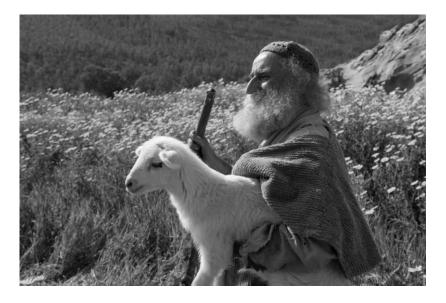
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Director: Ms. Melissa Kam Board President: Suzanne Schott

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 September 11, 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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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 September 11, 2016

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

Gathering #138

"Holy Ground"

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer Mary Menzies

Prelude

Responsive Reading: based on Psalm 51

One: A psalm David wrote when the prophet Nathan confronted him about his abuse of Uriah and Bathsheba:

All: Have mercy, O God! By your deep, healing love, set me free from the guilt of my wrongdoing.

One: Wash me, God! Cleanse me! I know what I've done; I can't take my eyes off my wrongs.

All: But you long to see the truth growing within me. Teach me your wisdom, enlighten my heart.

One: Bathe me in sacred herbs; make my soul shine. teach these crushed bones to rejoice.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and steadfast spirit in me.

One: Don't send me off from your presence, O God; don't take your holy spirit from me.

All: Give me again the joy of your salvation; keep my spirit willing within me.

One: Open my lips and my mouth will sing your praise; accept this gift of trust from me, O God:

All: The sacrifice acceptable to you, O God, is the gift of my troubled spirit.

A broken heart, humble and ready to be changed, O God, you will never despise.

*Hymn #382 "Come, Holy Spirit"

Children's Time "Mama, Do You Love Me?"

Choir Anthem "Holy Manna" Arr.: Raney

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 Offertory *Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer

Scripture 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*Hymn #344 "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Sermon "Suppose you had a hundred sheep. . ."

*Hymn #308 "There Is a Redeemer"

*Benediction

*Response #231 "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"

*Postlude

Thank you to everyone who donated and/or participated in the walk!



More details about the event will be coming soon!

Adult Bible Study available this fall: a workshop on prayer, using a workbook called Abiding in Christ, by Maxie Dunnam. Those of us who went through his first workbook found that it helped us develop a deeper, more authentic prayer life, and so we're looking forward to continuing with this second workbook. If you weren't part of the first group, don't worry. It isn't that kind of thing. If you'd like to deepen your prayer life, please consider joining us, Sundays October 2-November 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the classroom off the Ladies' Parlor.

There will be an Explorer's Class on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 PM in the Ladies Parlor.

See Pastor David if you have any questions about either of these two items.

DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION TODAY

There will be a special collection today to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance. Envelopes for this specific purpose are included in the bulletin.

Thank you!

\$160 was collected in July and \$240 in August ~ Thank you!

ALL THINGS HARVEST DINNER AND AUCTION!

Please see the Informational / Sign-up Board at the back of the Sanctuary

Please take your informational insert home for the fridge or give to a friend to let them know about this important fundraiser for the church.

Advance Tickets Available - see Bob Muh

37th Annual

Notices for the week of September 11, 2016 – September 17, 2016

TODAY 9:00 amAdult Bible Study - Classroom 10:00 amWorship Service and Sunday School
11:15 amCoffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
Mon Pastor's Sabbath
4:30 pmFinance Committee – Classroom
5:00 pmProperty Committee – Fellowship Hall
5:30 pmSLLC Board – Ladies Parlor
Tues 5:00 pmDinner Bell – All Saints' Church
6:00 pmAlAnon – Ladies Parlor
Wed 1:30 pmLadies Society – Ladies Parlor
5:00 pmAA – Ladies Parlor
6:30 pmChoir Practice – Ladies Parlor
7:00 pmWeds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
Thurs 6:30 pmCouncil Meeting – Classroom
Fri 7:00 pmNA – Fellowship Hall
Sat 8:00 amMen's Breakfast – Oleary Residence
7:00 pmAA – Fellowship Hall

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

Usher/Greeter:

Flowers: to the Glory of God

Coffee Fellowship: Judy & Bob Oleary

The Office will resume Friday office hours on October 7th!

The Congregational Church is Hosting Dinner Bell on Tuesday!

Please see the sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

September 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.

The Morton Family

Alison & Ron Bolt – safe travels to Utah

Emily & Reg LaFlam – safe travels to Texas

Cancer

Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)
Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)
Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)
Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)
Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)
Astrid Warden (Judy Warden)
Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam)
Suzanne Pelletier (Judy Warden)

Lois Smith (Alison Bolt)
Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)
Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)
Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)
Peter Low (Tina Peabody)
Joni Prell (Linda Warden)
Sandra Eaton (Judy Warden)

Illness/Recovery

Jeff & Dianne White (Donna Matz) Bob Iles (Judy Warden)

Loss/Grieving

Friends and Family of Sandy White (Sarah & Richard Donovan)

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 <u>without</u> 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.

