

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
September 25, 2016*

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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.*

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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.*

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

Gathering #612                      “In This Very Room”                      *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements                      *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Singing:                      *Psalms 91 and Deuteronomy 38:11*  
*Refrain: (choir only at beginning, then sing along*  
*each time it comes around)*

**And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in His shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: “My refuge,  
my Rock in whom I trust.”                      *(Refrain)*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.                      *(Refrain)*

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.                      *(Refrain)*

For to His angels He’s given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.                      *(Refrain)*  
*(Michael Joncas and Douglas Wagner)*

Children’s Time

\*Hymn #692                      “God Will Take Care of You”

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  
Offertory  
\*Doxology #815  
Offertory Prayer

Scripture                      1 Timothy 6:2b-19

\*Hymn #661                      “Little Is Much When God Is in It”

Sermon                      “Reaching for the Life That Really is Life”

\*Hymn #592                      “Jesus Calls Us”

\*Benediction

\*Response #612                      “In This Very Room”                      *vs. 3*

\*Postlude

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

We exceeded our goal!

\$4,120 was raised!



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## Neighbors in Need 2016

Special Mission Offering next week: **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

A special offering insert is in today's bulletin and another message with the special offering envelope will be inserted next week. Thank you for your consideration.

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## 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.*



37<sup>th</sup> Annual

Advance Tickets Available – see Bob Muh or Pam in the office

## Notices for the week of September 25, 2016 – October 1, 2016

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- TODAY..... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service and 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
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- 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

**Usher/Greeter:** Judy & Bob Oleary

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

**Coffee Fellowship:** Su Schott

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Adult Bible Study starts **next week!** A workshop on prayer, using a workbook called Abiding in Christ, by Maxie Dunnam. 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.

*The Office will resume Friday office hours on October 7<sup>th</sup>!*

**Please submit any pictures or articles for the October Steeple Talk by Monday. Thank you!**

## 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.

**Amy Welch** – surgery last week as a result of a fall (Wilma Weddington)

**Kristen Steele** – going through multiple tests for health issues  
(Barbara Holland)

### 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)      |
| Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam) | Sandra Eaton (Judy Warden)     |
| Suzanne Pelletier (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 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.*

