

**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  
January 8, 2017*



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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<br/>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Worship Service and Sunday School<br/>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship 11:15 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**

**January 8, 2017—Baptism of Jesus**

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

Gathering #591      “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”      *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer      *Mary Menzies*

Prelude      “Mary, Did You Know”      *Greene*

Responsive Reading      *Isaiah 42:1-9*

One: You are my servant, upheld by my love,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

**All: I have put my spirit on you; I’m sending you now  
to bring my loving justice to the nations.**

One: You won’t raise your voice, or tear down what is broken;  
a dimly burning wick you will not quench.

**All: Your strength will not fail you, you will not be crushed  
until you bring my justice to the world.**

One: I am your God; I stretched out the heavens;  
I spread out the earth; I give breath to all.

**All: I am your God; I have called you, protected you.  
Now, I am giving you, a gift to all peoples,  
a light to the nations, to open blind eyes,  
to liberate all those who sit in deep darkness.**

One: Look! Everything I have promised has happened.  
Now I declare new things.

Before they spring forth, I reveal them to you.

**All: Great Calling One, we open our hearts  
to your Spirit, your blessing, your purpose, your will,  
today and forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn #639      “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Children’s Time

Special Music      “Mary Had a Baby”      *Traditional*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer with Our Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture      Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon      “Flow, River, Flow”

\*Hymn #467      “Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”

Baptism Renewal and the Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Prayer of Confession (unison): **Great Calling One, your requirements are few: do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with you. Instead, we have chosen to look out for number one; we have injured our neighbors and idolized ourselves. Again and again, we have chosen to lift up the gods of this world over your loving will. Forgive us, O God. Wash us, nourish us, meet us here in this water and in this holy meal, and strengthen our hearts to follow Jesus’ lead, wherever he may take us. We pray in his love. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon, Gloria Patri #813

Statement of Faith (*inside front cover of hymnal*)

The Story and the Meal

\*Hymn #384      “Spirit Song”

\*Benediction

\*Response #591      “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”      *vs. 3, 4*

\* Postlude

*Thanks to Dick Alberini for sharing his music with us  
while Dottie is on vacation.*

## Stewardship Update

As of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, the church has received 40 pledge commitments, for a total of \$123,843. In addition to three new pledges, 17 “pledging units” increased their financial commitments. Last year’s final tally was 49 pledges totaling \$135,716. We are hopeful that approximately 11 more pledges will be forthcoming, which should push our total above last year’s numbers. For those who intend to make a formal financial commitment but who have not yet done so, the church council would be most appreciative if all remaining pledge cards could be submitted as soon as reasonably possible. Pledge acknowledgments are on their way in the mail. Thank you!

Bob Muh  
Stewardship Coordinator

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### Announcing the 214<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LITTLETON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

*This has been changed to the SECOND Sunday in February from the “usual” first Sunday. Annual Reports will be available in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**Our Church By-Laws (Article IX, Section 3) call for an annual meeting of the congregation for the purposes of:**

- Electing officials and committees
- Setting the budgets
- Reporting on the activities of the Church in the previous year
- Conducting any other business that would require the vote of the membership

The annual meeting serves not only to take care of the business of the Church, but to remind us of our obligations to this Church, our community, to the world and to God. In fellowship with each other and God, we have the privilege and responsibility to carry out these promises and to guide our congregation in the coming year. Please plan on coming to the annual meeting which starts with worship at 10:00 AM and the business meeting following in the Fellowship Hall.

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### ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

*Rehearsals for the Ecumenical Choir Festival will begin on Sunday, Feb. 5th at the Methodist Church at 1:00 pm. Rehearsals will also be held on Feb 12th and 15th with the concert on Feb. 26th at 3:00 pm. at the Methodist Church. If you love to sing but are unable to commit to the weekly regular choir, you are welcome to join us in the Ecumenical Choir. If you are interested, contact Maryann Langdoc at 603-444-5282.*

## Notices for the week of January 8, 2017 – January 14, 2017

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TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom  
10:00 am ....Worship Service, Communion and  
Sunday School  
11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath  
4:30 pm ....Finance Committee – Ladies Parlor  
5:30 pm ....SLLC BOD followed by CE – Classroom  
7:15 pm ....COG - Classroom  
Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Property Committee – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... NOON ....Ladies Society - Baliwicks  
5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ....Choir Practice  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Thurs..... 6:30 pm ....Council Meeting - Classroom  
Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall  
Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men’s Breakfast – Krill Residence  
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:** Su Schott     **Coffee Fellowship:** Tim Gould

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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### DEACON’S FUND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

There is a special collection this week 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!

## January 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.

**Aldyn Frenkiewich** - a 3 year old boy who had a liver transplant and keeps having issues. He is back at children's hospital in Boston.  
(Linda Warden)

### Cancer

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| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)     | Arped Lind (June Davis)              |
| Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)  | Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)       |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)    | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)          |
| Peter Low (Tina Peabody)        | Joni Prell (Linda Warden)            |
| Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam) | Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles) |
| Judy Jalbert (June Davis)       | James Stewart (Tim Gould)            |
| Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)      | Jean Lange (Emily LaFlam)            |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Joel Peabody (JoBeth Dudley)    | June Davis (Emily LaFlam)             |
| Jean Kimball (David Weddington) | Richard & Janet Nelson (Janet Nelson) |
| Marla Strong (Kim Smith)        |                                       |

### Family Concerns

Brian Muh & Epic Church (Alice Muh)  
Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)  
Heather Menzies (Doug Menzies)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Stephanie Moskal (Charron Sundman)  
Family of Diane Stinaker (Linda Warden)  
Family of Elizabeth Poliven (Ed O'Brien)  
Family of Wayne Chase (Emily LaFlam)  
Family of Linda Hall (Wayne Ruggles)  
Family of Nancy Aldrich (Linda Warden)

### 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.***

