

Interfaith Women of NH is pleased to present their Spring event for 2025: *NH Connections: Quakers, Shakers, Native American* held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025



Program starts 6:45 pm check-in begins at 6:15 pm at First United Methodist Church, 961 Valley Street in Manchester
Our speakers:

- ◆ **Maggie Fogarty**, NH Program Director of American Friends Service Committee grounded in Quaker values, dedicated to movement building for economic and racial justice, immigrant rights and nonviolence.
- ◆ **Veronica Molloy**, A founding member of IWNH, practicing Catholic in St. Catherine's Parish, Manchester, a former guide at Canterbury Shaker Village, strong interest in faith perspective commonalities.
- ◆ **Denise Pouliot**, Sag8moskw, Female Head Speaker of the Cowasuck Band of the Penacook Abenaki People, a traditional Abenaki artist, extensive experience in public outreach and education, and often delivers Indigenous Invocations and Formal Greetings at events held on her tribes' ancestral homelands.

Please RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 603-233-7760
Visit us online at: interfaithwomennh.org.

Thinking about Membership at FCC? . . .



Check out our Upcoming Membership Events!

- *New Member Orientation***
Sunday, March 30th following Worship Service
- *New Member Joining***
Sunday, April 6th at 10 am

If you are interested in membership at FCC, please reach out to Ellie Stetson at Ebstetson@aol.com.



March 16, 2025 We are pleased to welcome members, friends and guests. If you are a first time guest and would like to receive a **Welcome Bag**, please speak with an usher. We invite you to fill out a **Welcome Card** found next to the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

THIS WEEK AT FCC

Sunday, March 16th—Second Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Outreach Committee Meeting
- 2:00 PM Women's Connection Outing to Palace Theater to see "Escape to Margaritaville"
- 4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Monday, March 17th

- 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Hours (until noon)
- 6:30 PM ENA Evening Conversation Café
- 6:30 PM Church Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th

- 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
- 10:45 AM ENA Morning Conversation Café

Wednesday, March 19th

- 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
- 4:30 PM FIT Kitchen Volunteer Night
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 20th

- 9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
- 9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshop
- 12:00 PM Food Pantry Open Hours (until 3)
- 6:00 PM FIT Family Center Activity Night

Friday, March 21st & Saturday, March 22nd

No Church Activities

Sunday, March 23rd—Third Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 16th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Pam LeBlanc, Craig Finefrock
Greeters: Tracy Jung, Daniel Jung
Second Sunday in Lent
Scout Sunday

Sunday, March 23rd 10:00 AM

Ushers: Tom Irving, Mark Sowa
Greeters: Linda Sowa, Barbara Brawley
Third Sunday in Lent
Horton Center Sunday
Sunday Friends

Sunday, March 30th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Ruth Knowles, Becki Krueger
Greeters: Sam Knowles, Martha Perich
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday Friends

Sunday, April 6th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne, Larry Dearborn
Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Ruth Mills
Fifth Sunday in Lent



PLEDGES & DONATIONS

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THE CHURCH COUNCIL

- Senior Pastor** — Rev. Christopher Stevens
- Clerk**—Rose Wiant **Moderator**—Bill Jones
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- Ministry of Spirituality—Coordinator—Nancy Simmons**, Ellie Stetson, JoAnn Ward, Susan Wilkes
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- Ministry of Sustaining Our Church Home—Coordinator—Matt Lyons** Terri Pattee, Lucia Carlisle, Vicki Tinsley **At Large**—Diane Clement, Bridget Thornton-Smith, Jeanine Finefrock

FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

- Senior Pastor** — Rev. Christopher Stevens
- Associate Pastor** — Rev. Barbara Papagian
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Volunteer Opportunities at FCC!

Help serve the evening meal at Families in Transition (FIT) from 4:30 to 5:45 pm



Held at the Adult Emergency Shelter at 199 Manchester Street. Upcoming opportunities include: **Weds., March 19th & Fri., March 28th!** Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

Join FCC Volunteers at the FIT Food Pantry: Tuesday, March 25th from 1 pm to 3 pm. We sort donations and stock shelves and help wherever needed—just 2 hours of your time to help the food insecure in Manchester. Please see the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

Conversation Cafe's with the ENA Program: Evening Conversation on Monday, March 17th at 6:30 pm & Morning Conversation Tuesday, March 18th at 10:45 am. Volunteers provide conversation, laughter, connection and encouragement for the students. Sign up on the church hallway bulletin board to join us!

FIT Family Center: Thursday, March 20th from 6pm to 7 pm. Do crafts with kids (ages 5 - 12) while parents are preparing their dinners in the kitchen. See the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.

Resilience Reins: UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center Provide and serve a family dinner for at risk children during the 7-week Resilience Reins program. **Join us Thurs., April 3rd at 6 pm.** Family dinners provide an opportunity for family members to come together, strengthen ties and build better relationships.

Special Olympics Young Athletes meets Mondays at 5:30 pm: Volunteers are always welcome! Interested can contact Coach Bill Jones via cell or email to get more details: 603-860-1236 or wjones0615@comcast.net.

Questions? Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Liz Verity, by email at liz-v@comcast.net or by call or text to 603-494-6785. Call Lauren in the office during the week at 603-625-5093.

2025 Holly Berry Fair News!

The Holly Berry Fair craft gatherings have started up again and you are invited to join us!



We are meeting every other Thursday morning from 9:00 to 12:00 in the rec room. Remember you don't have to have a lot of experience, just come willing to help! **Here is the schedule: March 13 & 20, April 3 & 17. On May 1st we will begin meeting every Thursday morning.**

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Sunday, Mar. 16 at 11:30AM—Outreach
- Sunday, Mar. 16 at 4PM—Stewardship (on Zoom)
- Monday, Mar. 17 at 6:30PM—Trustees
- Tuesday, Apr. 1 at 6:30PM—Membership
- Sunday, Apr. 6 at 11:15AM—Deacons
- Monday, Apr. 7 at 9:30AM—Sr. Fellowship
- Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 6PM—Church Council
- Sunday, Apr. 20 at 6PM—Stewardship
- Monday, Apr. 21 at 6:30PM—Trustees

4 Week SUNDAY FRIENDS Easter Series!

This Easter season, we invite your children to take a deeper look at the special people and important days that shaped the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Each week, we'll explore a different part of the Easter story in a fun, engaging, and meaningful way!

Sunday, March 23rd - Sunday, April 13th

Stories, games and crafts! All are Welcome. Service begins at 10AM

Women's Connection News!

March 14 thru April 6th is "Missy's Closet Prom Dresses and Tuxedos for Teens"!

The days and times the closet will be open: Fridays 4 PM - 7 PM and Saturdays & Sundays 10 AM - 4 PM



The dates start on Fri., March 14th and go through Sun., April 6th.

There are many opportunities to volunteer! The sign-up sheets are on the church office window with dates and times. Sign up for an hour or two, more than one day or what ever will fit your schedule... There are lots of sit-down jobs to do too. Look at your calendar, maybe ask a friend to come, and consider helping out at Missy's Closet in the TJMAXX Plaza 68 March Ave Manchester, NH off South Willow St. By signing up, everyone can see who is going and might want to car pool. Many ladies volunteered last year and had a great time helping teens find just the right outfit for their proms.

When you volunteer, just go in the store and ask for Heidi and she will set you up with a job!



Prayer Requests

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If you have a prayer request for Sunday mornings, there are boxes in the narthex and hallway for you to put your requests in. Please

submit them by 9:30 am. If you do come in after that, you can hand your request to an usher who will get it to me. During the week you are welcome to email your request to me at BPapagian@FCCManchesterNH.org. I can take email requests up until 9:00 am on Sunday morning. I'm honored to have the privilege of raising your prayers during the service.

- Rev. Barbara Papagian, Associate Pastor -

Please send your condolences to Eric Gagnon on the recent passing of his mother and father.

Eric Gagnon
C/O Premier Rehab & Healthcare Facility
55 Harris Road
Nashua, NH 03062



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There was considerable discussion at this year's recent Annual Meeting concerning the 2025 Budget and the resulting impact on various church programs, especially the Outreach Committee which had its funding cut by approximately \$10,000.

A suggestion was made at the meeting to invite 100 people in the congregation to each give \$100 as a one-time gift, going directly to the Outreach Committee to restore the needed funding. Members and friends of the church can mail in their check and add "Outreach" in the memo section of the check. Not everyone can afford to give \$100 – so any amount you give will be your part in helping the Outreach Committee.

Thank you for your support!