

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.

2025 Holly Berry Fair News!

The Holly Berry Fair craft gathering is starting up in **March** for our fourth annual fair on

October 18th, 2025!

Get ready to join in on the fun Thursday mornings starting March 13th from 9:00 to 12:00. Remember you don't have to have a lot of experience, just come willing to help. We will be meeting every other week on Thursday morning. Here is the schedule: March 13 & 20, April 3 & 17. On May 1st we will begin meeting every Thursday morning.



FCC **March 9, 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 9th—First Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM Worship Service, Sunday Friends & Sacrament of Communion
11:15 AM Annual Meeting
Monday, March 10th
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Hours (until noon)
9:30 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting
5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*
Tuesday, March 11th
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
4:30 PM *FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening*
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday, March 12th
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 13th
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)
Friday, March 14th & Saturday, March 15th
No Church Activities
Sunday, March 16th—Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Open & Affirming Committee Meeting
2:00 PM *Women's Connection Outing to Palace Theater to see "Escape to Margaritaville"*
4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Zoom)

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 9th 10:00 AM
Ushers: Kathy Nelson, Scott Thornton
Greeters: Carolyn Lane, Marsha Neubert
First Sunday in Lent
Sacrament of Communion
Sunday Friends
Annual Meeting following Worship Service (No Fellowship Hour)

Sunday, March 16th 10:00 AM
Ushers: Pam LeBlanc, Craig Finefrock
Greeters: Tracy Jung, Daniel Jung
Second Sunday in Lent

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
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday Friends

PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Your monetary gift has a big impact on our ministries and those we serve. Scan this QR code to learn more...

1. Place smart phone camera over the QR code and click the link that appears.
2. Scroll the giving categories and make your offering.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Senior Pastor — Rev. Christopher Stevens
Clerk—Karen Hawver **Moderator**—Selma Naccach-Hoff
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FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Senior Pastor — Rev. Christopher Stevens
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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: Tues., March 11th, 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.

 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.

 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!

 New England Seafarers Mission Event: Saturday, May 31st—time to be announced. Volunteers will help to price items, stock the shelves, and run the cash registers at a busy crew market. Or help in the mailroom. Sign-up coming in April.

 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.

FCC Food Pantry News!

Our March Donation food for the FCC Community Food Pantry will be **beans and rice!** Canned or dry beans and dry rice in boxes or bagged (and/or pasta too). **Thanks so much for your support!**



We welcome volunteers to assist with the Food Pantry by serving our visitors twice per week on Mondays from 9-12 and Thursdays from 12-3 at FCC. Please sign up on the office window!



UPCOMING MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Sunday, Mar. 9 at 11:15AM—FCC Annual Meeting (to follow Worship Service)
- Monday, Mar. 10 at 9:30 AM—Senior Fellowship Board
- Tuesday, Mar. 11 at 6PM—Church Council (on Zoom)
- Sunday, Mar. 16 at 11:30AM—ONA
- Sunday, Mar. 16 at 4PM—Stewardship (on Zoom)
- Monday, Mar. 17 at 6:30PM—Trustees

FCC Annual Meeting Today!

Following the 10 am Worship Service. Please plan to stay so that we may have a quorum.

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 Ebsetson@aol.com.



Women's Connection News!

On Sunday, March 16th at 2:00 pm WC is going to see "Escape to Margaritaville" at the Palace Theatre!

We have 10 tickets saved for us. The cost is \$35.00 per ticket and this is a group rate so we have to sell all 10 tickets to get this price. Why not invite a friend? The sign up sheet is on the office window. A check can be made out to FCC with "Palace Theatre" in the memo and put in Nikki Brown's mailbox or give to Pam LeBlanc.



"Missy's Closet Prom Dresses and Tuxedos for Teens" will be looking for volunteers!

Please see the sign-up sheet on the church office window for dates and times. Many ladies volunteered last year and we had a great time helping teens find just the right outfit their proms!

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 -

Sunday Friends Meets Today!



Bring your family and friends and join us! Sunday Friends, our children & youth program, meets in the rec room (downstairs) after the Musical Offering and includes lessons, crafts and games.

March dates are 3/2, 3/9, 3/23 & 3/30. Please note the Cradle Roll Room is open downstairs for our youngest visitors as well.



News from the Open & Affirming Committee at FCC

At the recent committee meeting, ONA members talked with Pastor Chris about Manchester's Homeless Coalition that meets at our church.

We support the Coalition's work and will begin meeting with and learning how other city faith communities are working with the homeless. **We plan to organize a group from FCC to attend the Homeless Coalition's Training on Saturday, May 17th, at First United Methodist Church on Valley Street in Manchester. Save the date!**