



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, Veronica Molloy & Denise Pouliot
 Please RSVP to interfaithwomennh@gmail.com or call 603-233-7760.
 Visit us online at: interfaithwomennh.org

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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!



SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

Special Olympics NH Summer Games will be held at UNH in Durham. FCC will host the Mini-Javelin event again this year on Saturday, June 7th. **40 volunteers** are needed to successfully run the event – so we need YOU to help this year! Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the church office window.



April 6, 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, April 6th—Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends
 11:00 AM Chapel Communion Service
 11:15 AM Deacons' Meeting
 11:30 AM Bible Study

Monday, April 7th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 9:30 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting
 5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*

Tuesday, April 8th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 4:30 PM *FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening*
 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting
 6:45 PM *Interfaith Women of NH Event at First United Methodist Church—961 Valley Street in Manchester*

Wednesday, April 9th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 10th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Workshop
 10:00 AM FCC Food Closet Open Hours (until 2)
 10:30 AM Homelessness Initiatives Group Meeting

Friday, April 11th No Church Activities

Saturday, April 12th

9:00 AM Palm Sunday Breakfast Set-up

Sunday, April 13th—Palm Sunday

8:30 AM Palm Sunday Breakfast
 10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, April 6th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne, Larry Dearborn

Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Ruth Mills

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday Friends

Chapel Communion Service

Sunday, April 13th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Kathy Nelson, Scott Thornton

Greeters: Carolyn Lane, Marsha Neubert

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Sunday Friends

Friday, April 18th 7:00 PM

Good Friday & the Cross Worship Service

With Harold "Pip" Adams

Sunday, April 20th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Pam LeBlanc, Craig Finefrock

Greeters: Tracy Jung, Daniel Jung

Easter Sunday



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.



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PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join Us!

ONLY \$5 PER PERSON

Join us next **Sunday, April 13th at 8:30 am** for this annual event hosted by Music Ministry Director, Adam Peithmann and the FCC adult choir.

The cost is \$5/pp and the menu will include pancakes, eggs, and sausage along with coffee and orange juice.

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

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. **April opportunities include: 4/8, 4/16 & 4/25!** Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the church hallway bulletin board.
- Join FCC Volunteers at the FIT Food Pantry: Tuesday, April 22nd 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, April 24th 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 at the UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Center**
Provide and serve a family dinner for at risk children during the 7-week Resilience Reins program. **Dates are May 7th & June 18th 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 at the Manchester Community Music School:**
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? Please 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 and she can sign you up.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Deacons—Sunday, Apr. 6 at 11:15AM
- Sr. Fellowship—Monday, Apr. 7 at 9:30AM
- Church Council—Tuesday, Apr. 8 at 6PM
- Stewardship—Monday, Apr. 14 at 6PM
- Trustees—Monday, Apr. 21 at 6:30PM
- ONA—Sunday, Apr. 27 at 11:30AM


Holly Berry Fair Thursday

crafting has returned with fun, friendship, and snacks! In April we will meet on April 3rd and April 17th from 9-12.

Please join us for some or all of the time - and bring a friend! You do not need to have crafting skills - only a smile and the willingness to help. In May, we will start meeting every Thursday until Oct.18th - the Holly Berry Fair! Please come and laugh and craft with us!


-Pam and Peggy-

We need donations of old/used CD's!



2025 Church Scholarship Opportunities

See insert in today's bulletin and check out the new Scholarship Brochure located in the Narthex and in the back of the Sanctuary! Applications are due May 15, 2025 to Ellie Stetson at ebstetson@aol.com. Contact Ellie for the appropriate application.



Women's Connection Upcoming Event!

Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 am

Longmeadow Church in Auburn has a delicious breakfast every second Saturday morning of the month open to the public. The cost is \$8.00 for all you can eat. During our event planning in September, we thought it would be fun for us to attend on April 12th. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the church office window


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 -



Good Friday and the Cross is a worship service telling the story from when Pilate first meets Jesus, to his crucifixion.

Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm

The service will include readings portraying individuals who witnessed the final hours of Jesus' life. Jesus will carry a cross into the church to be placed in the chancel. The readings conclude with the death of Jesus on the cross. The service will include spiritual music and singing from selected hymns.



Bible Study Opportunity:

"The Ministry of Jesus"
Based on *The Chosen*:
<https://watch.thechosen.tv/page/seasons%201-3>

We will be using this free television video series as a basis for our 8-session Bible study on the life of Jesus as described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Thursday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.. Dates: 4/17, 5/1, 5/15, 5/29, 6/12, 6/26 and 7/10 OR Sunday after church at 11:30 a.m.. Dates: 4/6, 4/27, 5/4, 5/25, 6/1, 6/15, and 7/6.

See the sign-up sheet posted on the church office window!