

**The Thursday Holly Berry Fair craft group is back!**



**Our next gathering will be on Thursday, April 18th from 9-12.** There is always something for everyone to do no matter what your skills. Starting May 2nd we will meet every Thursday

until October 19th, 2024 - the Third Annual Holly Berry Fair! Please join us on any Thursday you can for fun, laughter, and frivolity while we craft and make plans. There are always good snacks too! Looking forward to a fun year of socialization and projects! Come see us - you will have fun with wonderful people - Pam and Peggy

**SAVE THE DATE FOR...**

**The Annual Walk Against Hunger! Sunday, May 19th**

The Outreach Committee at FCC welcomes everyone to participate with us, wearing our purple FCC t-shirts and enjoying fellowship along the way! The cost to our members is free. The walk begins at 12 PM at Veteran's Park here in downtown Manchester. We will have a brief bite to eat at church before we head over to walk. There is a new walk route this year! Visit [www.fitnh.org/walk-against-hunger/](http://www.fitnh.org/walk-against-hunger/) for more information or see Team Captain, Susan Wilkes. Watch the office window for a sign-up sheet coming soon.



**Women's Connection News!**



**Join us on Saturday, May 18th for the Twelfth Annual Mystery Ride.** See the sign-up sheet on the church office window!



**The NHCUC Women's Fellowship Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 20, 2024 in Plymouth at the Congregational Church. There are registration sheets and a sign up on the office window. See Pam for more info!**

**Interfaith Women of NH Spring Event Announced!**

**"Faith and Flowers: Enrich Your Soul" on Thursday, May 9th**  
Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect St. in Manchester



**Program starts 6:30 pm** (check-in begins at 6:00pm)  
Our Presenters:

- Erica Jeanes:** owner of the Bee Joyful Flower Farm.
- Rabbi Beth D Davidson:** Temple Adath Yeshurun.
- Rev. Laura Biddle:** Brookside Congregational Church.
- Simone Ali:** a young Muslim student at Goffstown High School.

In person and streamed live on Interfaith Women of NH Facebook Page. Join us for social time and refreshments after the program. Please RSVP to [interfaithwomennh@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithwomennh@gmail.com) or call 603-233-7760  
Visit us online at: [interfaithwomennh.org](http://interfaithwomennh.org).

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**April 14, 2024** 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 14th**  
10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends  
11:30 AM "Continuing the Conversation" Event with Rev. Randy VanDeventer (in Rec room)  
11:30 AM New Member Orientation (in Chapel)
- Monday, April 15th**  
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*  
6:30 PM Church Trustees' Meeting
- Tuesday, April 16th**  
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, April 17th**  
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
4:00 PM *FIT/New Horizons Kitchen Volunteer Night*  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
- Thursday, April 18th**  
9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook  
9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshop
- Friday, April 19th**  
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Saturday, April 20th**  
No Church Activities Scheduled
- Sunday, April 21st—New Member Joining Sunday**  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:30 AM Associate Pastor & Seminary Mentor Meeting (in Parlor)

*Upcoming Worship*

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- Sunday, April 14th 10:00 AM**  
Ushers: Kathy Nelson, Pam LeBlanc  
Greeters: Carolyn Lane, Marsha Neubert  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday Friends  
**ONA "Continuing the Conversation" Event with Rev. Randy VanDeventer following Worship**  
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- Sunday, April 21st 10:00 AM**  
Ushers: Scott Thornton, Craig Finefrock  
Greeters: Tracy Jung, Daniel Jung  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**New Member Joining Sunday**  
**Rev. Barbara Papagian leads Worship**  
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- Sunday, April 28th 10:00 AM**  
Ushers: Tom Irving, Mark Sowa  
Greeters: Linda Sowa, Barbara Brawley  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Sunday Friends  
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- Sunday, May 5th 10:00 AM**  
Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne, Larry Dearborn  
Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Terri Pattee  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Chapel Communion Service**

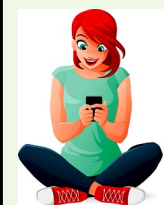
**Covenant Partner Randy VanDeventer will join us for an after-worship *Conversation* this morning at 11:30 am in the Rec. Room.**



Randy is an ordained UCC pastor and serves as Chaplain at NH Hospital, an acute psychiatric care facility. Randy will offer a short

presentation focusing on mental health, followed by a time for Questions & Answers and discussion. Once again, the ONA Committee will offer a light luncheon during our time of Conversation. Everyone is invited to join us this morning, whether you've signed up or not. See Zoom below if you prefer to join us online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908406921?pwd=cGtBdVM2amlvK0ovZTMzVTJDaUsxZz09>



**Have you used the First Congregational Church Online Picture Directory?**

It makes finding your church friends easy! You are welcome to access the Directory by going to:

<https://www.members.InstantChurchDirectory.com>  
If you need any help signing up, please reach out to Lauren in the front office by email at [LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org](mailto:LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org) or by calling the office at 603-625-5093.

**We are currently updating the Online Directory and need your help!**

Please take a moment to sign into the directory and check your contact information to be sure it is current and correct. If it is your first time signing in, you must create a unique password and use the email address you have on file with FCC. If you have not included a photo of yourself/your family, please reach out to the Membership Team who will be glad to take your photograph, or you have the option to upload your own photo when you are signed in.



**HOME TEAM Volunteer Opportunities Announced!**

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**Help serve the evening meal at Families in Transition (FIT)/New Horizons from 4 pm to 5:30 pm**

Held at the Adult Emergency Shelter at 199 Manchester Street.

**April dates: Wednesday, April 17th & Friday, April 26th.**



**On Tuesday, April 23rd volunteer with us at the FIT Food pantry and Donation Center from 1pm—3pm!** Sort donations, stock shelves or help in the store. Assist food insecure individuals with their shopping experience.

**New Opportunity! FIT Family Center** starting on May 2nd from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Make crafts with children (ages 5 - 12 years) while parents are preparing their dinners in the kitchen.



**ENA Conversation Café will return with dates to be announced soon!**

Please consider adding your name to any of the sign up sheets on the office window. Call Lauren in the office (603-625-5093) or Liz Verity (liz-v@comcast.net or 603-494-6785), to add your name to the list or to find out how you can help.



**Memory Garden News!**

Spring is here, and our Memory Garden will soon be waking from its winter sleep. **We will need help weeding, and cleanup on Tuesday, April 30th, and mulching and planting on Saturday, May 25th!** See the sign-up sheet on the office window or email Liz Verity at [liz-v@comcast.net](mailto:liz-v@comcast.net).

**Membership Events in April!**

⇒ **TODAY—New Member Orientation following Worship in the Chapel**

We are having a second orientation gathering this morning in case you missed it last week! If you have been curious about membership at FCC and want to learn more, please join us.

⇒ **Next Sunday, April 21st—New Member Joining Sunday at 10 am.** Join us in welcoming and celebrating our newest church members!

**Sunday Friends Children and Youth Program at FCC Meets Today!**

**Sunday Dates in April Include:**

**April 14th and 28th!**

*Sunday Friends* is for children grades 1—6, and includes lessons, crafts and games! We gather following the *Musical Offering*, inviting youth to join us in the downstairs rec room.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

**The Senior Fellowship Spring Luncheon Tuesday, May 14th at Noon Manchester Country Club at 180 So. River Road in Bedford, NH**

Deadline to RSVP to Lauren is 4/29! (603-625-5093).



**HELLO, QUILTING FRIENDS!**

**Mark your calendars for our upcoming Sewing Saturday.**

There is a sewing session on **Saturday, April 27th, 9AM-12 Noon.** Sign up on the office window. There is still much to do, and all are welcome. In addition, kits are available for pick up to work on at home for those of you who would like to help but are not able to attend our Sewing Saturdays. Questions can be directed to Carolyn at (603) 641-6024 and/or Jeanine at (603) 622-9298.

**Prayer Requests**



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](mailto: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 Pam del Pozo-Waldron on the recent passing of her mother.

Pamela del Pozo-Waldron  
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**UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Monday, April 15th 6:30PM—Church Trustees
- Tuesday, April 23rd 6PM—Outreach
- Sunday, April 28th 11:30AM—Open & Affirming

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, June 1st, 2024**



**Special Olympics NH Summer Games will be held at UNH in Durham in June 2024.**

FCC will host the Mini-Javelin event again this year on Saturday, June 1st and 40 volunteers are needed to successfully run the event – so we need your help! Look for the sign-up sheet on the office window beginning in April.