



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.

Women’s Connection is hosting Zoom BINGO on March 6th at 6:30 pm. Sign-up is on the church office window. Once you sign up you will get the Zoom invite and bingo card by email—fill it out with your own numbers by following the guide on the sheet.



Also coming up in March and April ...

“Missy’s Closet Prom Dresses and Tuxedos for Teens” will be looking for volunteers!



Watch for sign-up sheets 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!

2024 Written Committee Reports & Financial and Statistical Reports are now available to pick up at church. Please find Written Committee Reports in the narthex, front office and on the hallway table outside the sanctuary. Financial Reports were mailed to your homes with extra printed copies available on the hallway table outside the sanctuary.

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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March 2, 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 2nd—Gospel Music Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends
11:15 AM Chapel Communion Service
11:15 AM Deacons’ Meeting

Monday, March 3rd

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
9:00 AM Food Pantry Open Hours (until noon)
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Special Olympics Young Athletes

Tuesday, March 4th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
6:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th—Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Ash Wednesday Worship Service
11:00 AM Funeral Service for Nancy McIninch
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 6th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
11:30 AM Greater Manchester Clergy Assoc. Meeting & Luncheon at FCC
12:00 PM Food Pantry Open Hours (until 3)
6:30 PM Women’s Connection Zoom BINGO

Friday, March 7th & Saturday, March 8th

No Church Activities

Sunday, March 9th—First Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sunday Friends & Sacrament of Communion
11:15 AM Annual Meeting

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 2nd 10:00 AM

Ushers: Kathy Payne, Steve Payne, Larry Dearborn

Greeters: Peggy Neveu, Ruth Mills

Transfiguration Sunday
Gospel Music Sunday
Sunday Friends
Chapel Communion Service following
Worship

Wednesday, March 5th 9:00 AM

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

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)

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 9th, 2025! Don't forget to set your clock an hour ahead before bedtime on Saturday night, March 8th.

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 office window.

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 office window.

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 office window.

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 office window 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. 2 at 11:15AM—Deacons
- Tuesday, Mar. 4 at 6:30PM—Membership
- **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
- Sunday, Mar. 16 at 11:30AM—ONA
- Sunday, Mar. 16 at 4PM—Stewardship
- Monday, Mar. 17 at 6:30PM—Trustees



Today is Gospel Music Sunday!

Hear spiritual songs, gospel organ selections, and a special arrangement of the Hallelujah Chorus featuring the adult vocal choir, percussionist Leo LeBlanc, and soloist Bridgett Thornton-Smith.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service March 5th, 2025



Join us at 9:00 am in the Chapel

FCC Annual Meeting Next Sunday, March 9th

Following the 10 am Worship Service. Please plan to attend 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.

2025 Holly Berry Fair News!

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

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.

Kindness Team at FCC

Seen here is the "thank you" and a bag from the Kindness Team Valentine outreach!



FCC gave Valentine cookie bags to ENA students (immigrants). We also "thanked" the staff with cookie bags! The bags included Valentine kisses!

48 in total were given for the holiday! So, we NEED cookies now!!! Thanks in advance!

