

The Thursday Holly Berry Fair Craft Group



The Holly Berry Fair craft gathering begins our weekly meets on Thursday, May 2 for our third annual fair on October 19, 2024. May 2nd will be a special kick off gathering with a light lunch. This will be a continual gathering every Thursday morning from 9am to noon from now until the fair. Come when you can, stay as long as you can, stop in to see what is happening, and take a peek at the Holly Berry Fair Craft Room. *Have any ideas you would like to see made for the fair?* Bring them along. Join in on the fun crafting, socializing and getting to know each other. Let the crafting begin! See you on Thursday mornings!

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/ for more information or see Team Captain, Susan Wilkes. The sign-up sheet is now posted on the office window.



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Interfaith Women of NH Spring Event Announced! "Faith and Flowers: Enrich Your Soul" on Thursday, May 9th



Temple Adath Yeshurun, 152 Prospect Street 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 or call 603-233-7760.

Visit us online at: interfaithwomennh.org.

2024 Church Scholarships Open!



All of the available scholarships are explained in detail in the March and April Church Window Newsletters and are also available on the hallway information table outside the sanctuary. For further questions email Ellie Stetson at ebstetson@aol.com or please feel welcome to ask a committee member. Emailed applications are to be delivered to the attention of the Scholarship Committee chair, Ellie Stetson, no later than Wednesday, May 15th.

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April 21, 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 21st—New Member Joining Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service
 11:30 AM Associate Pastor & Seminary Mentor Meeting (in Parlor)

Monday, April 22nd

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Tuesday, April 23rd

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 1:00 PM FIT Donation Center Volunteer Opportunity
 6:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 24th

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

Thursday, April 25th

9:00 AM Morning Watch Prayers on Facebook

Friday, April 26th

4:00 PM FIT/New Horizons Kitchen Volunteer Night

Saturday, April 27th

9:00 AM Quilt Ministry Sew Gathering

Sunday, April 28th

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends
 11:30 AM Open & Affirming Committee Meeting

Upcoming Worship

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

Sunday, April 28th 10:00 AM

Ushers: Tom Irving, Mark Sowa
 Greeters: Linda Sowa, Barbara Brawley

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Friends

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

Sunday, May 12th 10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday Friends

Church World Service Mother's Day Blanket Offering

Today is New Member Joining Sunday!

We welcome and celebrate our newest church members!



2024 Mother's Day Blankets

Motherhood is a special undertaking. It's a labor of love, a never ending job with invaluable rewards. You try to provide the same feelings of comfort and peace you hopefully received from your own mother. Neighbors around the world deserve to feel that same sense of safety, warmth, love and comfort. You can share this hope with struggling neighbors and share your love --- just like a mother.

The Outreach Committee invites you share the warmth this Mother's Day, and throughout the year. Join the over 8,000 US congregations and groups donating funds to Church World Service. **We are sponsoring a Blankets Sunday on Mother's Day, May 12th, and a Tools of Hope Sunday on Father's Day, June 16th.**

Honor your mother or special friend with a \$10 donation in her name and receive a gift card to send her on Mother's Day. The cards are available in the hall behind the Chancel after the service April 28th and May 5th or by calling JoAnn Ward at 603-668-3485. Donations in honor of and in memory of mothers will be printed in the Mother's Day Sunday News. Checks made payable to "FCC Outreach" is best for our accounting. Offering envelopes are in the pews through Mother's Day for donations of any amount if no card is desired. Please write whom you wish to honor or remember on the envelope as well. Take Note! Although the Father's Day cards will be available the two Sundays before Father's Day, they are also available now, for those who want to shop once!

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 or by calling the office at 603-625-5093.



HOME TEAM Volunteer Opportunities Announced!

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.

Upcoming dates: **Friday, April 26th & Tues., May 14th; Weds., May 15th & Fri., May 24th**



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.



Join Women's Connection on Saturday, May 18th for their 12th Annual Mystery Ride!

You don't want to miss what the ladies have planned this year. The cost of the ride will be \$12.00 for the day and bring extra money for lunch. All women at FCC are invited to attend! Please see the sign-up sheet on the office window to join.

Sunday Friends Children and Youth Program at FCC Meets Next Sunday!

Our Upcoming Dates Include: **April 28th, May 12th & May 19th!**



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

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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 *get well soon* messages to Chuck Noble as he recovers from a recent surgery.

Chuck Noble
65 Myrtle Street
#10 B
Hillsboro, NH 03244



Please send messages of *congratulations* to Maggee Jespersen as she welcomes her new guide dog!

Maggee Jespersen
178 Mitchell Street
Building 2, Apt. #35
Manchester, NH 03103



UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Tuesday, April 23rd 6PM—Outreach
- Sunday, April 28th 11:30AM—Open & Affirming
- Sunday, May 5th 11:15AM—Deacons
- Tuesday, May 7th 6:30PM—Membership
- Monday, May 13th 6PM—Stewardship
- Tuesday, May 14th 6PM—Church Council
- Sunday, May 19th 11:30AM—Open & Affirming