

2026 Stewardship Campaign

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We have officially kicked off the 2026 Stewardship Campaign and special speakers have been lined up for the four Sundays in October! Pledge letters went out in the mail the last week in September—so look for yours in your mailbox. Please respond by November 1st. Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC NEWS!

The Music Search Committee is pleased to announce two candidates for the Music Director position. They have interviewed with our team and will each play a Sunday at FCC in coming weeks.

We will welcome Richard Gress on Oct. 12 and Janet Barry on Oct. 26.

We continue to work with our Interim Music Director, Dan Moriarty until the end of Dec. 2025, and will also integrate other musicians into worship in coming months.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Senior Pastor — Rev. Christopher Stevens
Clerk—Rose Wiant Moderator—Bill Jones
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Ministry of Spirituality—Coordinator—Nancy Simmons, Ellie Stetson, JoAnn Ward, Susan Wilkes
Ministry of Mission and Outreach—Coord. (vacant) Ruth Knowles
Ministry of Sustaining Our Church Home— Coord. Lucia Carlisle, Terri Pattee, Vicki Tinsley, Judy DiNatale At Large—Diane Clement, Bridget Thornton Smith, Jeanine Finefrock

PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Your monetary gift has a big impact on our ministries and those we serve.

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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We are grateful for the congregation's support of the music programs both at the keyboards and with the choir. Music Search Committee: Susan Wilkes, Chair, Terri and Allen Pattee, Karen Hawver, Bridget Thornton-Smith.

Choir News

Our FCC Choir has started ongoing rehearsals again on Wednesdays at 7 PM. If you are a returning member or interested in joining the fun, please plan to be with us. All are welcome.

Schedule of Musicians

Oct. 19 Dan Moriarty
Oct. 26 Janet Barry

FCC CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Senior Pastor — Rev. Christopher Stevens
Interim Director of Music Ministry — Daniel Moriarty
Bookkeeper — Nikki Brown
Executive Assistant — Lauren Henderson
Children's Ministry Coordinator — Kelda York
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SUNDAY NEWS

October 19, 2025



Good morning! 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, October 19

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sunday Friends & Stewardship Moment

4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting

Monday, October 20

5:30 PM *Special Olympics Young Athletes*

6:30 PM ENA Evening Conversation Café

6:30 PM Church Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, October 21

6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 22

11:00 AM 1269 Café Volunteer Lunch Service

6:00 PM *Resilience Reigns Dinner Service*

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:30 PM "Bedtime Chat Prayers" on Facebook

Thursday, October 23

9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Coordinator's Meeting

6:00 PM FIT Family Center Fun Activity Night

Friday, October 24

4:30 PM FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening

Saturday, October 25

NHCUCC Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 26

10:00 AM Worship Service, Sunday Friends & Stewardship Moment

11:30 AM Open & Affirming Committee Meeting

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 19 10:00 AM

Ushers: Pam LeBlanc, Craig Finefrock

Greeters: Tracy Jung, Daniel Jung

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Friends

Stewardship Moment: Lindsey Goodrich

Sunday, October 26 10:00 AM

Ushers: Tom Irving, Mark Sowa

Greeters: Linda Sowa, Rev. Barbara Brawley

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Friends

Stewardship Moment: Lanette Mannisto, Philanthropy Officer at Families in Transition

Sunday, November 2 10:00 AM

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Chapel Communion Following Worship

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Stewardship—Sun., Oct. 19 at 4 pm
- Church Trustees—Monday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 pm
- Open & Affirming—Sunday, Oct. 26 at 11:30 am

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Families in Transition Shelter (FIT)

Help serve the evening meal from 4:30 to 5:45 pm.

Held at the FIT Adult Emergency Shelter at 199 Manchester Street.

Upcoming dates:

- Fri., Oct. 24. In November: 11/11, 11/19 & 11/28.

Put your name on the sign-up sheet on the volunteer board.



FIT Family Center

- Thurs., October 23 from 6–7pm.

Do fun crafts with kids (ages 5 to 12 years) while parents are preparing their dinners in the kitchen.

See the sign-up sheet on the volunteer sign-up bulletin board.



FIT Food Pantry

- Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 1–3pm.

We sort donations and stock shelves and help wherever needed—just 2 hours of your time to help the food insecure in Manchester. Sign up on the volunteer sign-up board.



Help serve lunch at the 1269 Café on Wednesdays from 11 to 1 pm.

Located at 456 Union Street—just a short walk away from FCC.



Provide and Serve Dinner for the families of the Resilience Reigns Program

Held at the UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Center in Goffstown

- Wednesday, October 22 from 6 to 7 pm.

Join the FCC team—sign up on the volunteer bulletin board today!



ENA Evening Conversation Café

- Mon., October 20 from 6:30 —7:30 pm

Help ENA students use their new language skills! Play games and have fun conversations. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer notice board in the hallway with room for your name and best contact info.



Mark your calendar for November 6th as you are invited to take part in an ENA Multicultural Potluck Dinner for students and church family!

Both Church family and students are asked to bring either a main dish, a dessert, or to simply attend and enjoy.

See sign-up on volunteer board!

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions on any of these volunteer opportunities or would like to sign up, speak to Lauren in the office Mon-Friday or contact Liz Verity, Volunteer Coordinator, at liz-v@comcast.net, call or text to 603-494-6785.

The Coordinators of the Holly Berry Fair wish to THANK YOU ALL!

To all of the volunteers from our church family and community, we are appreciative and grateful of your time, talent and treasures. It was truly an all-church event encompassing our surrounding community.

We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Love and Thanks,
Pam & Peggy

Bell Choir News

Bell Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from 6pm until 7:15.

We have seven ringers for this session. If you are still interested in ringing bells through Christmas, we could take 3 more or take a few on our substitute list.

Please see Terri Pattee with any inquiries. Happy ringing!!!



Special Olympics Young Athletes begins on Monday, October 20 at 5:30 pm.

The program is housed at the Manchester Community Music School.

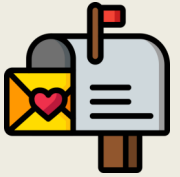
Additional volunteers are always welcome! Interested folks can contact Coach Bill Jones via cell or email to get more details: 603-860-1236 or wjones0615@comcast.net



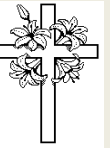
Please send *thinking of you* messages to Lillian Linderger.

Lillian Linderger

108 Arah Street,
Manchester, NH 03104



The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of Anne Williamson by her children, Melanie Nickerson and Chris Williamson.



Sunday Friends Meets Today!

Children who are in kindergarten through middle school are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings for a fun time with games, activities and discussions about the bible and how we can use the lessons we learn in our everyday lives.

We meet on the following upcoming Sundays in the rec room: 10/19, 10/26, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23.



Holiday Card Challenge for Soldiers

Women's Connection is participating in this challenge. However, this is open to anyone in the church if interested!

Pick up a package of Christmas cards from the blue boxes in back of the church or you can use your own. There are directions inside the card package that can also give you ideas what to write. Add a sentence or two inside.

Sign with just first name and put First Congregational Church Manchester, NH. On the envelope please write "Dear Warrior" and DO NOT seal it! Return the cards back to the blue box by Sunday, October 26, 2025.

How many cards can we gather to send in? Last year we collected 281 cards! That is 54 more cards from the year before. Let's try to do even more this year!!!

