



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



Colossians 3:23 ²³ *Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.*

I'm in the office just about every Thursday. While there, I answer emails, put the finishing touches on the bulletin and my sermon, meet with people for various reasons and just generally take care of things that need to be done. One of my favorite Thursday "duties", though, is walking downstairs to check on the crafters as they are busily preparing for the Holly Berry Fair. This is enjoyable for several different reasons.

First, they always have tasty snacks and are very generous with them. Each week, I get to sample various homemade cookies and brownies as well as delicious fruit. Yum! But this is far from the best thing that happens down there. While visiting, I get to see the beautiful crafts as they are being produced and stockpiled. There are literally hundreds and hundreds of them!! But even better than that, I witness an enthusiastic and talented group of people who have dedicated many, many hours to preparing crafts to sell at our fair. It's truly an amazing effort by our congregation. Special thanks to Pam and Peggy for leading this and devoting so much of their time to making this fair a success every year! I hear that I will be working behind one of the tables this year...hope to see you all there, and feel free to invite someone along. I'm sure that they will thoroughly enjoy it.

From last year's fair!



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Pastor Chris

October 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Fourth Annual Holly Berry Fair is here!

**Saturday, October 18
from 9 am—2 pm.**

One-of-a-kind Handmade items, Silent Auction, Attic Treasures, Baked Goods, Handmade Jewelry, Children's Games and Crafts, Lunch Counter and so much more! **Please join us and bring your families and friends too!**



The Bell Choir is back!
We are resurrecting the bell choir starting on Tuesday, October 14.



Time for rehearsal will be 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!

2026 Stewardship Campaign
Faithfully Building. Stepping Up
Generously.



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 Saturday, November 1st.
Thank you for your generosity.

SENDING BEST WISHES

John and Kathy Rowe will be relocating to Dover, NH in the days ahead. Please send them a card to wish them well in this new chapter of their lives, and to thank them for their many years of dedicated service to our church.

John and Kathy Rowe
366 Daniel Webster Highway
Merrimack, NH 03054



OCTOBER MEETINGS

- **Deacons**—Sunday, October 5 at 11:15 am
 - **Senior Fellowship Board**—Monday, October 6 at 9:30 am
 - **Church Council**—Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 pm
 - **Membership**—Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm
 - **Church Trustees**—Mon., October 20 at 6:30 pm
 - **Open & Affirming**—Sun. October 26 at 11:30 am
- ⇒ Outreach Committee and Stewardship Committee Meetings in October TB
- ⇒ If you do not see your meeting listed here, please reach out to Lauren in the church office—thank you!
- ⇒ Please confirm the location of your meeting with committee chairs.

OCTOBER SERVICES

Sunday, October 5 10:00 AM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Sacrament of Communion
Stewardship Moment
Neighbors in Need Mission Offering
Sunday Friends

Sunday, October 12 10:00 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Moment

Sunday, October 19 10:00 AM

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Friends
Stewardship Moment

Sunday, October 26 10:00 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Friends



Sunday, October 5, 2025



Dick Jarvis seen here with a lap quilt, gifted by the FCC Quilt Ministry! Dick will be celebrating his birthday on Monday, October 13th. If you would like to give him happy birthday messages, please send to:

Richard Jarvis
Epsom Manor
901 Suncook Valley Highway S
Epsom, NH 03235



WOMEN'S CONNECTION NEWS

The Women's Connection Fourteenth Annual Kick Off was held in the dining room on September 21.

We had 23 ladies and a little cutie, Nora, who wanted to see what her grandmother was doing.



She was a hit and she fit right in! With Noel Villiard, our demonstrator, we had 25 participants total. Noel makes a delicious Italian feta cheese dressing that he has shared with many of us in the past. We all wanted

to know how to make it and he was willing to do a demonstration for us! He premade a recipe with garlic in it and had that in containers at everyone's seat. He explained how he made it, demonstrated how he makes the regular recipe, then put that in containers for everyone to have. When it was time to eat and enjoy, we placed the dressing on a green salad that was put together by the ladies.

The salad was the main meal but with as usual with our ladies, we had plenty of other delicious sandwich fixings and desserts.

After eating, cleaning-up and socializing, we got down to business. All the

ladies want to thank Noel and his assistant, Dottie Kasinskis, for doing a fantastic job. We also want to thank Maryann Linscott for bringing her rubber apron and washing all the dishes with the new dishwasher. With everyone's participation the event was a great success!



Here is what we have scheduled for the year:

• Holiday Cards for the Military Challenge

We are once again signing Christmas cards for soldiers. There are cards in the back of the church on the two tables in blue boxes. Each package has 10 cards and directions to follow. **The return date is October 26** to get them back in the blue boxes to be able to deliver them on time.



• October 18

The Holly Berry Fair from 9-2!

The table organizers are looking for people to help out that day. If you would like to help and have a preference of a table you want to work at please contact Pam (blanclp@comcast.net) or Peggy (frannys1@aol.com). It is a lot of fun the day of the fair seeing all kinds of people coming through our doors. Please consider helping out and join in on the excitement.



• November - (date to be determined)

Fez'Tival of Trees in Concord

• December 6 - College Cookie mailing/ Swap. Maybe a Yankee Swap



• January - Zoom Bingo or possibly going to the Rex or Palace

• February 14 - Annual Valentine's Day Breakfast- looking for ideas for the program

• March 14 - Saturday - Breakfast at Longmeadow Congregational Church. Maybe Zoom Bingo...

• March and April - volunteering at Missy's Closet. Free Prom Dresses and Suits for Teens

• April 11 - Saturday - Breakfast at Longmeadow Congregational Church

• May 30 - Mystery Ride

If any one has any ideas for any of the months please let Pam LeBlanc or Denise Beaurivage know!



The Women's Connection Mission Statement:

The Women's Connection offers opportunities for the women and friends of First Congregational Church to experience social time together, to build connections, and to strengthen friendships. We seek to encourage and support one another as we journey through life together at every season of our lives. All adult women are welcome to join us for whatever event interests them. Our activities are varied and have included outings, crafts, spiritual reflections, hiking and volunteering in the local community...something for everyone!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Serve Dinner at the FIT Adult Emergency Shelter at 199 Manchester Street from 4:30 pm to 6 pm.

October dates:

- **Tuesday, October 14**
- **Wednesday, October 15**
- **Friday, October 24**

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



If an afternoon time suits your schedule better... Volunteers are needed once per month at the 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.

Please see the sign-up sheet on the volunteer bulletin board.



FIT Family Shelter

Sign up to join us for FUN NIGHT:

- **Thursday, October 23 from 6 to 7 pm**

Music and crafts with the kids while the parents cook dinner.



JOIN US to help out with your FCC friends by signing up on the volunteer bulletin boards or call Lauren in the office Mon-Friday or contact Liz Verity, Volunteer Coordinator, at liz-v@comcast.net, call or text to 603-494-6785.

Help serve lunch at the 1269 Café from 11 to 1 pm every Wednesday!

Located at 456 Union Street—just a short walk away from FCC. Sign up on the volunteer bulletin board!



New England Seafarers Mission in Boston

- **Monday, October 6 from 9 am to 2 pm (Leaving FCC at 7:30 am)**

Willing volunteers spend the day serving the crews of the cruise ships, working in the shop or the package department of the mission.



Provide and Serve Dinner to the families in the Resilience Reigns Program at the UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center in Goffstown:

- **Wednesday, October 22 from 6 to 7 pm.**

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



Watch for new dates to volunteer for Conversation Café with the English for New Americans students!!!

SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

OPEN & AFFIRMING COMMITTEE

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Manchester



Members and friends of our congregation engage in service to multiple community projects and organizations. From inside the walls of FCC, we may wonder about the impact of our efforts. In September, our group gathered feedback and highlights from *Manchester's Pride Festival*, held at the end of June. Jeanine Finebrock shared a moving memory of what our congregation's presence at *Pride* meant to one attendee.

"I interacted with a young man who was so moved, he was physically shaking and had tears running down his face that our church was a safe place for him to be who he was. I was humbled to hold that space for him."

At FCC, we are proud to live out the words of our ONA banner, "All are Welcome and Wanted." If you'd like to join in the efforts of the ONA Committee within the walls of FCC and out in the community, please join us for an upcoming meeting. The tentative date for our October meeting is **Sunday, October 26 at 11:30 am**. Look for further information in upcoming editions of *Friday Link* and *Sunday News*.

Yours in faith,

Open and Affirming Committee

Jeanine Finebrock, Jeffrey Frye, Karen Hawver, Justin May, and Carol Soucy, Chair

ALL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



HORTON CENTER HAPPENINGS



Retreat Highlight:
**CONFIRMATION
RETREAT
10/3-5**



RSVP TODAY
"Apple Crisp
Day"
Sat. Sept. 27th



Lend a Hand:
**CLOSING WORK
WEEKEND
10/10-12**

NEWS FROM OUTREACH



Sunday, October 5, 2025

The Neighbors in Need Offering is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ. Your gifts support ministries of justice and compassion, the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) and Neighbors in Need grants. Find offering envelopes in your pews. Thank you for your generosity!

Friday Link Submissions Needed!

We are always looking for your stories, photos, favorite poems, vacation recaps, appropriate jokes, favorite Bible passages, book/movie recommendations., etc.!

FCC Supports the 2025 City-Wide Religious Response to Hunger Friday, October 3, 2025

For over 30 years, Temple Adath Yeshurun, Temple Israel, and the NH religious community have helped those in need with the *Religious Response to Hunger*.

FCC has happily participated with this city-wide food drive for many years and will do so again this year!

Please feel free to bring your nonperishable food donation items to church during the week (office hours Mon thru Fri 9am to 3pm) or bring with you to the worship service on Sundays – **deadline to bring food items to FCC is Thursday, October 2.**



Please consider contributing to our *Friday Link* online newsletter. *You can remain anonymous, too, if you'd like to!* Email submissions to the church office at LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org.

JOIN US SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT THE HOLLY BERRY FAIR!

We are so excited and at the same time nervous and anxious in anticipation of this year's Holly Berry Fair! Last year's was a tremendous success.

While we started the Fair for camaraderie and a social outlet for FCC, we did make money. But our main purpose – our “why” – has always been to promote social outreach within FCC and our neighboring Manchester community. The proceeds were a bonus, not a measurement of our success – smiles and laughter are our goals. Feedback from those who attended was very positive as to the friendliness of the FCC workers! The proceeds from the October 2024 Fair were used for generous donations to the NH Food Bank for Manchester relief (given when matching funds were available) and *Missy's Closet*. This year we have been concentrating on using supplies from our Craft Room that have been donated to us. Additional supplies were bought, ads paid, and seed money for this year were also taken from the income. The balance is approximately \$8,000 that is being saved. We have been working with Peter Perich to replace the First Church sign out front as it is in dire need of being saved. We have been concentrating on keeping the same traditional sign. We will be consulting with the Trustees before any final decisions. Of course, we will let YOU know.



A sneak peek at some of the handmade items for sale

On October 18th, we need everyone's help!

Table Chairmen are looking for help before, during, and after the Fair. Setting up, baking, and contributing to the tables are some of the things you can do. Tables are Attic Treasures, Baked Goods and Candy, Children's Corner, General Crafts, Fall Crafts, Handmade Jewelry, Wooden Crafts, Raffles, Silent Auction, Lunch Counter, and Knit and Fabric Crafts. If you have a special interest in any of the areas and would like to help, please contact us. Thanking you in advance!

As last year, we will be distributing “post cards” (see example on back page) to EVERYONE to give or mail to

friends and neighbors to publicize the Fair. We will also be looking to distribute lawn signs. Our success depends upon everyone helping as they can! Look in the October Window for more info. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your help.

Silent Auction Information

We need your help in obtaining items again for the Holly Berry Fair's "Silent Auction"! Items are needed such as gift cards, opportunities of services, tickets to a show, or donate an item, for some ideas. We have a Donation Letter that can assist you in requesting a donation from an area business. To receive a Donation Letter, please contact Fair Coordinators, Peggy and Pam, or reach out to the church office at LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org.

“Attic Treasures” for the Holly Berry Fair

While our multi-talented crafters have been out-doing themselves in preparation for the return of our holiday fair, there are many of us with no such talent, but who can also contribute. Many of us may wish to avoid spring and fall cleaning, but if doing so might benefit FCC, perhaps we should be taking a closer look at those items that we've ignored or no longer use. SAVE THEM, PLEASE!

Attic Treasures is looking for new, unused or very gently used items such as:

- China (no chips or cracks)
- Serving trays
- Games, puzzles (no missing pieces)
- Toys
- Contemporary adult books (no mold or crumpled pages)
- Children's books
- Knick-knacks
- Linens (clean)

Please avoid the following items:

- Clothes of any kind
- Plastic items or containers
- Broken small appliances

The Holly Berry Fair is looking for donations of Made-in-New Hampshire items including food to make a basket for the Silent Auction.

If you would like to donate please bring the items to the church office, mark it for the Holly Berry Fair with your name and Lauren will be happy to let us know it's there. You can also email Peggy frannys1@aol.com or Pam blancpl@comcast.net and we can make arrangements to pick it up. Thank you in advance for all the help that everyone has done for the fair in the last four years. It's people like all of you that make it fun!





OUR COMMUNITY OF CRAFTERS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY THIS YEAR!



COOKIES, PIES & BREADS WANTED!

The Annual Holly Berry Fair Sweet Treat Table needs your delicious contributions!!!

Our church has so many talented and amazing bakers! All cookies and treats must be delivered by Friday, October 17. Please do not individually wrap cookies, only wrap breads, pies, bars, etc. Please contact Kathy Nelson at 603-714-4806 or email her at beachteach529@comcast.net if you have questions—your time and generosity at this great event is very appreciated!!!

FCC KNITTING MINISTRY

Yarn crafters, it's time to gather together the projects you've been working on for this year's donations. If you are thinking about making something, now is a perfect time. Please bring them on a Sunday, drop them off at the church office (labeled!) or bring them by my home.



If you would like to help with this ministry, there are many choices:

- Full-size Prayer Shawls or Scarves for FCC family and friends, given as needed throughout the year
- Pocket Prayer Shawls for FCC family and friends, also given as needed throughout the year
- Lap Blankets for FCC family and friends who feel the cold
- Balaclavas for the New England Seafarer's Mission
- Adult Scarves for Manchester' homeless population (we give them to Longmeadow Church in Auburn and they include them with their donation back to Manchester.)
- Children's Hat and Mittens sets for Thanksgiving Food Basket families and Christmas Angel Tree children
- Adult Hats for Christmas Angel Tree adults
- Holly Berry Fair items of whatever you wish

This ministry warms both the body and spirit of our recipients and those of us who knit and crochet for them. See the corresponding article to the right...

Anyone with questions may contact JoAnn Ward at jaward1010@comcast.net. Thank you, JoAnn Ward

Knitting Is a Workout —for Your Brain

How every stitch strengthens your mind

Knitting is more than a soothing hobby—it's brain exercise in disguise.

From following complex patterns to tracking rows and correcting mistakes, knitting engages your memory, attention, and problem-solving skills. In fact, a 2011 study published by the National Institutes of Health found that adults who regularly participated in mentally stimulating activities like knitting had a 30–50% lower risk of developing mild cognitive impairment later in life.



Every time you pick up your needles, you're building more than just a sweater.

Knitting helps keep your brain sharp and your mind active—an incredible long-term benefit of a pastime many of us already love. So while you're stitching something beautiful, you're also investing in your cognitive wellness. That's the kind of multitasking we love.

Source: National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2011 – "Engaging in cognitive activities, aging, and mild cognitive impairment."

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21677342/>

www.knitpicks.com

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***This knitting article came to us through
Nancy Simmons' church in Florida!***

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.

Scan this QR code to learn more...
Place your phone camera over the code and click.



224th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Conference & 1st Annual Meeting of the Granite State Association
Saturday, October 25, 2025
Held at: Geneva Point Conference Center, Moultonborough, NH
Theme: "Another Way"
Link to Registration:
<https://www.nhcucc.org/events/am-2025>



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE



After a very busy summer, the FCC Music Search Committee is happy to announce the arrival of Dan Moriarty as our new Interim Music Director.

He comes to us from Groton, MA where he is the Organist and Choral Director at the Groton School where he has taught for the past 11 years. Dan will be joining us in worship for 2-3 Sundays per month through the rest of 2025, and working with our choir every week. We have other keyboardists who will be substituting on Sunday mornings, and will introduce them week by week. Dan was educated at Villanova University, The Curtis Institute of Music, Boston University (MA in Organ Performance). He has an extensive musical background as an organist and choral director, having worked in MA, NY, VA, PA in recent years.

We are blessed to work with his musical skills and his service to us as our search for a permanent Music Director is ongoing. Please join us in welcoming Dan to FCC this fall!

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

October 5—John Tengowski

October 12—Dan Moriarty

October 19—TBA

October 26—TBA

MEMORY GARDEN NEWS

Thank you to Bill Jones, Pam LeBlanc, Kathy Nelson, Steve Payne, Sokhom and Yean Sar, and Noel Villiard! Thank you for helping me to ready the Memory Garden for the winter.

Sokhom brought his electric weed trimmer and it was amazing how our work time was cut in half, and we achieved more than we thought possible. Bill trimmed bushes and moved a couple of Hosta plants to the front of the church and edged all the lawns. All looks wonderful and tidy. We also planted chrysanthemums in front of the Japanese Maple to give some fall color, although the petunias are still blooming and so colorful.



In the spring we will be enhancing the garden with annuals, thinning out some of the perennials, and will do weeding and mulching which are constant tasks. In any garden it is wonderful in the spring to watch what made it through the winter and what comes up again for us to enjoy.

Our Memory garden is totally funded by the donations we receive, and we are grateful to all who have given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Donation slips are available in the hallway on the table opposite the Parlor door or you can send a check to First Congregational Church with the "Memory Garden fund" in the memo line. Should you wish to honor a loved one by your donation please specify their name, which will be recorded in the Memory Book.

Liz Verity

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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. This year's theme is Friendship; how to be a good friend, how to deal with adversity, forgiveness and courage. Of course we'll also have our advent/Christmas celebrations and Easter series! If you're interested in helping to teach, we are looking for volunteers! Please reach out to Kelda York for more information! Keldamyork@gmail.com



We meet in October on the following Sundays: 10/5, 10/19, 10/26!
November and December dates are 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21.



Sunday Friends Volunteers Wanted!

Sunday Friends has begun for 2025 - 2026! We're so excited to meet another year, with this year's theme being Friendship! Jesus is our Friend and we can be a friend like Jesus! We have kids of all ages this year so we are looking for volunteers to help teach lessons to either the younger or older kids! Contact Kelda York if you are interested! Thank you! keldamyork@gmail.com

On Thursday, Sept. 18, Interfaith Women of NH presented our Fall Event with three marvelous presenters talking about how their faith practices view the important issues of Spiritual Heritage and Ancestry.

The presenters were:

Valerie Earnshaw, Women's Group Leader, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She spoke of why the Church of Latter Day Saints believe that genealogy plays a big part in who we are, the importance of sharing your family stories, putting names and places to photographs, and that it is a proven fact that when family stories are shared the wellbeing of the family connections is stronger.

Marilyn Cavanaugh, a member of the IWNH Leadership Team and Temple Adath Yeshurun. Spoke of the importance of lineage in the Jewish culture, finishing her presentation with her personal family Holocaust story.

And **Kristen Oser-Allen**, Passamaquoddy, Trustee, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. Kristen shared how she is honoring their genealogy for 7 generations before and 7 generations after Native Americans. She also shared how her personal family were affected by the Indian school programs, which sought to erase their culture and language.

We were graciously hosted by Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Merrimack, which included an amazing presentation of hors-d'oeuvres and baked goods.

As always, we are grateful for the support and participation from women of all faiths within our community and hope to continue to provide you with programs of interest and spiritual meaning.

Liz Verity
For Interfaith Women of NH
Leadership

IWNH MISSION

To share religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order to develop understanding and friendship between us and within our community.



The Kindness Team at FCC shares support, comfort, kindness and smiles with the members and friends of FCC.

Please consider baking cookies, soup or a casserole for their outreach. *Your act of kindness shows the recipients how much we CARE!* If you would like to contribute or have any questions please reach out to Coordinator, Peggy Neveu at frannys1@aol.com.



The Deadline for the November Church Newsletter is Friday, October 17!

Please submit your articles & pictures to Lauren Henderson at LHenderson@FCCManchesterNH.org



THIS MONTH AT FCC

Activities, dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to the printed calendars posted on the wall by the Pastor's office or go to www.fccmanchesternh.org

Wednesday, October 1

11:00 AM 1269 Café Lunch Service Volunteer Opportunity
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
8:30 PM "Bedtime Chat Prayers" with Peter Perich on Facebook

Thursday, October 2

Religious Response to Hunger Food Drive Deadline

9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshop

Friday, October 3

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, October 4

4:00 PM Private Wedding & Reception

Sunday, October 5—World Communion Sunday

Neighbors in Need UCC Mission Offering Event

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

11:15 AM Deacons' Meeting

Monday, October 6

9:00 AM New England Seafarer's Mission Event

9:30 AM Senior Fellowship Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 7

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

11:00 AM 1269 Café Lunch Service Volunteer Opportunity

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:30 PM "Bedtime Chat Prayers" with Peter Perich on Facebook

Thursday, October 9

9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshop

Friday, October 10

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, October 11

No Church Activities Scheduled

Sunday, October 12

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday, October 13

Church Office Closed for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day

Tuesday, October 14

4:30 PM FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening

6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM Membership Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 15

11:00 AM 1269 Café Lunch Service Volunteer Opportunity

4:30 PM FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:30 PM "Bedtime Chat Prayers" with Peter Perich on Facebook

Thursday, October 16

9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Craft Workshop

Friday, October 17

No Church Activities Scheduled

Saturday, October 18

9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair

Sunday, October 19

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends

Monday, October 20

5:30 Special Olympics Young Athletes (Session begins)

6:30 PM Church Trustees' Meeting

Tuesday, October 21

6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 22

11:00 AM 1269 Café Lunch Service Volunteer Opportunity

6:00 PM Resilience Reigns Dinner Service

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:30 PM "Bedtime Chat Prayers" with Peter Perich on Facebook

Thursday, October 23

9:00 AM Holly Berry Fair Wrap-up Coordinator Meeting

6:00 PM FIT Family Center Activity Night

Friday, October 24

4:30 PM FIT Kitchen Volunteer Evening

Saturday, October 25

NHCUC Annual Meeting at Geneva Point Center

Sunday, October 26

10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday Friends

11:30 AM Open & Affirming Committee Meeting

Monday, October 27

5:30 Special Olympics Young Athletes

Tuesday, October 28

1:00 PM FIT Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity

6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 29

11:00 AM 1269 Café Lunch Service Volunteer Opportunity

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

8:30 PM "Bedtime Chat Prayers" with Peter Perich on Facebook

Thursday, October 30

No Church Activities Scheduled

Friday, October 31

No Church Activities Scheduled

Outreach Committee and Stewardship Committee October Meetings to be announced.

Staff Vacations in October:

Peter Perich will be away from October 12 thru October 25.

Sokhom Sar will be away from October 6 thru October 30.





The October Church Window

Our monthly newsletter

First Congregational Church

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Rev. Christopher Stevens
Senior Pastor

Daniel Moriarty
Interim Music Ministry Director

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

*In-person with livestream option available
from our homepage:*

www.FCCManchesterNH.org

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. No need to "log in" for one time giving.
2. Scroll the giving categories and make your offering.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9AM to 3PM

Holly Berry Fair



Saturday, October 18
9:00 — 2:00



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Baked Goods including Cookies and
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**Join Peter Perich on
Wednesday
evenings at 8:30 pm
for "Bedtime Chat"**



A short time of prayer and
reflection held on our
Facebook page:
[www.Facebook.com/
FCCManchester](https://www.Facebook.com/FCCManchester).

Follow along with Peter
using the publication,
"The Upper Room", copies
available on the hallway
table outside the sanctuary.



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