



**First Congregational Church  
of Lebanon**  
United Church of Christ

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# Grace Notes

*The Newsletter of First Congregational Church*

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## The Pastoral Perspective

Last month I traveled to Cleveland for a meeting of the United Church of Christ Historical Council. During our time together, my colleagues and I met with John Dorhauer, the new General President and Minister of our denomination, for a wide-ranging discussion of the Council's work. Of particular interest to me was our consideration of the role history plays in understanding who we are as a denomination and where we may be going as a church. I believe that the questions we explored for the national setting of the church are just as pertinent to local congregations like ours. Where did we come from? Who were our forebears? What did they do? And why does any of this matter?

The stories we tell in church about our past aren't simply a matter of identity formation or exercises in nostalgia. Instead, they reflect an impulse that has been at the heart of Christianity since Peter and the other disciples began to tell others of their experiences following Jesus: we are, and always have been, a storytelling people. How could we be otherwise? After all, it is a remarkable, incredible story that is at the heart of our faith.

The story of Jesus has been handed down from generation to generation, crossing and transcending barriers of language, culture, race, conflict, ideology, and more. It is not history, nor is it myth, but instead it is a living witness. By telling and retelling the amazing thing God has done in and through Jesus, we invest our own lives with a purpose and meaning grounded in something greater than ourselves.

These are times of profound change, in the church and in the world at large. Institutions that have endured for decades, even centuries, are losing credibility. Ideas that offered security and assurance now seem less reliable. In times like these, the stories that guide us become that much more important in helping us find our way forward. Fortunately, we have "The Greatest Story Ever Told," as the old movie once called it, to share with one another and those around us—to guide us, to shape us, to sustain us, to lead us forward into God's future.

Yours faithfully, *Steve*

## SUNDAY SERVICE

### ANNUAL MEETING 2016

Sunday, February 14—Following Worship



### Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service

February 10, 6:30 pm

West Lebanon  
Congregational Church  
18 Maple St, West Lebanon

*Please join us across town for  
this annual service initiating  
the holy season of Lent.*

### FEBRUARY 7 IS SCOUT SUNDAY

Our church is proud to serve as the host and charter organization for Boy Scout Troop 279 and Cub Scout Pack 279, offering them meeting space throughout the year. On February 7, we recognize this faithful relationship by inviting the scouts to join us and participate in worship.

*Please plan to attend and support Scouting!*

### Worship Transportation *A Congregational Service*

Some members of our congregation, for various reasons, have difficulty getting to Sunday worship on their own. Many others of us have plenty of room in our cars and could easily offer rides. It's time to get these two groups together!

If you need assistance getting to church on Sunday mornings, or if you're willing to give a ride to someone else who does, please contact the Church Administrator.

*Our congregational life will be all the richer for this small but vital ministry!*

### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!

No, that's not a typo, and we're not talking about football. Once again we're "tackling" hunger in our community with a soup collection in the first two weeks of February. We'll distribute all we can collect to Headrest, Listen Community Services, and the Upper Valley Haven.

*Please look for collection boxes in the Parish Hall; donations accepted through February 14.*

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### Lenten Lunch Bag Offering Beginning Sunday, February 14

The children of our Church School will once again be distributing bags for their Lenten collection to benefit David's House and SJV. Giving up a little change each day during Lent can mean a lot of change after Easter!

### COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, February 28, 5:00 pm

Leader: TBA

We are unexpectedly in need of a Team Leader for this month's dinner, so please consider this leadership role. And please participate in this vital service to our neighbors! **Look for sign-ups in the Parish Hall.**

*Never helped before but interested in trying? Make THIS your month!*

### Queued for Coffee Hour

February—Christian Education

March—Diaconate

April—Mission and Social Action

# F E B R U A R Y   2 0 1 6

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> <b>10a</b> Worship and Church School	<b>1</b> <b>3p</b> WCBH After-School Group <b>6:15p</b> Cub Scouts (Bears)	<b>2</b> <b>5:45p</b> Cub Scouts (Wolves/Tigers) <b>7p</b> Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> <b>6p</b> UVPRN	<b>4</b> <b>7p</b> Choir	<b>5</b> <b>8a</b> UVIP Exec Council	<b>6</b> <b>8a</b> Men's Breakfast <b>9a</b> UVIP Exec Council <b>10a</b> Juneberry Music School
<b>7</b> <b>9:15a</b> Discussion of Diaconate Proposal <b>10a</b> Worship (Communion) and Church School ( <b>Scout Sunday</b> ) <b>11:15a</b> MSA	<b>8</b> <b>6:15p</b> Cub Scouts (Bears) <b>7p</b> Diaconate	<b>9</b> <b>5:45p</b> Cub Scouts (Wolves/Tigers) <b>7p</b> Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY (Lent Begins)</b> <b>8a-4p</b> NH-WIC <b>6p</b> UVPRN <b>6:30</b> Ecumenical Service at WLCC <b>7p</b> Christian Ed Committee	<b>11</b> <b>9:30a-4p</b> Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Assn <b>7p</b> Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10a</b> Juneberry Music School
<b>14</b> <b>10a</b> Worship and Church School <b>11:15a 2016 FCC Annual Meeting</b>	<b>15</b> <b>7p</b> Diaconate	<b>16</b> <b>7p</b> Church Council <b>7p</b> Boy Scouts/Troop Committee	<b>17</b> <b>6p</b> UVPRN	<b>18</b> <b>7p</b> Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>8a-3:30p</b> NHC-UCC Prepared to Serve ( <i>Pembroke NH</i> ) <b>10a</b> Juneberry Music School
<b>21</b> <b>10a</b> Worship and Church School <b>3p All Baroque!</b>	<b>22</b> <b>10a-6p</b> NH-WIC <b>6:15p</b> Cub Scouts (Bears)	<b>23</b> <b>5:45p</b> Cub Scouts (Wolves/Tigers) <b>7p</b> Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> <b>MARCH NEWSLETTER CONTENT DUE</b> <b>6p</b> UVPRN	<b>25</b> <b>7p</b> Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>10a</b> Juneberry Music School
<b>28</b> <b>10a</b> Worship and Church School <b>11:15a</b> Bd of Gavs <b>11:30a Shaping One's Legacy</b> <b>5p Community Dinner</b>	<b>29</b> <b>3p</b> WCBH After-School Group <b>6:15p</b> Cub Scouts (Bears)	<b>1</b> <b>5:45p</b> Cub Scouts (Wolves/Tigers) <b>7p</b> Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> <b>6p</b> UVPRN	<b>3</b> <b>7p</b> Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>8a</b> Men's Breakfast <b>10a</b> Juneberry Music School ( <i>last of session</i> ) <b>7p</b> Violin Recital: Students of Kathy Andrew

If your event is missing or incorrect, please notify us at [church@fccleeb.org](mailto:church@fccleeb.org) or 603-448-4281.

## COMMITTEE NOTES

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Barry Schuster opened the January Council meeting by remembering Jane Brandt, who passed away on January 16. Barry and others spoke fondly of Jane's good humor, and Steve Silver observed how deeply she loved the church, often bragging about our congregation to friends at Valley Terrace.

For the **Nominating Committee**, Amy Driscoll reported that she, Barry, and Steve had been working hard on finding candidates for key open positions. There has been good participation in recent years, but serious vacancies remain this year, particularly the Treasurer position. Amy noted that we would not be able to fill every opening by the Annual Meeting.

Corrine Erskine asked what the risks were of having these **financial vacancies**, wondering whether we need to hire someone or otherwise find outside help. Steve Silver added that as a non-profit, FCC was legally required to have a Treasurer. There was discussion about what the Treasurer's duties included and how many hours are involved, and some clarification about what the Assistant Treasurer and now the Church Administrator do to record and deposit the weekly offering. Some also wondered whether CheckWrite, our payroll service, could do basic bookkeeping in the absence of a Treasurer.

Revisiting the Assistant Treasurer position, which previously had been considered for elimination, it was agreed to retain it for now, even if

it remains vacant. Similarly, all agreed to name Brian Clancy the Church Clerk, primarily because he is effectively doing all of the Clerk's duties already in his role as Church Administrator.

For **Mission and Social Action**, Corrine Erskine noted that Barb Laro would serve as committee chair during the two months that Corrine plans to be away. MSA survey results have come back, but participation was lower than hoped. The committee and Diaconate will hold a congregational forum to gather more input on mission priorities. Also, twenty people had signed up to be "5-Minute Friends" for UVIP; it was hoped to get more commitments.

Corrine reported for the **Women of the Church** that there had been some interest shown in the "Nearly New" Christmas sale, planned for December. It was determined that people could bring items to church to store downstairs, provided it was neatly and securely packed up.

For the **Finance Committee**, Steve Silver gave an update on preparation of the budget, which, given the Treasurer circumstance, he agreed to draft in consultation with other church leadership. He distributed a preliminary version, in which he explained he tried to tie the budget more directly to the endowment figures that the Trustees supply. The budget was largely level-funded, except for modest raises for Church Administrator and Organist, and actually reflected a modest surplus of about \$5,000. Pledge estimates

were conservative, although our pledge to the NH Conference remained at \$90,000. Endowment withdrawal would be around 5%; the draw rate from the Dole Fund specifically would be 4%. Steve is eager to give the congregation as much involvement and review as possible, so that the budget process is transparent.

One important line increase would accommodate a **major upgrade to our website**, an urgent and long-overdue project. (One obvious problem is that our site is not compatible with mobile devices.) No one disputed this need; some also wondered how viable print ads continued to be. It was suggested that the weekly newspaper ad could be varied more often. Directories for Advent and Holy Week remain important because our absence among local churches would be conspicuous.

Barry Schuster invited Kathy Berger to share a concern that she'd brought to him, Steve, and Brian. Kathy recently noticed the very **outdated content of the "Children at Church"** brochure in the Sanctuary pews, and she asserted that this must be fixed—it was embarrassing to have such outdated material. She offered to help fund the cost, although in discussion with Brian it seemed that a greater challenge was finding available time for creating the new brochure. Brian and others pointed out that all of the materials in the Sanctuary pews was similarly outdated. Hilary Ryder added that they had been created before web usage had become commonplace;



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perhaps we didn't need as much printed material out.

All agreed that the **print materials and website** (as previously noted) required a comprehensive update, but we shouldn't wait for it all to be done at once. Barry Schuster asked Brian to consider what time would be required to produce at least a new children's brochure (and potentially a new welcome brochure), and to bring a proposal to the next Council meeting for implementation and budgeting. In the meantime, it was agreed to remove all the print material from the Sanctuary, partly because we're not worshiping there again until March but also because having outdated and incorrect material out could potentially be worse than having nothing.

Hilary Ryder followed up on the **Diaconate proposal for alternative witness** to the UCC's "boycott and divest" resolutions. A flyer had been inserted in the worship bulletin, and she and others had heard feedback, questions, and concerns (but no negative responses of which she was aware). Steve Silver has contacted John Dorhauer, new UCC General Minister and President, about the issue; Mr. Dorhauer was sympathetic and thoughtful, pledging to respond. The Diaconate would forward a warrant article for the Annual Meeting, so that the congregation might explicitly support deacons and other church leaders as they offer an alternative witness.

Susan Montmagny reported for the Diaconate that the new **offering**

**collection process** has continued to meet challenges and inconsistent support. Her Diaconate colleagues, as the recognized stewards of the church's spiritual life, are puzzled why they had been charged with the financial task of counting the offering each Sunday after worship. Further discussion will take place next month.

In his **pastoral report**, Steve noted that Barbara Sargent's hip surgery had gone very well, but Trish Heatherton had fallen on ice and seriously injured her wrist, requiring multiple surgeries. Steve attended a meeting of the UCC's Historical Council in Cleveland, and he is preparing for Lent, which begins with an Ash Wednesday service at West Lebanon Congregational.

### DIACONATE

At January's meeting the **Deacons signed cards** for Nancy Laren and others. In Barb Teeter's Called to Care report, Ginger Smith has offered to give Nancy a ride to her doctor's appointment. Jon Scott suggested that a future meeting be dedicated to card signing, which everyone thought was a good idea, as cards always prompt positive comments from recipients.

As Deacon of the Month for February, Susan Montmagny had tried to have **new members agree to serve as greeter/ushers**. Jon Scott followed up that the new members should receive coffee mugs as well.

### Community Dinner Fund Available

The Mission & Social Action Committee reminds us that a fund exists to help subsidize preparation of Community Dinners. This fund was created to encourage the provision of more nutritional and (where possible) locally-sourced food for these important meals.

**To request reimbursement from the Community Dinner Fund, leaders should submit receipts and an explanatory note to the church office.**

### 2016 ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, February 14, 11:15

#### February Meetings

Mission/Social Action and Stewardship	2/7, 11:15
Diaconate	2/8, 7:00
Christian Education	2/10, 7:00
Church Council	2/16, 7:00
Board of Governors	2/28, 11:15

#### March Meetings

Mission/Social Action and Stewardship	3/6, 11:15
Diaconate	3/14, 7:00
Christian Education	3/9, 7:00
Church Council	3/15, 7:00
Board of Governors	3/27, 11:15

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John Gilliatt offered to speak with two members from the recently closed **Quechee Congregational Church**, who have now joined our choir, regarding their ideas for how the Diaconate might reach out to other former Quechee members who are looking for a new church.

**Communion by distribution** was discussed, following January's communion in the Sanctuary. A few comments had been offered in an email discussion started by Biff Simpson; Steve Silver recommended that we have a detailed review prior to trying the distribution method in the Sanctuary again, to better understand and possibly correct some problems experienced on January 3.

Biff's **movie night idea** was further explored. He reviewed a solution to the legal issue of showing a movie to a group of people. Hilary offered to work with Biff to identify movies, dates, and times.

In his **pastoral report**, Steve Silver was enthusiastic about how the Advent season had gone, noting very strong attendance by both new people and others returning after being away. Two funerals and a wedding added to a busy season.

Steve also explained our church's responsibility as a **"neutral pulpit"** on January 31. A pastor under consideration for a position at another church will be preaching in our church. In order to hold this service in the Sanctuary, the Deacons approved up to \$500 to cover the cost of heat that day.

### ANNUAL MEETING 2016

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, AT 11:15 AM

The Annual Meeting of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, NH, will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 14, 2016, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of:

1. The election of all officers provided for under the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the church.
2. To hear the reports of all officers, committees, and organizations, as required under the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the church.
3. To consider and act upon any other matters relating to the general church welfare that may properly come before this meeting, including but not limited to the following:
  - A. The Diaconate and Church Council recommend that the church vote to offer an alternative witness locally, regionally, and nationally to the resolutions of the 30th General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the NH Conference of the UCC to "boycott and divest" from companies doing business in the West Bank, and to the process that led to these resolutions. Our witness calls for peace in the Middle East, pursued in ways that do not vilify Israelis and Jews at home or abroad, but instead promote and bring about real and lasting peace in the region.

**Open Congregational Discussion on  
Diaconate Proposal for Alternative Witness(3A)  
Ongoing—Please Stay Tuned for More Information!**

*From the Nominating Committee*

### **Volunteer Opportunities *Still* Available!**

As we begin the new year and a new term for our volunteer committees, Church Council and the Nominating Committee ask you to think about how you might best contribute your own skills, interests, and energy to our mission and ministry.

If you're interested in learning more about a particular committee or available opportunities for service and ministry, **please contact** Amy Driscoll (603-448-0976/[amykdriscoll@gmail.com](mailto:amykdriscoll@gmail.com)) or Barry Schuster (603-448-5937/[ivylegal@gmail.com](mailto:ivylegal@gmail.com)).

## The UCC “Boycott and Divest” Resolutions:

### *How will First Congregational Church of Lebanon respond?*

In 2014-15 both the NH Conference and the General Synod of the United Church of Christ (UCC) passed strongly-worded resolutions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, calling on the UCC and its member churches to “boycott and divest” from companies doing business in the West Bank. **First Congregational Church of Lebanon did not endorse or vote on these resolutions**, and our Diaconate, after extensive study and prayer, recommends that FCC formally take a position in response, as we are free to do within our congregational governance structure.

Our discussions within the Diaconate raised serious concerns with both the **substance** of these resolutions and the **process** by which they were adopted. We also believe that in the absence of a formal position taken by FCC, others in our community and region may wrongly assume that UCC passage of the resolutions means that we and all other UCC congregations support them, too. This misperception is harmful to our relations with the public and other faith communities, particularly the Jewish community in the Upper Valley. Regardless of the intent of the “boycott and divest” resolutions, we have seen that they impair our ability to engage in important interfaith dialogue with our Jewish brothers and sisters.

**Call to Action:** The Diaconate adopted a draft statement opposing the “boycott and divest” resolutions and has brought its recommendations to Church Council, based in part on these core principles:

- We believe we are called to offer a different witness on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict than that communicated by recent UCC and NH Conference actions.
- We believe that the best future for all residents of the Middle East is a peaceful future.
- We believe that peace and justice in the Middle East must be pursued in ways that do not promote anti-Semitism at home or abroad.
- We believe that the UCC should take an active role in promoting peace in the Middle East—as peacemakers, not partisans. UCC peacemakers should work with and encourage both sides; we should act in ways that promote and bring about real change for good.
- We believe that partisan resolutions like those adopted by the NH Conference and the UCC can make peace harder to achieve, by alienating Jews and Israelis and enabling some Palestinians to believe they do not need to negotiate for peace.

**The Diaconate therefore recommends that First Congregational Church of Lebanon offer a public witness opposing these resolutions. We must state that they do not speak for our church.**

**With support from our congregation**, we would allow our Diaconate, Pastor, and other church leaders to communicate our witness to our brothers and sisters in the Jewish community, including the Upper Valley Jewish Community, Dartmouth College Hillel, and Congregation Shir Shalom in Woodstock; to other UCC churches in NH and VT; to the Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Association, the NH Conference, and the UCC itself; and to the public via articles, editorial letters, and statements on our website.

**QUESTIONS?** All are invited to discuss this important issue directly with Diaconate members.

The resolutions themselves and other relevant documents are available for review on the home page of the church website. We look forward to hearing your comments, concerns, and opinions!

# LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2016

**LENT IS A TIME FOR US TO REFLECT** upon our relationship with God, to examine our walk with Jesus, and to take stock of our lives as we prepare for the great miracle and gift of Easter.

**LENT IS A TIME TO LOOK WITHIN** our souls and hearts, to set aside those things that separate us from God and God's people.

**LENT IS A TIME TO JOURNEY** into the wilderness, so that we may fully enter into the New Creation.

***Journey with us during Lent this year  
in worship, study, reflection, and service.***

## JOINING IN WORSHIP

### **February 10—Ash Wednesday**

**6:30 pm:** Ecumenical Service with Imposition of Ashes, at West Lebanon Congregational Church (Becca Girrell, Jeff Scott, and Steve Silver will offer brief mediations to prepare us for the Lenten season)

### **March 20—Palm Sunday**

**10 am:** Liturgy of the Palms, Sanctuary (Steve Silver will preach on Luke 19:28-40, "Paving the Way")

### **March 24—Maundy Thursday**

**7 pm:** Service of Communion and Tenebrae, Stripping of the Altar (Steve Silver will preach on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, "Table Talk")

### **March 25—Good Friday**

**12-3 pm:** Quiet Meditation on the Seven Last Words, Sanctuary

**3 pm:** Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Walk (meet at Sacred Heart Church)

**7 pm:** Service of the Word and Prayer, Sanctuary (Steve Silver will preach on Hebrews 10:16-25, "Hope from Hopelessness")

### **March 27—EASTER SUNDAY**

**6 am:** Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Colburn Park

**6:30 am:** Community Breakfast to benefit Second Growth, Parish Hall

**10 am:** Festival Service, Sanctuary (Steve Silver will preach on John 20:1-8, "Look Closely")

## ***Daily Lenten Reflections***

Every day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, receive a reflection on a Psalm, delivered by email. Sign up by sending a message to [church@fccleb.org](mailto:church@fccleb.org).



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### ENGAGING THE WORD, FORMING OUR FAITH

#### **Sundays through March 20, 9:00 am—Six Weeks, Six Chapters: A Lenten Study of Galatians**

Dip your toes into the living water of Scripture in this Lenten Bible Study. We will read a chapter of Galatians each week and discuss our impressions, while learning a bit more about Paul and his message to the church.

#### **Wednesdays in March, 7:00 pm—Death and Dying... And Living: A Faith Formation Series**

The only activities in life that have guaranteed 100% participation are birth and death. While we have no control over how we come into this world, we have great power to shape how we approach the end of our lives. Through word, art, and music, we will explore ways that Christians can think about death that are rooted in faith, affirm life, and enable us to grow closer to God.

##### **March 2—Talking About Death While We Live**

A reading and discussion with Irene Kacandes, co-author of *Let's Talk About Death: Asking the Questions That Profoundly Change the Way We Live and Die*.

##### **March 9—Images of Death in Sacred and Secular Art**

An exploration and discussion with Brian Clancy of some of the ways artists have portrayed death and dying across the centuries.

##### **March 16—Requiem: Death and Dying in Music**

A session led by Steve Silver exploring how music, from grand requiem masses to intimate spirituals, have prepared the faithful for the end of life.

### SHARING GOD'S BOUNTY WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

#### **February 14–March 20—Church School Lenten Lunch Bag Collection**

A special annual offering that supports David's House and the children of San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador. Children will distribute bags on the first Sunday of Lent and collect them on Palm Sunday.

#### **Sunday, February 28, 11:30 am—Shaping One's Legacy: Planned Giving and Estate Planning**

Valerie Nevel will lead this discussion, which will help participants think about how to be faithful, wise stewards of financial resources at the end of life.

#### **Sunday, March 6—One Great Hour of Sharing**

A special, nationwide mission offering for health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency-relief initiatives around the world.

#### **Sundays, February 28 and March 27, 5:00 pm—Community Dinner at FCC**

Our monthly dinner for neighbors and friends, which this year falls on Easter Sunday.



## THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION



**Another Year, Another Mason:** On January 3 we celebrated the baptism of Coby Mason, Nicole and Brandon's son (and one of Marilyn and Pete's many great-grandchildren!). **Neutral Pulpit, Big Laughs:** Guest Preacher Rev. Cynthia Bagley, with help from our children, tries to add Jesus as a phone contact.





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### *Dear First Congo Church,*

Thank you to everyone who participated in Listen Community Services' Holiday Basket Program!

You have helped make lots of happy memories for the families you supported this season. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay warm, happy, and healthy,

*Be well,  
Katie Emery*

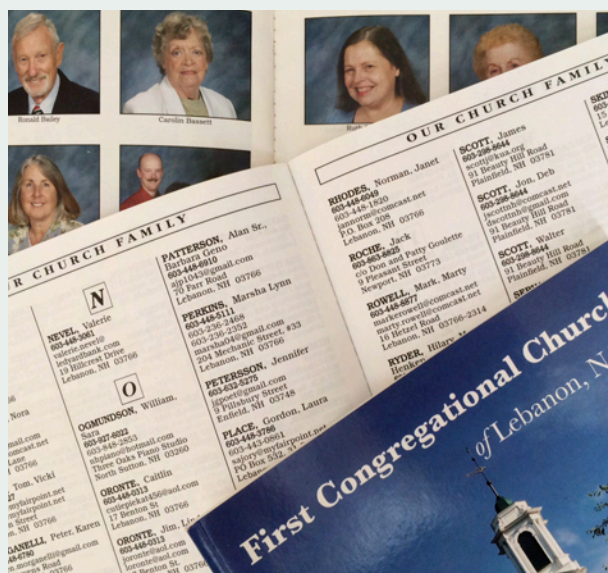
### Prepared to Serve 2016: “Embrace the Spirit”

Saturday, February 20, 8:00 to 3:30  
Pembroke Academy, Pembroke, NH

**Prepared to Serve** is a training event for all members of the NH Conference of the UCC, offering workshops on topics ranging from stewardship, leadership, and finances to global missions and Christian education. All are invited to this enriching, informative day of classes, exhibits, and worship.

**Fee:** \$40 online through 2/16, \$50 at the door  
(includes resources, breakfast, and lunch).

The full conference booklet is available for review in the Parish Hall. For more details and registration materials, please visit [www.nheucc.org](http://www.nheucc.org).



### Church Directory Update

Production of the new FCC directory has been delayed, primarily because the Church Administrator is only one man, doing the best he can.

**HOWEVER**, this delay means that it's not too late to submit a photograph if you weren't able to have one taken in November! You may also confirm or update your contact information.

If you're submitting a photo, please make sure it's reasonably "posed" (not an action shot) and that its resolution is at least 250 dpi. Photos can also be taken at church on any given Sunday morning.

*The new directory should appear sometime this spring; stay tuned for more updates.  
Thanks to all for your patience!*

### Wanted: Quilting Material for Refugee Relief Project

Deb Scott is coordinating the collection of materials to be transformed into quilts that will be donated to refugees in Europe and the Mediterranean. Old, clean blankets, flannel sheets (a small hole is OK), and batting (used as the inside filler) are needed for this project. Any size acceptable!

Materials will be picked up at church on February 24; please contact Deb Scott with questions at [dscottnh@gmail.com](mailto:dscottnh@gmail.com) or 603-298-8644.

## MUSIC AT THE MEETINGHOUSE

### ALL BAROQUE

*music for voice and chamber ensemble by*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH  
GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN  
ARCANGELO CORELLI

Chiho Kaneko, *soprano*  
James Adams, *oboe/oboe d'amore*  
Peter Beardsley, *harpsichord*  
Abby Snook, *violin*  
Judy Wild, *violin*  
Erin McNeely, *viola*  
Margaret Gilmore, *cello*

**Sunday, February 21, 3:00 pm**  
**FCC Sanctuary**  
Adults \$15, Students \$5 (w/ID)



**Music**  
*at the*  
**Meetinghouse**

### 10TH BIENNIAL LEBANON-AREA CHOIR FESTIVAL

**Sunday, March 6, 4:00 pm—FCC Sanctuary**  
*Combined Rehearsal 2:00, Individual Choir Rehearsals 3:00,*  
*Full Concert 4:00*

All are cordially invited to this biennial celebration of church choral music in the Upper Valley! Area choirs will each sing their own pieces before joining—around sixty voices in all—for a memorable program directed by Hal Sheeler. Music of Felix Mendelssohn, Stephen Paulus, Moses Hogan, John Rutter, Stephen Schwartz, Alice Parker, and many, many others!

Participating churches include First Congregational Church of Lebanon, the Lebanon United Methodist Church, Canaan United Methodist Church, West Lebanon Congregational Church, and other Upper Valley congregations. FCC's own Henry Danaher will accompany on piano and organ.

***A free-will offering will be received in support of Listen and the Upper Valley Haven.***

**PLEASE JOIN US—ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**MLK Jr. Weekend:** Henry Danaher's jazz trio accompanies the Duke Ellington hymn "Savior God Above." **Birthday Girls:** Edith Wheeler turned 90, Susan Montmagny turned... less than that.



#### First Congregational Church of Lebanon

Weekly Worship and Church School: Sundays, 10:00 am • Office Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9-12  
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