

# STEEPLE VIEWS

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## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

### Remembering

Rev. Larry Brickner Wood

Autumn brings with it many celebrations and festivals. The end of October and beginning of November are significant items marking events important in many cultural and religious traditions. Among these are: Halloween, also known as All Hallows Eve, October 31<sup>st</sup>, which has grown to become a time of “trick or treating” and other festive events.

Samhain, a Celtic tradition marking the end of harvest season and the beginning of winter. The Celts believed that on the eve of Samhain, the veil between heaven and earth was “thin” (a thin place) and spirits could walk among the earth.

All Saints Day originated in the Roman Catholic church and is a day to honor all of the saints, known and unknown. It is celebrated on November 1. All Souls Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup> is a day to celebrate all those who have died. In our Protestant traditions, All Saints Day and All Souls Day are seen as one, as we do not make distinctions between our saints and those “souls” who have passed.

Regardless of name and terminology, this is a time of remembering our beloveds who have died and left this earth. We did this at our service on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, when we lit candles to remember those who have died, wrote on small cards the names of some of the people we are remembering, said prayers and sang songs of loss, grief, lament, hope and honoring. For many, this visible way of expressing our grief and mourning of our losses brings healing, hope and comfort. That we do it in community is holy and sacred ground, as we often heal more completely in the shelter of each other. We are God's people celebrating our solidarity as kindreds who have experienced loss in this world.

Our community experienced a dramatic loss recently with the passing of Elizabeth Fogg. We grieve with Andrea, Nate, Kaylee, Seth, Larry and their extended family with the loss of a beloved mother, grandmother and steady shepherd in their lives. Our FCCW community grieves the loss of our beloved Elizabeth, a pillar of the church, a sage, a wisdom keeper whose honesty and straightforward speaking was always done with compassion, wisdom and love. We will all miss her dearly.

Today, Nate Fogg read three powerful scripture passages during our morning service. The Gospel reading was from John, and was the account of the death of Lazarus, Jesus' beloved friend. Though Jesus had been told that Lazarus was ill, the reality of finding that he died moved him deeply, and he wept. Surrounded by family and friends of Lazarus, Jesus' first reaction was to weep, right along with the rest of the community grieving the loss of Lazarus.

Jesus knew the pain of learning a beloved had died. God knows the pain of losing a beloved son. In the companion scriptures to the Gospel of John that Nate read on Sunday, we are reminded that God walks with us through the valleys of death, the heartbreak of loss, the emptiness of grief, and the pain of suffering when a loved one has died. As we walk alongside our beloveds who are grieving their losses, we are God's angels, witnessing to the God with us, and sharing God's love and our own love by our presence, our prayers and our promises to be there. Though we may walk through the valley of death, we are never alone.

## Hospitality!

Everyone enjoys coffee hour! And thanks to faithful volunteers, we have been able to gather every Sunday. BUT we find ourselves in a situation now where we need to regroup. We NEED more volunteers to step up and make the coffee hour happen (and make the coffee). LC would like to have a team of 6 to 8 persons who will rotate to host the weekly coffee hour. This would be something like our rotating deacons do so no one has to commit to every week (unless you want to!), but maybe once every month or two. Please give it some thought and if you are called to this ministry, contact CLA Andrea in the office 603-522-3189 and she'll be sure to pass the word on to the right people!

## The Penny Sale!

Have you checked your wallets and junk drawers for old gift cards yet? It's not too late! I will happily take them off your hands to use in the Penny Sale at the Harvest Fair. This has proven to be a popular and very effective way to raise funds for the church. Amount doesn't matter and if you are not sure of the amount, I'll just label it "Surprise". It's all in good fun. Thanks.

*Nancy Dee*

## COOKIES!



Our church has a reputation for our Amazing and Famous Cookie Walks! And we will once again feature it at the Harvest Fair on November 9th. What we need is COOKIES! At the last cookie walk at the Parish Helpers fair, we sold 100 bags of cookies. It takes a lot of cookies to fill that many bags! What we are asking YOU is to help make that happen. Please volunteer to bake a few dozen (5?) cookies – about 3" in diameter or smaller—and bring them to us on Friday, Nov. 8, after 3 p.m. or early on Saturday, Nov. 9, before opening at 9 a.m. Please label your cookies and let us know if they contain nuts. Thank you for your part in making our fair a success!

*Carol Jeffery*

## Most Joyful and Heartfelt Thanks

To all who have given of your time, of your incredible talents, and of your monetary donations throughout this year, thank you. Thank you for helping to keep this church vibrant and vital. Thank you for allowing the holy spirit to be evident in all you do within our church, our community, and our world. You may sometimes be weary, sometimes overwhelmed, but your Christianity and love of humanity always shines through. You are wonderful stewards of this church, and all God has entrusted us with. May your light continue to shine!

*Chris Feddern, Stewardship Ministry*

## Election Day—November 5



We remind and encourage everyone to vote in the upcoming state and federal elections on November 5, 2024. Our participation in our democracy is essential to our continuing to work towards “a more perfect union” and to be that “City on a hill” for our nation and the world. Whether you vote in person or by absentee ballot, thank you for taking part and exercising your right to vote.

This election season has been contentious and fiercely contested in races from the Presidency to our individual state houses. Many of the contests are so very close, and we may not know final outcomes for some time after the election. I hear from so many people how their levels of anxiety, fear and dread have heightened during this political season. We hold in our hearts, prayers for our nation and our state, our elected and appointed officials, the countless volunteers who make our elections the best in the world, those who register people to vote, all those who have stood up and are running for office, and the hard working people who work tirelessly for candidates and issues. As the season continues, find some moments to say thank you to some of the folks who you encounter who are doing their best to make our democratic systems work.

**On the day after the election, Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>,** we want to offer three opportunities to come by the church if you want to chat, pray, sit in silence and/or be with others and the various emotions and feelings we all may be having. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the following will be occurring

- The Church sanctuary will be open all day for prayer.
- At 12:00 noon, Pastor Larry welcomes anyone to stop by, have some lunch, chat and be together. We can meet in the Parish Helpers room for this.
- From 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Pastor Larry will be in the sanctuary offering some prayers and listening to others prior to our Diaconate meeting.
- At 7:00 p.m., Pastor Larry will open a Zoom link for anyone who wants to call in, and at approximately 7:45 p.m. doing a Facebook video with some prayers for healing and going forward.
- Please join us for any or all of these. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Larry at 603-522-3189 or [pastor@fccwakefieldnh.org](mailto:pastor@fccwakefieldnh.org).

*Rev. Larry*

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## Oh Baby, it's getting cold outside...

Brrrrr. As temperatures fall, heating costs are going up. It's a never-ending cycle, one New Englanders are very familiar with, and love it or not, winter is on its way. It's also a time when folks may find themselves in difficult quandaries—do I go for medical care or heat the house? Can I make only a partial electric payment this month? How can I make this work? There are many households in our community that are enduring financial hardship for any number of reasons. These are stressful situations that take mental and physical tolls on individuals and families. Fortunately, we may be able to provide some temporary emergency financial relief through a Fund set up to help those experiencing hardship; The Feddern Diaconate Discretionary Fund (FDDF).

Thus far in 2024, the FDDF has enabled assistance for propane, fuel oil, cell phone and electric payments as well as mortgage payments, car repairs, medical and grocery assistance. This is all made possible with donations from the beloved members and friends of this church; in memory of loved ones; and even as an alternative to traditional Christmas gift giving. In this spirit, please do consider a donation to support the FDDF fund.

If you need emergency financial aid, or know of someone who may, please contact the Pastor or a Diaconate chairperson by calling the church at 603-522-3189. Each request is confidential and considered with the utmost discretion.

With many thanks and blessings,  
Members of the Diaconate, FCCW

## Church Library Highlight

### Inviting God In: Spiritual Reflections and Prayers Throughout the Year By Joyce Rupp

God is always there, always waiting for our invitation to come in. Yet sometimes we need help hearing the knock at the door, putting some time aside, or beginning the conversation. In this collection of scriptural reflections and prayers, Joyce Rupp offers us the encouragement we so often require to stop and pray. Her thoughtful, perceptive reflections on scripture guide us as we open our hearts and ponder the meaning of God's word in our lives. And her poetic personal prayers help us find words for the longings in our hearts.

Source: Christian Books

*Linda Petkunas, Church Librarian*

## A Best-ever Savers Fundraiser!

With a caravan of 11 vehicles that included two pick-up trucks, three vans, a bunch of SUVs plus a couple trailers-in-tow, we made our way down to Newington to drop off over 3 tons of stuff that may have otherwise wound up in the dump. Between boxed leftovers from the yard sale, over 300 bags of donated soft goods and numerous boxes of books & DVDs, we made close to \$1000!! Many thanks to our dedicated team of "haulers" that included: George Ackerman, Paul Allen, Mary Bernier, Ann Bilodeau, Nancy Dee, Margie and Mark Galabrun, Annie Gehring, John Griffin, Connie Littlefield, Jo Szirbik and Connie Twombly. And thanks to all those that donated and helped collect and store items prior to the ride down to Savers.

*Julie Kessler*



Over  
300 bags!





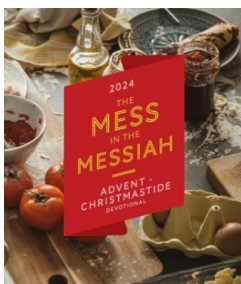
## Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes meet regularly on Tuesdays at Noon – typically in the Parish Helpers Room. Our gatherings will be hybrid - in-person at church with a Zoom option. Note that a decision may be made to do a Zoom-only class if the weather is a concern.

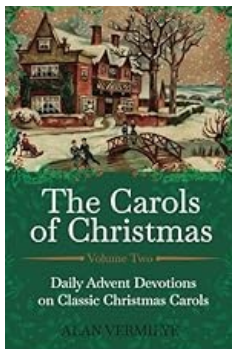
November Faith Formation classes will continue with our informal discussions based on a random set of devotionals (four or five per week). These devotionals will be pulled from a variety of sources, packaged in a word file, and sent for your reading pleasure each week. In addition, I would be happy to include any devotional favorite you may stumble on!

**And Advent!** With Advent starting the 1st of December, it seems timely to include mention of our Advent offerings in this November edition of Steeple Views.

Please consider joining us starting the first Tuesday of Advent—December 3rd. We will be using both an Advent study ("The Carols of Christmas: Daily Advent Devotions" Volume 2) and the Advent devotional from Stillspeaking Writers' Group ("The Mess in the Messiah").



About "Carols of Christmas": This is a heart-warming devotional inspired by some of the most beloved Christmas carols of all time. Inside, you'll enjoy a fresh glimpse of some of the same joyful and nostalgic melodies you sing every year now set to personal reflections in this 28-day devotional journey. The carols include "Silent Night", "Joy to the World", "O Come All Ye Faithful", and "The First Noel". You'll also discover intriguing stories and thought-provoking details like who wrote the carol; what was going on in their life that perhaps inspired the hymn; and how has God used this hymn throughout time. We will use the time to discuss the "Carols of Christmas" readings for that week, along with listening to a portion of the carol being discussed. Our class will run for an hour (or so) and will be followed by a sharing of thoughts on the Stillspeaking Advent Devotions.



Please contact Julie Kessler if interested in finding out more or would like a copy of either of the Advent devotional book. [julielouisekessler@gmail.com](mailto:julielouisekessler@gmail.com).

*Julie Kessler*

## Many Hands

"Many hands make light work", as the old adage goes. We need those many hands to make our Harvest Fair, on November 9th a success! At the Bake Table, we are looking for pies (any kind), yeast breads, sweet breads, such as banana bread, pumpkin bread or cranberry bread (can be mini breads and can contain nuts-requested by many), homemade candy etc. We are providing the disposable 9" and 5" pie pans for you to use. They can be found on the back table at church. Please drop items off on Friday, November 8th after 3 pm, or Saturday morning. Thank you! And Happy Baking!

*Jo Szirbik and Evy Truhn*

P.S. Don't forget the cookies for the Cookie Walk also!

## Successful Pancake Breakfast

A profound thank-you to all who supported our October Pancake Breakfast. The hard working team served up 71 meals. An amazing 28 meals (or close to 40%) were for people in our local community! We received an astonishing \$500 in unexpected, additional donations to reach a total of \$1088.00. This money will go toward our portion of the 2025 humanitarian shipping container to Zimbabwe.



Our amazing team -- Ann Bilodeau, Donna Ackerman, Jo Szirbik, Chris Feddern, Brian Shipley (who was flipping pancakes on his birthday), Marilou McLean, Julie Evenson, Mjo McCarthy, Annie Gehring, Nancy Dee, Andrea Costello, Evy Truhn, and Rachel White-- provided food donations and made all of the set up, food prep, and clean up fun! This team is the BEST!

*In deepest appreciation, Connie Littlefield*

## New! Wednesday Chair Yoga

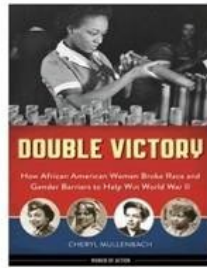
At 10 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall, Pam Clark is conducting Chair Yoga classes. Pam is a certified Hatha Yoga Instructor with over 25 years of experience. Chair Yoga can enhance flexibility, calm the mind, promote wellness and reduce stress. Chairs and mats are provided. Cost is \$75 for 10 sessions, \$40 for 5 sessions, or \$10 drop-in fee. For more information, contact Pam at 603-966-3506

## Women of the Greatest Generation: Stories of Faith, Hope, Love and Courage

Enjoy the amazing stories, told in their own words, of women who lived through the Second World War!



Moms,  
Marines,  
Nurses,  
High school plane spotters,  
USO dancers,  
Vets,  
Women from Germany,  
Japan,  
the British Isles...  
and the girls next door!



Bring your friends, family and neighbors. Learn more about these women as we discuss their stories after the play. You will learn how to share your story or collect the stories of people you love.

Parish Helpers will present the play, “Women of the Greatest Generation: Stories of Faith, Hope, Love and Courage”, at their meeting on **November 14 at 1 p.m.** The play is performed by the Just Peace Players and uses the original words of women who lived through World War II to tell their stories of faith, hope, love and courage. The play will be performed in the Sanctuary with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the show. Read more about the Just Peace Players here: [Just Peace Players](#)

**ALL are welcome!** You need not be a Parish Helper, and we encourage all Parish Helpers to invite a friend!

## Bringing Comfort With Yarn

“Prayer Shawls become tangible symbols of love when words can’t be found to adequately express one’s feelings. They can be warm hugs of happiness, empathy, and support; a private place of escape in which to rest, relax, and renew; something to hold on to when all else seems to be slipping away. Wrapping another in a shawl knit of your own prayers and loving thoughts is a gift not only for the one receiving the shawl, but for the knitter as well.” Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo—founded the Prayer Shawl Ministry, an all inclusive online charity group, in 1999. Knitters from FCCW have been knitting/crocheting Prayer Shawls for over 15 years. These shawls are shared with those who are in need of comfort in distressful times and can also be given in times of celebration. We are finding now that there is a greater need for shawls than there are shawls in our inventory.

If you are a knitter (crocheter) or know someone who is, we welcome you to attend the **Prayer Shawl Ministry on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (November 19) at 10 a.m. in the Parish Helpers room.** We can provide the patterns, (possibly yarn), and fellowship. All are welcome—you need not be a congregant of FCCW. If you cannot make the meeting time, please consider knitting a shawl at home. For more information, patterns, stories and prayers, go to [Shawl Ministry Website](#).

## News From Zimbabwe

**"People go there to die."** That’s how FOOT Director Joseph Sibiya describes Chipinge District Hospital. Recently, Austin Muradzikwa, a normally strong and energetic 32-year-old, became one of its patients. Admitted to the men’s ward, Austin was in and out of consciousness, unable to speak, eat, or move. He was placed on oxygen as doctors noted he required "injections" to stabilize his health, along with pain relievers and three other prescriptions. Yet, none of these essentials were provided by the hospital. Instead, Austin’s uncle, Vrante Mahlupeko, had to source them from local pharmacies.

When doctors recommended an x-ray, Vrante had to transport Austin to a private hospital because Chipinge District’s machine wasn’t working. That scan cost \$80, and when it proved inconclusive, they recommended another scan in Mutare, 2.5 hours away by ambulance—at a cost of \$160 for transport and \$80 for the second scan. Over seven days, Vrante purchased 14 injections for \$30 a day, totaling \$210 just for the injections.

Through all of this, Vrante felt like he was on a death watch. Each evening, he waited for the dreaded call from the doctor telling him Austin “was no more.” One morning, Vrante visited his nephew and found that 10 syringes of medication had mysteriously disappeared. Sadly, this theft is not uncommon. Due to the collapse of Zimbabwe’s economy and the 75% reduction in medical staff salaries, hospital workers often steal and resell patients’ medication to survive.

As Austin began to respond to treatment, he became aware of the suffering around him. Men lay crying and moaning, unable to afford even basic medication, left to die because they lacked the resources for care. Austin survived thanks to compassionate people in Wakefield who helped cover his costs. After nine days in the hospital, he is now recovering at Vrante’s home, deeply emotional and profoundly grateful. He had been certain that, instead of reuniting with his family, he would be sent home in a coffin.

At the time of Austin’s discharge, Vrante and his sister Laina encountered a very ill 60-year-old man at the hospital who had just \$1 to contribute toward his medication. With no relatives to assist him, he seemed destined for the same fate as many others in his ward. Vrante and Laina stepped in, paying the \$7 for his treatment that day. What would happen to him after that remained unknown.

Up until 2001, Zimbabwe was a thriving nation with an exceptional education system, a well-functioning agricultural sector—the breadbasket of Africa—and a highly regarded healthcare system. Today, over 90% of the population scrapes by on less than \$100 a month, selling vegetables or taking whatever odd jobs they can find. Pensioners survive on around \$20 a month. When illness strikes, people simply cannot afford treatment.

This is life in Zimbabwe, where many go to the hospital, not to heal, but to die.

## Meet Our New Members

## Treasures!



Alison and Jim Hayford are natives of NH and met running cross country and track at Kingswood. They live in Ossipee with their sons Emmett (10) and Calvin (8) and a dog named Pax. Jim is the Chief of Police in Madison, NH and Ali teaches Art at Middleton Elementary School. They are active in their communities with Alison serving on the board of directors for Friends of Constitution Park, Ossipee and Jim coaching Nordic skiing

at Abenaki in Wolfeboro. Both boys ski on the Nordic and alpine ski teams in Wolfeboro. They also love to read, play dungeons and dragons, fish, swim, draw and create with Legos. Calvin is passionate about lacrosse and Emmett loves running. They both are playing soccer together this Fall. The family enjoys hiking and camping together and is happy to have found this wonderful church family to be a part of!



The Parish Helpers Treasure Shop had a banner season this summer. We opened in early June and remained open until Indigenous Peoples day. We had wonderful donations and lots of treasures to pass on.

We could not have been so successful (our best year ever!) without the hard work of the many volunteers who worked in the shop over the summer. Receiving donations, pricing, placing, cleaning, setting up and taking down, many dump runs (Rachel!). We spread good will in the community with many people coming in frequently—sometimes just to say hello. Thank you to the Parish Helpers who gave of their time. And an especially huge thank you to Rachel White and Carole Doughty for taking the reigns and leading the team. We look forward to the next season to see what treasures we'll have to offer!

# Harvest Fair



First Congregational Church of Wakefield, UCC  
2718 Wakefield Road, Wakefield, NH  
(across from the Wakefield Inn)

Saturday, November 9, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cookie Walk!

Penny Sale

Cool Stuff Shop

Crafts



Pies and Baked Goods

Lunch

Gift Baskets

Jewelry

Christmas Shop

Quilt Raffle

Lunch will be served starting at 11 a.m.  
Serving up homemade soups and chowder



# NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	<b>2</b> Fellowship Hall Private Event Rental 10 a.m.—4 p.m.  Set Clocks Back End Daylight Saving Time
<b>3</b> <b>24rd Sunday After PENTECOST</b> Worship—10 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time)  Coffee Hour	<b>4</b> Caregiver Self-Care Support Group 9:30 a.m.  Choir 5:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b>  Vote!  Faith Formation 12 Noon	<b>6</b> Chair Yoga 10 a.m.  Post-Election Day Reflection Times See Page 2 for Details.  Diaconate Meeting 5 p.m.	<b>7</b> End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting 10 a.m.	<b>8</b> Set up and drop off for the Harvest Fair	<b>9</b> <b>HARVEST FAIR</b>  <b>9 a.m.—1 p.m.</b>
<b>10</b> <b>25rd Sunday After PENTECOST</b> Worship—10 a.m.  Coffee Hour	<b>11</b> <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b>  Poinsettia Orders Due  Choir 5:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Faith Formation 12 Noon  Ukelele Club 6 p.m.	<b>13</b> Chair Yoga 10 a.m.	<b>14</b> End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting 10 a.m.  Parish Helpers Meeting & Program 1 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Elizabeth Fogg Memorial followed by reception in the Fellowship Hall 11 a.m.</b>
<b>17</b> <b>26rd Sunday After PENTECOST</b> Worship—10 a.m.  Coffee Hour Leadership Council Meeting	<b>18</b> Caregiver Self-Care Support Group 9:30 a.m.  Choir 5:30 p.m.	<b>19</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.  Faith Formation 12 Noon	<b>20</b> Chair Yoga 10 a.m.	<b>21</b> End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting 10 a.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>HMNS Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall 8-11 a.m.</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Christ the King Last Sunday After PENTECOST</b> Worship—10 a.m.  Coffee Hour	<b>25</b> Choir 5:30 p.m.	<b>26</b> Faith Formation 12 Noon  Ukelele Club 6 p.m.	<b>27</b> Chair Yoga 10 a.m.	<b>28</b> <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# Celebrations!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Glenna Nelson	16	Julie Margolis
3	Kim Cornell	19	Dana Margolis
4	Gail Feddern	20	Mary Beth Cook
4	Rev. Larry Brickner-Wood	22	Donna Lewis
5	Vincent Mangano	23	Ann Bilodeau
8	George Ackerman	25	Laurn Robinson
14	Pam Wiggin	29	Catherine Britton
		29	Rev Mary James

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Skip & Sharon Theiling

## FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

We believe that prayer is powerful! During this time of transition in our church, let us pray for the Diaconate, the Search Committee, the Officers, Ministry Coordinators, and Leadership Council for their thoughtful deliberations in guiding our church onward.

And as always, please keep in your prayers all those who suffer in any way in mind, body and spirit,

We ask also your prayers for peace in our world, for the health and integrity of our democracy, and for the flourishing of the work of our community of faith.



Please pray for Family of Elizabeth F, Nancy B, Richard W, Bob L, Sue L, Cindy E, Carol J's Family: Chrissy B, Michael T & Connie's sister-in-law Sarah.

**FCCW Prayer Chain:** Through emails and text messages, we are able to increase our prayer power for "immediate intercessory prayer" for the concerns of our congregation and friends. If you have a prayer request, please email Harriet Wilson ([dhwilson39@gmail.com](mailto:dhwilson39@gmail.com)) All prayer requests are kept strictly confidential and will only be shared with the express permission of the people involved.

## Many Thanks



The Calling and Discernment Ministry would like to express its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Dave Schweitzer. As the coordinator of our FCCW Personnel Team, Dave has dedicated many years to addressing both the joys and challenges that come with managing personnel. Throughout, he has consistently carried himself with positivity and professionalism.

Dave has been an enthusiastic advocate for our FCCW personnel, handling even the stickiest of issues with grace and care. His commitment to our community and his spirit of volunteerism have been invaluable, and we are truly appreciative for all of his contributions.

As Dave steps away from this role, we are grateful Joe Palmariello has agreed to become the new coordinator.

There are many roles within our beloved community that are just waiting for you -- your special skills, your unique talents, your vision. If you would like to explore these opportunities, please speak to Connie Littlefield, Margie Galabrun, Jan Brewjo or Pastor Larry.



We were deeply saddened by the passing our dear member and friend, Elizabeth Fogg, on October 19.

Elizabeth was a longtime active member of our church and played many rolls both in the church and in the Parish Helpers over the years. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

A memorial service will be held at FCCW on November 16 at 11 a.m. You can read her obituary here:

[Elizabeth Fogg Obituary](#)

## Honoring Veterans

On Sunday, November 10th, we are honoring the veterans in our FCCW community. We are compiling a list of our FCCW veterans, but it is likely not to be a complete list. If you served in the military, have family members in our community who have served, or know of others who have, we would like to include them in our list. Please email Andrea at [churchoffice@fccwakefieldnh.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccwakefieldnh.org) or Pastor Larry at [pastor@fccwakefieldnh.org](mailto:pastor@fccwakefieldnh.org). Thank you for your help.





*Christmas Poinsettia Order Form*  
*Due by November 11th*

Please use the form below for ordering your Christmas Poinsettia Plants. Orders must be placed before **November 11th**. Checks are made payable to: The First Congregational Church of Wakefield, please notate Poinsettia in the memo. Order forms and payments may be left in the Administrators mailbox located in the church narthex or mailed to the address listed below.

Name of Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory or In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please circle one)*

Single Poinsettia Plant    \_\_\_ @ \$14.95    \_\_\_ Red    \_\_\_ White

Double Poinsettia Plant    \_\_\_ @ \$24.95    \_\_\_ Red    \_\_\_ White

Plants may be picked up after Christmas Eve.

Please contact Rachel White at 603-520-2316 with questions.

*Thank You for helping to make our Sanctuary especially beautiful this  
Christmas Season!*

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