



September 2024 Circuit Rider

First Congregational Church of Lebanon

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“We seek to demonstrate God’s Spirit through worship, witness, and ministry to the needs of the people in the church and the community.”

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Tuesday ~ 1:00-5:00 p.m.

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A Note from Rev. Amie

To the Remarkable Faith Family of FCC Lebanon,

As we embark on this new chapter together, I am honored to serve as your Designated-Term Pastor. I am excited to join such a warm and welcoming faith community.

As we journey together, I am reminded of the profound truth that we are not meant to walk alone. Rooted in the biblical teachings of Jesus, we find strength, purpose, and love in community. Faith communities have long been places where we care for one another, offer support, and celebrate individuality.

I look forward to building relationships with all of you as we strengthen the bonds of our community. Over the next few weeks, I aim to connect with each member of the FCCL faith family to learn more about your unique experiences and perspectives.

Please feel free to contact me by phone (508-272-6437), text, email, or in person during office hours. I would love to hear from you.

Our future is bright as we move forward together.

May God bless our community and guide us on this journey.

With love and peace,

Rev. Amie

Message from OUR CHURCH Moderator

As you all should be aware, Rev. Amie McCarthy will be starting her ministry with us on September 3rd. Her first Sunday in the pulpit will be September 8th. I'm hoping many of you will attend this service to give Pastor Amie your support as she, and us, begin this new chapter in "Our Church" lives. Unfortunately, because of a prior commitment, I will not be able to attend this special service.

Our Rally Sunday, which starts off the new year for our church, will be on Sunday, September 15th. This will be different from past years, as we will have a true celebration with all kinds of activity happening.

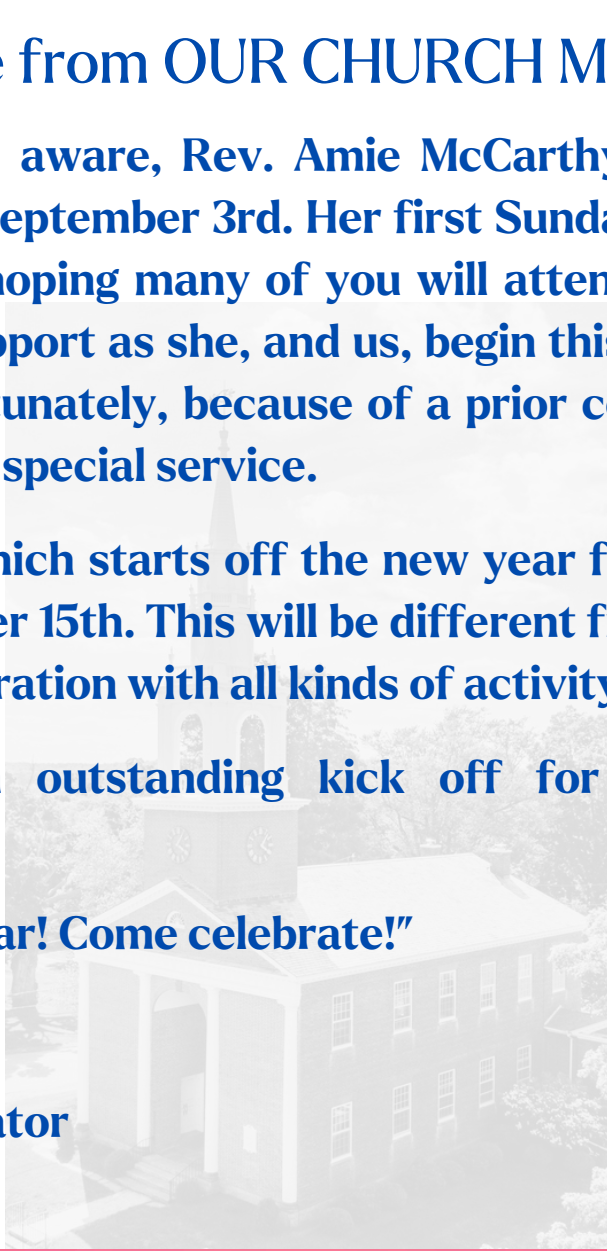
Let's make this an outstanding kick off for "Our Church", and community.

"New Pastor! New year! Come celebrate!"

See you in church.

Art Wallace – Moderator

"Be Active, Join In!"



PAN MASS CHALLENGE
2024
TEAM - SHARON'S FLIGHT
WITH YOUR HELP WE
RAISED OVER \$12,000
FOR CANCER RESEARCH.
Ellen Clifford.



BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE THE COOL WEATHER WILL BE UPON US. WE'LL BE COLLECTING HYGIENE ITEMS AND SOCKS, HATS, GLOVES ITEMS AS WELL. OUR CHURCH FAMILY HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS IN THE PAST AND HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO SO. HOMELESSNESS ISN'T ALWAYS A CHOICE, BUT WE CAN CHOOSE TO HELP.



Holiday Fair Crafters
September 7th
9:00 a.m.

Join us as we create more items for our Holiday Fair! If you have some ideas you would like to share with the group, please bring them.



BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD



Summer is winding down, lunches are packed, backpacks are full, and the sports uniforms are on order - Sunday School is back in session! We're starting the year off with lessons about PEACE!

Peace can be taking a quiet moment to center, peace can be being brave! Peace can look like staying calm or it can feel like being brave! By practicing peacemaking skills, we work to embody Jesus' teachings in the midst of conflict.

Join us on Rally Sunday
September 15

Bring your backpacks, lunchboxes, and daycare bags! We will bless the children on their journey in the year ahead and we will bless the teachers guiding them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 22

Vacation Bible School 2024



VBS 2024 was a resounding success! A total of 60 campers from surrounding towns (Amston, Canterbury, Chaplin, Columbia, Coventry, Lebanon, Mansfield Center, Moosup, North Franklin, Willimantic, and Windham) attended. Eight different churches were represented, as well as many campers who did not identify with any church. The ages of the campers ranged from pre-K to ninth grade. The largest number of campers were from fifth and sixth grade (18), with an even distribution between pre-K and 4th grade. In preparation, Mary Horan and Teresa Waldron met with 19 enthusiastic youth leaders (most were previously VBS campers) in the late spring to develop a theme and decide on crafts, songs, and games for the week. They chose “Created to Care!” as the theme. From July 22-26, the campers participated in crafts and games, heard stories at the Jonathan Trumbull library, and learned new songs. They baked cookies for the Lebanon seniors, and then personally delivered them to the Senior Center via a wagon ride provided by Jeanna Prink. At the end of each day, the group gathered in the sanctuary, sang beautiful songs, and shared God-sightings. Joy and caring were evident throughout each day and between all the campers and youth leaders. The week concluded with a new event, VBS Sunday! All campers and their families were invited to join our congregation for a service focused on VBS with a picnic following. The VBS campers, and members of our church and the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, showed that they were indeed “created to care” by raising \$2141 for Heifer International. A “Joy to the World” package will be purchased to provide a family in need with one heifer, two sheep, four goats, and a bundle of seeds. The remainder of the money raised will go to provide education, clothing, and warmth to others through Heifer International. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent to Vacation Bible School this year!

First Congregational Church of Lebanon's Guide To Digital Ministry Success

01 COMMUNICATE

Planning an event or activity?
Let Teresa know if it should be
promoted online!

Not all announcements or bulletin info are
meant to include the public!



02

INFORM

Share the details!
An email is the best way to
be sure all of the details are clear!

It never hurts to have all of the information in
writing so Social Media is clear and effective.



03

TAKE PICTURES

Teresa can't be everywhere!
But most people have
a camera in their pocket!

Photos can be emailed or sent as a text.



04

FOLLOW UP

What worked? What didn't?

We can only improve when we work together!



Contact Teresa:
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If you enjoy the energy and enthusiasm of children,
then PLEASE consider volunteering some time to
help out as a co-teacher for Sunday School!

No experience necessary!

Flexible Sundays

Short-term commitment

Stay in church until after the anthem!

See Teresa Waldron, Amy Hopkins, or Karen Ziel

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday

1st ~ Mary Horan

2nd ~ Steve Blevins

2nd ~ Beth Smith

6th ~ Jean Winters

11th ~ Steve Marquardt

12th ~ Jorge Dias

13th ~ Sue Coutu

21st ~ Gabe Kuronya

23rd ~ Steve Preli

26th ~ Julie Bundy

27th ~ Bill Bundy

27th ~ Jeanna Prink

27th ~ Kristen Marquardt



SOCIAL MEDIA SCAM ALERT

A new scam is popping up on multiple social media platforms! Scammers are commenting on pictures and sending messages to people saying their picture has violated terms and conditions and the account will be deactivated. The comment/message always includes a link to submit a complaint or file a report.

THIS IS ALWAYS A SCAM

Social Media will never alert anyone to a terms and conditions violation via comment or message. Never click on a link provided by a person/account you do not trust. As always, if you have any concerns regarding social media scams, contact Teresa!

Protect yourself from scams.

- Keep your personal information safe
- Don't share your passwords with anyone
- Do not click on a suspicious link