

FCCO Mission Statement

FOLLOW. LOVE. SHARE.

Our purpose is to glorify God by following Jesus, loving God and others, and sharing the Gospel.

Elder Team

Fred Burgher
Jim Cooper
Pete DeJager
Eric Diamond
Peter Eichling
Drew Gentile
David Glidden
Dan Mitchum
Marc Swenson

Deacons

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Dave Casto
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Yvette Eldridge
Paul Ferguson
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Staff

Dan Mitchum,
Lead Pastor
Marc Swenson,
Associate Pastor
Sue Bolton,
Pastor of Caring Ministries
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Directors of Worship Arts
Timothy Goodwin,
Tech Director
Joel Gill,
Director of Student Ministries
Sandy Stanard,
Director of Kids' Ministries
Stacey Farley,
Asst. Dir. of Kids' Ministries
Jenn Proulx,
Communications &
Office Manager
Roger Proulx,
Facilities Manager
Joe Wilbur,
Assistant Treasurer

looking ahead

Men's & Women's Step Studies

Who among us do not have hurts, hang-ups and habits that need Christ's healing? If you are looking to grow in Christ and find healing from your past or present struggles, prayerfully consider joining a Celebrate Recovery Step Study. More informations is at www.firstossipee.org/events.



December 9 -- Surviving the Holidays



For people who've lost a loved one, the Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak. While the holidays can intensify grief, Surviving the Holidays will bring reassurance, practical advice, and a way forward through the season. Register online at www.firstossipee.org/events.

A Living Tribute Amaryllis Centerpieces

The beautiful, amaryllis centerpieces in the lobby and atrium are available for purchase. These all-white decorations feature artificial amaryllis flowers with a surprise real bulb in the center. The flower will grow and bloom above the artificial flowers. More info or reserve your centerpiece at www.firstossipee.org/events.



December 24 -- Christmas Eve Services



Please join us for our Christmas Eve candlelight services at 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00 pm. There will be no morning services on Sunday, December 24. Kids' Ministries will be available during the 2:00 service for infants through preschool, and during the 3:30 service for infants through 4th grade.



November 26, 2023
9:00 & 10:30AM
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters."

Hebrews 2:11

First Congregational Church of Ossipee

Welcome and Highlights
Joel Gill
Director of Student Ministries

Call to Worship
Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)

Bringing Our Praises
Christmas Day
He Shall Reign Forevermore
Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)

Advent Reading

Prayer

Congregational Response
O Come O Come Emmanuel

Receiving His Word
A Surprising Future From a Sinful Past
Matthew 1:1-17 (pg. 1496)
Joshua 2:1-13, 6:22-25 (pg. 332)
Marc Swenson
Associate Pastor

Responding to His Word
Here Comes Heaven

Blessing

ways to give



Diaper Drive - November & December

The Diaper Depot is a community organization that provides diapers to families in need in the greater Ossipee area. Diapers must be new and in the original packaging. Collection bins are located in the Atrium (upstairs near the main entrance), Kids' Welcome Desk (downstairs), and the Church Office during November and December. Let's work together to bless local families!

Tag Tree for Local Children - Nov 26 - Dec 10

Pick up a tag from the Tag Tree in the Atrium and return it with the appropriate gift. Tags indicate the age, gender, and need or wish of a child from the Ossipee area. Place your UNWRAPPED gift under the Tag Tree with the tag firmly attached. Unwrapped gifts are due December 10.

Year-End Offering -- December 17



On December 17, we will take our year-end offering. Would you prayerfully ask what God would have you give? As we each give what God has placed on our hearts, we trust that we will not only end the year well but have an abundance as we continue to shine the light of Jesus in our community.

this week

Women's Christmas Breakfast -- Saturday, 9:00 am



Ladies, please join us for our Women's Ministry December Breakfast! Charla DeJager will be speaking about "All the Prep Work: Prepping Our Hearts to See God At Work." Please come and bring a friend! Ladies ages 16 and older are invited. Purchase tickets online at www.firstossipee.org/events by November 29.

Gingerbread House Night -- Saturday, 6:00 pm

Join us for some Christmas fun! We will hear the Christmas story, sing some songs, and use our creativity to decorate some gingerbread houses! Graham cracker houses will be made in advance and ready to decorate. Frosting and candy will be provided. Register online at www.firstossipee.org/events by November 28.



Caring Hands Ministry -- Saturday, 8:00 am



Serving in the name of Jesus Christ those who otherwise would not receive help. Always eager to have folks join our team! For more info call Wally (934-5559).

prayer

Please pray for comfort and peace for Linda Morgan, whose step-dad, Orville "Red" Bibber, passed away on November 17. Cards may be sent to PO Box 564 Center Ossipee NH 03814.

Please pray for comfort and peace for Tracy Carter, whose mom, Madeline Bassett, passed away on November 16. A wake will be held on December 1, 2023, from 5-7pm at Wood Funeral Home, 9 Warren Street, Fryeburg. Funeral Mass Services will take place on December 2, 2023 at 11am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Fryeburg. Cards may be sent to PO Box 254 Eaton NH 03832.

at a glance

Opportunities to Connect, Equip, and Serve

Sunday, November 26

- 9:00AM Worship Service
- Kids' Ministries (through 6th grade)
- Student Ministries (Grades 7&8)
- D6 Intergenerational Class (Grade 9 through Adult)
- 10:30AM Worship Service
- Kids' Ministries (through 4th grade)
- 7:00PM AA (book meeting)

Monday, November 27

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:30AM Lakes Region Men's Fellowship
- 1:30PM Men's Step Study

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:00PM Student Ministries
- 6:30PM Growth Groups

Thursday, November 30

- 10:15AM CBS
- 8:00PM AA

Friday, December 1

OFFICE CLOSED

- 10:00AM Outdoor Adventures
- 10:30AM AI-Anon

Saturday, December 2

- 8:00AM Caring Hands
- 9:00AM Women's Christmas Breakfast
- 4:45PM Dinner Bell
- 6:00PM Gingerbread House Night

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