

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

Deb Agin
Steve Agin
Laura Buffett
Dave Casto
Val Custeau
Yvette Eldridge
Paul Ferguson
Jillian Johnson
Fred Holbrook
Chris Major
Kristi Thomas

Staff

Dan Mitchum,
Lead Pastor
Marc Swenson,
Associate Pastor
Sue Bolton,
Pastor of Caring Ministries
Lisa Goodwin and Brendan Davey
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

A Living Tribute Amaryllis Centerpieces



The beautiful, amaryllis centerpieces in the lobby and atrium are available for purchase for \$30. 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.

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.



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.

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.



December 3, 2023
9:00 & 10:30AM
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome and Highlights
Sue Bolton
Pastor of Caring Ministries

Call to Worship

Bringing Our Praises
Christmas Day
Emmanuel (God With Us Forever)
What Child Is This

Advent Reading

Prayer

Receiving His Word
An Extraordinary Message to Ordinary People
Luke 2:8-20 (page 1591)
Marc Swenson
Associate Pastor

Responding to His Word
Away In A Manger

Blessing



**First Congregational
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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.**

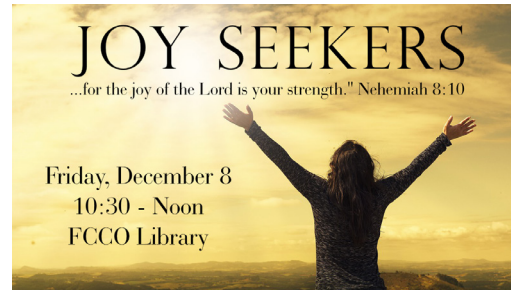
Thank you for your support of the ministry work being done through FCCO!

Giving is a privilege and a responsibility for all Christ followers. Your giving supports our mission of loving and reaching others for Christ here in the Ossipee Valley and beyond. There are several ways to give to FCCO: online at firstossipee.org/give; through our app; by mail; or during our regular Sunday services.

From (1/1/23 - 11/30/23) FCCO's projected operating budget was \$985,056. Currently, we have collected \$948,078 in tithes, reducing our budget deficit to \$36,978 as of 11/30/2023. Offerings were strong in November, but we still have work to do. Please help us reach our 2023 financial goals with your year-end gift.

this week

Joy Seekers - Friday, 10:30 am



Joy Seekers is a ministry that helps widows connect with each other while discovering the love and purpose God has planned for them as they enter and journey through this next season of life. Join us on Friday at 10:30 in the Library. Contact Sue Dorian for more information: pdorian@roadrunner.com.

Surviving the Holidays - Saturday, 10:00 am



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.



Outdoor Adventures -- Friday at 10:00AM

For more info, contact Pat (kpatty1022@yahoo.com).

at a glance

Opportunities to Connect, Equip, and Serve

Sunday, December 3

- 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)
- 12:00PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 7:00PM AA (book meeting)

Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Thursday, December 7

- 10:15AM CBS
- 6:00PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 8:00PM AA

Friday, December 8

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, December 9

- 9:00AM Surviving the Holidays
- 4:45PM Dinner Bell

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