

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

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Staff

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Director of Student Ministries
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ways to give



Today 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.

Diaper Drive

Diapers of all sizes are still needed for the Diaper Depot to distribute to local families in need. Collection bins are in the upstairs Atrium near the main entrance and downstairs in the Kids' Wing near the welcome desk.



looking ahead

January 15 -- Trail Life



Trail Life USA is a program where boys are engaged in real-world challenge and learn character and leadership in a practical hands-on manner that is naturally engaging. Open to boys ages 5-11. Trail Life will meet weekly on Mondays from 6:30-8:00 pm beginning January 15. More information is at www.firstossipee.org/events.

January 21 -- Pizza with the Pastors

Pastors Dan, Marc and Sue would love to get to know you! Come meet others new to FCCO, learn about the vision and ministries of the church, ask questions, and enjoy some pizza and salad on us! Childcare is provided. Register at www.firstossipee.org/events.



December 17, 2023

9:00 & 10:30AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Lo How A Rose (Instrumental)
Hark The Herald (Children's Handbells)

Welcome and Highlights

Joel Gill
Director of Student Ministries

Call to Worship

Bringing Our Praises

Love Has Come
Hark The Herald Angels Sing
The First Noel

Advent Reading

Prayer

Receiving His Word

A Favored Girl from a Forgotten Town
Luke 1:26-56 (page 1587)
Marc Swenson
Associate Pastor

Communion

Year-End & Benevolence Offering

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Blessing



**First Congregational
Church of Ossipee**

Christmas at FCCO



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.

Gifts at the Resource Center

Are you looking for a quality Christmas gift? Our Resource Center has an assortment of NIV and ESV bibles available, as well as several daily devotionals.

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. More information or reserve your centerpiece at www.firststossee.org/events.

this week

Stampin' Sisters -- Monday at 9:30AM

We will meet at the home of Eva Butman for a Christmas Brunch. Please let her know if you are coming. 603-205-3303 or EVASTVL@roadrunner.com.

Outdoor Adventures -- Friday at 10:00AM

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

discipleship & healing groups

D6 Intergenerational Class - Sundays at 9:00



Everyone from ninth grade to 99 years old is invited to study God's Word, grow, and build relationships together. The D6 Intergenerational Class isn't just a class, it's a way of building our faith and passing it down to the younger generations. Beginning January 7.

Survey of the Bible - Sundays at 9:00



Does the Bible seem overwhelming and unapproachable? Have you wanted to read it but don't know where to start? Would you like to have a better grasp of how it all fits together? If you've answered yes to some or all of these questions, the Survey of the Bible course is for you. Beginning January 14.

Financial Peace University - Wednesdays at 6:30



This engaging, life-changing video series/workbook will show you how to get out and stay out of debt. You'll learn how to manage your money, spend and save wisely, and avoid the pitfalls that rob us of financial peace. It's never too early or too late to learn to handle money God's way. Beginning January 17.

Growth Groups - Time & Location Varies



Growth groups are the primary way we develop Christ-centered friendships. These groups of 10-14 people meet weekly to share life together as they study Sunday's sermon. Through these groups relationships are deepened and lives are transformed through the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

CR Step Studies - Tuesdays



Who among us does 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. Men meet Tuesdays at 1:30 pm and Women meet Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.

GriefShare Support Group - Saturdays at 9:30



GriefShare is a well-known curriculum that assists anyone who is grieving from the loss of a loved one. Whether your loss is recent or not so recent, this group will be a safe place to process and understand your grief with others who understand the journey. Saturdays at 9:30 am beginning January 13.

at a glance

Opportunities to Connect, Equip, and Serve

Sunday, December 17

- 9:00AM Worship Service
- Kids' Ministries (through 6th grade)
- Student Ministries (Grades 7&8)
- D6 Intergenerational Class (Grade 9 through Adult)
- GO Team Meeting
- 10:30AM Worship Service
- Kids' Ministries (through 4th grade)
- 2:00PM Mountain View Church Service
- 7:00PM AA (book meeting)

Monday, December 18

- 9:30AM Stampin' Sisters Christmas Brunch

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, December 20

Thursday, December 21

- 8:00PM AA

Friday, December 22

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

Saturday, December 23

- 4:45PM Dinner Bell Christmas Meal

Sunday, December 24

- No Morning Services
- 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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