

**First Congregational Church**  
**Press Release**  
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Title: FCC Announces Tammy White as Leader of Altar Design Ministry

The First Congregational Church of Manchester announces that Tammy White will be organizing an Altar Design Ministry. This new ministry aims to make the visual arts a significant part of worship.

“There is a lot of confusion and debate in churches about contemporary and traditional worship,” White commented. “Decor is an important middle ground that is accessible for everyone.”

White and fellow volunteer Bonnie Nunn have created designs for special services such as Easter and Christmas in the past. The pastors and deacons approached White concerning ways to enhance worship. This led to months of research and consultation with various experts on altar design.

“The symbolism of various textiles, flowers, stones, or carvings can speak to people in the congregation and help them connect with God,” she adds. “This is a way to celebrate creation.”

“We don't want to change the sanctuary and make it a different place. We want to just add a part to the worship. It may only set the tone at the beginning or it may connect with the sermon.”