

North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window



Here Am I – Send Me!

The sixth chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah tells the story of the prophet's calling from God. It is, for Isaiah, an encounter with the overwhelming majesty and glory of God. Isaiah is fearful, quite conscious of his sinfulness before the Holy One. An angel, a 'seraph', touches brings a coal from the altar and touches it to Isaiah's lips, blotting out his sin and removing his guilt.

And then comes God's big question: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah's prompt reply is "Here am I; send me!" God sends Isaiah to proclaim God's message for the people.

You may recognize this exchange from the hymn "Here I Am, Lord."

During the season of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the powerful events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, and the resurrection of Jesus, I invite you to consider what God and Jesus may be asking of you.

As you reflect in thought and prayer, what is God asking of you? How do you feel the nudge of the Holy Spirit prompting you? Where is Jesus asking you to follow?

The Mission Teams of our church are intended to offer an opportunity to serve God, and Jesus, in the life of the church and in the community. Where is YOUR place among them?

In the hymn we sing "I will go, Lord, if you lead me…" Where will you go, and what will you do, to serve Jesus?

Peace, Scott Morrow



A St. Patrick's Day Lesson

When Ida McGuigan left Ireland in 1923 to find a better life in America, she carried \$22 and the promise of a job as a maid for a wealthy family on the Main Line in Philadelphia. The paperwork at Ellis Island lists her as having dark hair, blue eyes and a "fresh" complexion. Ida was my grandmother. In 1923, she was only 17 years old.

The hope that led Ida and thousands of others to leave home for America was the possibility of a dream. For Ida, the journey to the dream also took her further away from the sectarian violence and anti-Catholic discrimination and inequality that made everyday life wearying in Northern Ireland.

Ida was proud of her Irish heritage, and she sustained a strong attachment to "the old country" till the end of her days. Her attachment was never more evident than on March 17 – the Feast of St. Patrick.

In their tiny apartment in the Bronx, my grandparents proudly displayed vestiges of Ireland (Grandpa was from Galway), like delicate Belleek china and items featuring Connemara marble – reminders of home. But somehow the Irishness of that apartment seemed to be gloriously amplified on St. Patrick's Day. On March 17, the smell of boiling cabbage was inescapable, even in the narrow backroom where the kids gathered to watch the parade up Fifth Avenue on the small black and white Zenith. The mood in the apartment was festive and full of pride.





St. Patrick's Day is a religious holiday, but also a cultural one. My grandmother shared her Irish culture with her neighbors by bringing them loaves of homemade Irish soda bread. By the late 60's, the neighbors on Black Rock Avenue were mostly Hispanic. Mrs. Lopez lived downstairs, the Rodriguez family next door. The Irish, Germans and Italians were gone, out to Long Island or upstate, replaced by an influx of families who came seeking the same things that Ida did in 1923. The common bond for all was pride in your heritage, the bonds of family, and a strong Christian faith. Ida and her neighbors worshipped together in Holy Family church at the top of the street. My grandmother loved that church and the entire parish, and she welcomed the new immigrants and their new traditions.

Today, the website for Holy Family church reveals a diverse congregation, centered in Christ. Masses are offered in Spanish, along with Studios Biblicos en Español and Sociedad del Sagrado Corazon (Sacred Heart Society). My grandmother was proud of her Irish heritage and of this church. She embraced the vitality the new parishioners brought to parish life, and she tried to make them feel welcome and wanted. This was a part of her character, a stance formed by her own immigrant experience. Ida believed that inequality and injustice, in any sense, cannot be tolerated. By sharing soda bread with her neighbors on the Feast of St. Patrick, Ida showed these newcomers the welcoming face of America, on a single block, in a Bronx neighborhood she called home.

Happy St. Patrick's Day. Chris Corcoran



Ministry Coordinator For Children

Sunday school Calendar for March



March 1 - Communion Sunday; Children begin in Chapel, Church school, then to worship for Communion. Scripture: Matt. 4:1-11, Focus: To prepare for Lent by hearing a story about Jesus as he

gets ready to do God's work.

March 8 – Begin in worship; receive the Noisy Offering; leave for Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal. Scripture: John 3:1-17. Focus: To discover with Nicodemus that our questions help us learn about God's love.

March 15 - Begin in worship; leave for Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal. Scripture: John 4:5-42. Focus: To hear about God's love for all people from Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well

March 22 - Begin in worship; receive the Noisy Offering; leave for Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal. Scripture: John 9: 1-41. Focus: To hear, with the community of one born blind, that God's love has no limits.

Fun Family Faith Night 5-7 p.m.; Women of the Bible

March 29 - Begin in worship; leave for Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal. Scripture: John 11:1-45. Focus: To hear a story about Jesus' love and compassion for Lazarus, Mary and Martha (of Bethany)

New teachers for March and April: During March, Steve Simonson will teach Pre-K to Grade 2 and Sue Baldino will teach Grades 3-7. During April, Sue Baldino will teach Pre-K-Grade 2. We are still in need of a teacher for the month of April for Grades 3-7.



FUN FAMILY FAITH NIGHT March 22; 5:00-7:00 p.m. "Women of the Bible"

Heroines are not lacking in the Bible. In fact some entire books in the Old Testament are devoted entirely to a woman or women. From Sarah, to Easter, to Miriam (to name a few), we can learn many valuable life lessons about God and Jesus, keeping our faith even in the face of adversity, etc. Sarah, teaches us to trust in God, while Esther is a glowing example of standing up for others. Miriam encourages us to never give up and Rahab is a role model for always showing kindness. Hagar demonstrates that God can make a way for us even when there seems to be no way and Ruth shows that we are all important to God.

Join your church family on March 22 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for a multi-generational, fun-filled night of adventurous stories about some of the Bible's most courageous women. From dramatic readings to crafts and games; you won't want the night to end. In community, we'll enjoy exploring the stories of numerous women of the Bible, crafts and games, appetizers and a light supper.

PLANNING AHEAD: This year, PALM

SUNDAY is April 5 and EASTER is April 12. As is

tradition, the children will enjoy an **EASTER EGG HUNT** on the church lawn (weather permitting) immediately after worship.



In case of bad weather the hunt will be downstairs.

Karlee Etter Ministry Coordinator for Children

Church Family News

Birthdays Julie Schweickert 03/02, Stephen Baraquin 03/03, Aaron Baraquin 03/03, Sophia Keeler, 03/03, Amelia Murphy 03/05, Jaclyn Murphy 03/05, Francis Dutko 03/06, Cheryl Dutko 03/06, Amy Mears 03/12, Ryan Weiss 03/12, Patricia Jennings 03/13, Kristen Mazziotti 03/17, Joseph Mulvey 03/17, Jeffrey Derrick Jennings 03/18, Catherine Dubail 03/19, Ann Schneider 03/21, Lynn Lafleur 03/23, Elaine Burr 03/25, Herbert Schneider 03/25, Amanda Linsky 03/26, Sheree Alexander 03/27, Mark Bessette 03/29, Charlotte Shea 03/31, Janelly Ane Santiago 03/31.

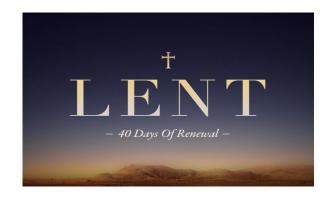
Anniversaries Fran & Cheryl Dutko 3/3, Kerry & Eben Stewart 03/08, Peter & Cheryl Hall, Bernie & Elfie Hummel 03/28, Robbie & Bruno Juliano 03/29.

Deaths Pamela A. Hotton died on February 2. Pam was the wife of Ron Hotton, and the daughter of Joe and Marion Dunn, and the sister of Cheryl Solecki. Her funeral was held in the Church on Feb. 11. We give thanks for Pam's life, and ask God's comfort and strength for her family.

2020 Has many opportunities for you to participate in Worship. Please sign up in the Narthex to assist with our worship service.

March 1st 2020 (First Sunday in Lent): Deacon of the Day is Tim Peiffer. Co-Deacon is Joan Bennett. Deacons Serving Communion are Tim Peiffer, Joan Bennett, Jim Bennett & Sally Pallatto. Co-Celebrant is Carol Amico. Prayer Reader is Tim Peiffer. Scripture Reader is Cathy Welch. Flowers are provided by Hannah Dean. Coffee Hour hosts are the Schweickert Family. Children begin in Chapel then go to church school and return to worship to share in Communion.

- March 8th 2020 (Second Sunday in Lent): Deacon is AnneMarie Czajkowski. Co-Deacon is Doris Ferner. Prayer reader is Carol Amico. Greeters are Priscilla Bradford & Jeff Whipple. Scripture Reader is Beth Anderson. Flowers are provided by Cheryl Bogert. Coffee Hour hosts are Jim & Joan Bennett. Children begin in worship, collect the Noisy Offering, and then go to Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal.
- March 15th 2020 (Third Sunday of Lent): Deacon is Joan Bennett. Co-Deacon is Jim Bennett. Prayer reader is Jim Bennett. Greeters are James & Colin Studley. Scripture Reader is Jim Bennett. Flowers are provided by Herb & Ann Schneider in celebration of both their birthdays in March. Coffee Hour hosts are Tom & Wendy Glynn. Children begin in worship, and then go to Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal.
- March 22nd 2020 (Fourth Sunday of Lent): Deacon is Nancy Mahoney . Co-Deacon is Dot Pierce. Prayer reader is Adam Schweickert. Greeters are Sandy Carter & Sally Pallatto. Scripture Reader is Adam Schweickert. Flowers are provided by Sandy Carter. Coffee Hour hosts are Rob & Lynne Nielsen. Children begin in worship, collect the Noisy Offering, and then go to Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal.
- March 29th 2020 (Fifth Sunday of Lent): Deacon is Cathy Welch. Co-Deacon is Sally Pallatto. Prayer reader is Carol Amico. Greeters are the Murphy Family. Scripture Reader is Fran Dutko. Flowers are provided by Cathy Welch. Coffee Hour is needed. Children begin in worship, and then go to Church School, Children's Choir rehearsal.





Opportunities in Lent and Holy Week Wednesday, February 26th: Ash Wednesday: Soup Supper 5:30pm, Worship 7:00pm Sunday, March 1st – 1st Sun. Lenten Study 10:45 Tuesday, March 3rd: Bible Study 6:00pm The Passion Story in Matthew. Sunday, March 8th: 2nd Sun.- Lenten Study 10:45 Tuesday, March 10th: Bible Study 6:00pm The Passion Story in Matthew. Thursday, March 12th: (DESK) 5:00pm Sunday, March 15th: 3rd Sun.- Lenten Study 10:45 Tuesday, March 17th: Bible Study 6:00pm The Passion Story in Matthew. Sunday, March 22nd: 4th Sun.- Lenten Study 10:45 Faith, Family, Fun Night 5:00pm Tuesday, March 24th Bible Study 6:00pm The Passion Story in Matthew. Thursday, March 26th Blood Drive 1:30pm Sunday, March 29th: 5th Sun.- Lenten Study 10:45 Tuesday, March 31st: Bible Study 6:00pm The Passion Story in Matthew. Sunday, April 5th: Palm Sunday Service – Lenten Study 11:00a.m. Holy Week: Mon-Fri, Apr 6-10: Noon Prayer Tuesday, April 7th: Bible Study 6:00pm The Passion Story in Matthew. Thursday, April 9th: (DESK) 5:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Tenebrae 7:00pm Friday, April 10th: Good Friday 12 – 3pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer & Reflection Saturday, April 11th: Holy Saturday 9am – 12pm Sanctuary Open for Prayer & Reflection Sunday, April 12th: *Easter Sunday!!!!* ONE service at 9:30 a.m.



OASIS YOUTH GROUP And MULTI-CHURCH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Oasis Multi-church Youth Group will meet regularly on Sunday afternoon from 5-6:30. Occasionally the time will shift for special activities. The Confirmation Class will meet once a month on Sunday afternoon from 4-5pm, and join in with the Youth Group twice a month. 5th-7th graders join the OASIS Youth events once each month. Here is the schedule for March: All meetings are at **First Presbyterian Church!!**

- Sunday, March 1st OASIS Escape the Church 5-6:30!
- Sunday, March 8th Confirmation Class 2-5pm, Make your own Pizza Night 5-6:30, 5th-7th graders invited to join in!
- Sunday, March 15th OASIS Environmental Justice Night 5-6:30
- Friday, March 20th- Saturday, March 21st -OASIS and Confirmation – True Colors Conference, UCONN Storrs.
- Sunday, March 29th OASIS Open Mic Night 5-6:30

OASIS Racial Justice Training On Sunday, Feb.23, members of the OASIS Multi-Church Youth Group and Joint Confirmation Class completed the Racial Justice Training program for Youth sponsored by the Southern New England Conference, UCC. The program involved video clips, discussion, and written reflection, and was led by OASIS Youth Coordinator Emily McKenna. The group also enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner of left-overs from the Pierpont Dinner!

OASIS Youth to Attend True Colors Conference

Members of the OASIS Multi-church Youth Group will attend the 27th Annual True Colors Conference March 20 & 21 at UCONN in Storrs, CT. The True Colors Conference is the largest conference for LGBT youth and their supporters in the country. True Colors, a non-profit agency, works with social service agencies, schools, organizations and communities to provide support for LGBT youth and education and encouragement for their families and support communities. The Conference offers workshops and discussion groups for youth, parents, advisors and professionals. The event includes keynote speakers and artistic performances. There are youth-only gatherings for middle-school, highschool, and college students. All activities are designed to promote values of respect, inclusion, safety, and empowerment.

Overnight accommodations (Fri-Sat) for OASIS members will be at Storrs Congregational Church. More information about the True Colors Conference is available at https://ourtruecolors.org/conference/.

Mission Team News

New Look for the Library

Thanks to the time and money from Women's Fellowship, the Library has a new look. Stop by and check out the Library the next time you are at the church.



Mystery Dinner: Lots of Laughs

The Mystery Dinner was a success. We raised \$991

for the church's general fund and had a fun evening. Thank you to all who participated to make this event a



success. Special thanks to Priscilla Bradford who coordinated the evening, Cooks: John Tibor, Peter Hall, Rick Massey. Kitchen Crew: Sue Compton, Beth Anderson, And Gressa Quinn, Servers: Onna and Sam Gott, Dishwashing: Larry Ballantyne.



Easter Lilies

With the arrival of spring and its early signs of emergence of flowers and shrubs, we remind you of the Easter Lily Special offerings that have been a part of our Easter tradition for many years. As most of you know, the lilies allow us to give a memorial to our family members and beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. They are distributed to our shutins and ill members after the service. Your support is appreciated. **Flower envelopes are available in the sanctuary pews. Please note to whom the Lilies are dedicated.**





North Haven High School Concert and Dinner a Big Success!

A great time was had by all; good food, good company and talented musicians put on a fantastic show! Proceeds from the event were over \$1,700. The church will donate approximately \$700 to the music program at North Haven High School which leaves around \$1,000 for the Fund Raising line item of the budget. Thanks to all who helped to make the evening a huge success.

Pink Envelope - Special Music Collection for Guest Musicians at Easter



We are very grateful to Special Music Fund supporters in the congregation who give regularly by using the pink music envelope and/or specifying "special music" in the memo line of their check. This money goes directly toward funding guest musicians on Easter. We have two professional trumpeters coming to both a Saturday dress rehearsal and the Easter Sunday service this year,

and we would be open to a professional percussionist, as well. It is important that we compensate our guest musicians fairly and at current professional rates. Thanks to all who have made this possible! We are eagerly anticipating the blooming of spring and the resurrection of Christ!

Music Ministry Team!



Are there any church members interested in joining the Chancel Choir for Easter? We would love to have you! We want to fill the church with celebratory music of the resurrection!

Ideally, you would be able to attend two or three rehearsals in the run-up to the special day. These rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. There will be two other special rehearsals, as well. One is on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00pm and the other is Saturday, April 11th, (with brass musicians) from 12:00pm-1:30pm

If you can make some or all of these practice dates and want to sing some joyful music, please contact me or any member of the choir. I'm also happy to provide you with helpful MP3 files via email or a practice CD for your home CD player. A meeting by appointment is also a possibility.

Please don't hesitate to make a joyful noise! We have only one Easter service at 9:30am this year, so we would love to have "all hands on deck"!



Passing the Hammer – Habitat News



Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven held a dedication ceremony on January 26 for the new home at 631 Ferry Street. The proud owner, Keyanna Haynes, was presented with a hammer, a tradition which symbolizes her commitment to the care and maintenance of her new home. Passing the hammer is Antoine Claiborne, Habitat Construction Manager. Keyanna's grandmother, a pastor, and her mother both offered blessings for the home and for her family. The home construction project was sponsored by Sleeping Giant Build. Keyanna, her husband Anthony, and her son all worked many hours on the construction. NHCC volunteers included Peter Hall, Julie McGarry, John Peters, and Peter Struk.

Open & Affirming Mission Team Proposed

This year is the 10th anniversary of our congregation's vote to become an Open & Affirming Church – a church which specifically welcomes people of all sexual orientations to the mission and ministries we share. With the goal of celebrating this anniversary and invigorating our Open & Affirming welcome and invitation, Meg Adams has suggested an Open & Affirming Mission Team. Please read her invitation below ...

Open & Affirming- An Invitation from Meg Adams

Hi Folks. I feel healing has and is taking place with your prayers, thank you once again and God to whom I am eternally grateful. Now that I can count on my health more, bless the Lord, I volunteered to be part of the Open and Affirming Mission Team. I am currently the only person on this team with Pastor Scott. I want more of you to join us! Maybe we could have some meetings during the day. I. Know there are some of you who do not drive at night. Or maybe we could have group meetings online by FaceTime. I need your ideas and input!

I'll be in church. Or you can call me, Scott or Julie. My phone# is 203-691-9022 and email address is: quillandbrush46@gmail.com

Thank you and God bless you, Meg Adams



Weekly Bible Study on Tuesday Nights-

Join Us! Weekly Bible Study on Tuesday Evening – Join us! We continue with a weekly Bible Study on Tuesday afternoons at 6pm. We will meet for an hour for study and prayer in the Heath Room. Stop in on your way home from work, or just before supper!



Fri., March 6 – Sun,, March 8, 2020

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING at Silver Lake Conference Center. If you've thought of being a counselor at Silver Lake in the summer, this weekend is for you! Learn how to lead games, how to quiet a roomful of campers, and how to keep them safe. Successful completion of this training qualifies you to be a counselor or CIT during summer 2020. Must be 15 years old by June 15, 2019. For more information go to www.ctucc.org or speak with Scott Morrow. Registration is limited – don't wait!

ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!!!

Women's Fellowship will be hosting our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage, St Patrick's Day Dinner, Saturday March 7th at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$17.00 Children under 12, \$5.00. Seating is limited, don't delay! Buy your tickets today! Takeout orders will be available by pre ordering. Pick up time for takeout will be 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. You may also reserve your tickets by calling the church office. Last day for ticket sales is March 1st! Don't miss the delicious meal and fun evening! All dinners must be paid in advance!!



Daylight Savings Time –Remember that **Daylight Savings Time** begins on Sunday, March 8. Turn your clocks forward 1 hour!

Endowment Team Needs Your Help

The Endowment team would like to create a Legacy Society. The Team is asking members and friends who have already made legacy gift commitments to the North Haven Congregational Church to contact Julie in the Church office at 203 239 5691 or Bryant Munson with a brief description of your commitment. We would like to make you a founding member of the Legacy Society. Possible commitments are to name the North Haven Congregational Church as:

> Beneficiary of a retirement acct Beneficiary in your will Beneficiary of an annuity Beneficiary of a life insurance policy

The next meeting of the Endowment team will be Thursday, March 12 at 10:15 in the Heath room. Anyone with interest in the Endowment is welcome to join us. We will be joined by our Advisor from UBS.

Super Saturday is March 14!

On Saturday, March 14, lay leaders and clergy will gather in Wilbraham, MA, for a day of worship, wonderful workshops, and networking. This event is sponsored by the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. Let's take a big group! The keynote speaker is the Rabbi Elan Babchuk. He is the founding director of GLEAN Network, an incubator and network for faith leaders reimagining the role of faith in an everchanging world. Rabbi Babchuk also serves the Director of Innovation at CLAL, a think-tank focused on the future of faith in America. There are over 50 great workshops touching on every area of church leadership and program -Ministries of Governance/Administration. Social Justice, Church Vitality, Wellness, Children and Youth, Creation Care, Leadership, Preaching and Teaching, and Digital Media Ministries. You can read about Super Saturday and view brochure and workshops at www.macucc.org - search for Super Saturday.

Please put this exciting event on your calendar! Registration deadline is February 29, and workshop attendance will be limited. For more information, or to carpool, talk to Scott.

A new way to meet your fellow church members! Gentle Yoga with Rebecca.

Come stretch your stress away with a gentle yoga class designed for all abilities. Improve your balance, gain strength, and help decrease your chronic pain. Beginners welcome! Please bring your own yoga matt. To be held at church downstairs in the Double Classroom (DBL).



Gentle Yoga with Rebecca Santillo Wednesdays at 7pm

Beginning March 18th Only \$10 per week.

Weekly pre-signups are required by Sunday night each week to reserve your spot. First signup deadline is **Sunday March 15th**. Priority is given to church members. Classes filled on a first come first serve basis. 12-14 people per class.

For sign ups and/or questions please contact Melissa DeLuca by email mlavanway@sbcglobal.net or by Cell 203-430-7317.

Covenant to Care: Easter Basket Time On Sunday, March 15th those in our church who want to hand up their angel wings from Christmas and don their bunny ears for Easter will have their opportunity to fill an Easter basket for a specific and special DECD child. On that Sunday the Easter tree will have the tags with the name of the child, age and sex who otherwise would not otherwise have an Easter treat. Take a tag, fill the basket with some fun things and perhaps a little candy, attach the tag and return it to the church by **Palm Sunday, April 5th**. It will make you feel so good you will want to hop home.

Boy Scout Troop 811 is selling Wooden Palm Crosses as a Fund Raiser

Boy Scouts from Troop 811 are selling wooden Palm Crosses again this year. The crosses are 24" high by 12" wide, each has two plastic lilies and one bow, and colors are lavender, purple, blue and pink. Each Palm Cross is \$10. Proceeds will be used to support Youth Leadership Training, Merit Badge purchases, other training materials, Equipment and Supplies for different Scouting events. The Boy Scouts of Troop 811 thank you for

your support. Crosses can be ordered online at https://troop811.weebly.com/; Orders are due Sunday, March 15. Crosses can be picked up at Faith United Methodist Church on Sat. March 29,



12:30pm – 2:30pm. Payment will be due when picked up. Any questions, call the church office at 203-239-5691.

One Great Hour of Sharing - March 22ND

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC. Working with partner organizations; OGHS funding helps to provide sources of clean water, food, education and healthcare, small business micro-credit, resettlement and advocacy for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief efforts. For more information, please see <u>www.ucc.org/oghs</u>. Please make a generous gift on March 22ND.



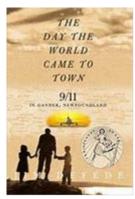
Tuesday, March 26 - 1:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.

North Haven Congregational Church will be hosting a Blood Drive. Please call the church office to sign up.

First NHCC Book Club Meeting: Success!

On Sunday January 26th we had our first NHCC Book Club meeting with 14 members attending. The book we discussed was "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall. Everyone loved the book and we had a lot of great discussion around the characters and their lives as they served their church. Great Food, Fellowship and Friends!

Our next book selection is "The Day the World



Came to Town 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland" by Jim Defende. The Day the World Came to Town chronicles the events in Gander, Newfoundland, when President Bush closed American airspace on 9/11/2001. The people of Gander, population about 10,000, had 28 planes

diverted to Gander. On 30 minutes notice, they

housed, fed and clothed (the passengers were not allowed their luggage) almost 8,000 people. "A wonderful and engaging account that reaffirms the remarkable humanity and kindness that flourished in the immediate aftermath of 9/11."

Our next meeting will be on March 29th from 3-5 at the DeLuca residence. Please RSVP to Melissa via email at mlavanway@sbcglobal.net or text 203-430-7317, if you are interested, it's not too late to join in on the fun!

Celebrate Abraham's Tent 2020!!

Thank you to all who were involved in another successful year supporting Abraham's Tent. A service of celebration will be held on the final Sunday of this year's Abraham's Tent hospitality, March 29th, at Orange Congregational Church, where the guests will be staying. The time has not been set yet – stay tuned!

Spring Cleanup April 4TH from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(*Rain date: April 11th*)



Come join us on **Saturday morning**, **April 13th** to help with our **Annual Spring Cleanup**. Bring whatever tools you may have around the house - leaf blowers, trimmers and

rakes. We plan on cleaning out the flower beds, cleaning gutters, trimming the trees, and mulching. *Building and Grounds Committee*

New to the Church? Hold these dates!

A series of three gatherings for newcomers to our church will be held on three Sundays in April and May: on April 5th, April 26th, and May 3rd from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Library. These occasions, hosted by the Worship Team, will offer an opportunity to learn about ways to get connected in the church, as well as to meet some of the members. All who are interested in joining, or simply in learning more about the church, are invited. If you have any questions, <u>or if you will need childcare</u>, please speak with Scott Morrow. Mark the dates on the calendar; more information will be forthcoming!

Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Please note there will be ONLY ONE worship

service on Easter morning, Sunday April 12TH. The service will be at 9:30 a.m.



Mission Check-In Scheduled for April 18

Five years ago our congregation voted to change our church governance and organization. We moved from a Church Council and Committees to a Ministry Leadership Board (MLB) and Mission Teams. Now it's time for review, evaluation, and goal-setting. You are invited to the Mission Check-In on Saturday, April 18, 8:30-11:30am. Together, will review the reasons for our change, what's working well with our MLB and Mission Teams, and what needs to be improved. We'll set some goals for the coming year, and decide about next steps. This event depends on MLB members, Mission Team members, and church members who are not part of a Mission Team. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

Rebuilding Together: April 25, 2020

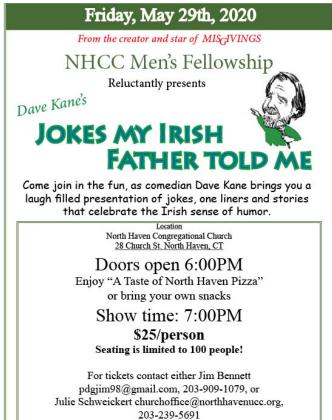
We are looking for volunteers to spend the day working on a house side by side with its owner to



provide them with a safe place to live. We will need people with carpentry, electrical, plumbing skills and many people with strong backs. You will be rewarded many times over for the time you spend on this day. If you have any questions or can volunteer, please contact Priscilla Bradford <u>Priscilla.bradford.snet.net</u> or John Tibor John.tibor@snet.net.

Tres Dias Weekends Coming

Tres Dias Weekends offer the opportunity for a three-day reflection upon one's faithful walk with Christ amid a joyous and encouraging community. A weekend for men (Men's #108) will be offered Thursday evening May $28^{th} - 31^{st.}$ A weekend for women (Women's #108) will be offered June 4^{th} – June 7th. The weekends take place in Farmington, CT. You can find more information on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the church office, and by talking with a member of the Tres Dias Community in our congregation.



All proceeds to benefit North Haven Congregational Church

Storm Closings

If church programs or activities should need to be cancelled due to bad weather, this information will be broadcast on WTNH TV channel 8 and WFSB TV channel 3. It will also be listed on our website (<u>www.northhavenucc.org</u>), and on our outgoing telephone message.

It is church policy that afternoon and evening activities for youth are cancelled if school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal. If church programs or activities should need to be cancelled due to bad weather, this information will be broadcast on WTNH TV channel 8 and WFSB TV channel 3. It will also be listed on our new website at (<u>www.northhavenucc.org</u>), and on our outgoing telephone message. It is church policy that afternoon and evening activities for youth are cancelled if school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal.

Summer 2020 is coming to Silver Lake!!

Silver Lake Conference Center is a beautiful and exciting place in Sharon, CT. Registration for Summer 20230 opened on Jan. 15! The summer camp offers week-long conferences from June 28 -August 15 for youth in grades 4-12. Enjoy games, swimming, crafts, a ropes adventures course. delicious meals, and singing around the campfire. Watch for the 2020 Camp Brochure! There is a half-week session for 4th grader plus adult, "My Loved One & Me" June 28-July 1, and there are two half-week Family Camp sessions August 2-5 and August 9-12. The "Hammer & Nail" mission trip conference for 10th-12th graders will work at H.O.M.E. in Orland. ME July 19-25. You can look at the schedule on the bulletin board outside the Church office, or you can look online at www.silverlakect.org. Costs for the sessions vary. There may be limited scholarship assistance available through the church. Please contact Karlee Etter, Kerry Stewart, Scott Morrow or Julie Schweickert with questions. Find the Parent Guide and more information at www.silverlakect.org/summercamp. Youth ages 15-16 can attend a Counselor-In-Training weekend March 6-8, and a Counselor Retreat is scheduled for April 3-4. There is also a pre-camp Pioneer week for 9th-12th graders June 21-27. For more information, go to the website www.silverlakect.org, or talk with Karlee Etter, Kerry Stewart, or Scott Morrow.

Time for a New Directory! Lifetouch



It has been four years since our last directory and a lot has changed. In the coming weeks you will get notification of the days we will be taking the pictures. Please sign up and be part of our new directory, there is no cost to you. Last time we had 96 families participate, let's do even better this time.

For participating in the directory you will receive a free 8x10 of your sitting, a copy of the directory when it is completed (both hard copy and mobile), and the opportunity to purchase additional copies of your pictures. Each sitting will receive a \$10 off coupon, Veterans and Active Duty Military receive 20% off purchases, and seniors (over 60) receive 10% off purchases.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship's Annual St Patrick's Dinner will be taking place on Saturday March 7 at 6:00 p.m., and there is still time to purchase a dinner. We have only 5 seats available to eat-in

Please call Lynne 203-239-7800 for availability!

We will be selling take-out as well (order and prepayment required). Presently we will be serving 84 dinners! Don't miss out. Place your order today! Price is \$17 per person. Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, and dessert will be served

Valentine's Day was celebrated with a Pot Luck Dinner, with 18 in attendance. The food was fabulous! We have some great cooks among us.

Hand-crafted cards were made and mailed to our homebound members. Another fun-filled evening! Thanks to all who attended.

Spring is right around the corner and that means our Spring Military Whist Card Party is scheduled for Friday April 17 at 6:15 p.m.! Tickets are available for advance purchase—\$10 per person. Sandwiches, desserts, and drinks are included! Raffle tickets will be available for a variety of great gifts. This event sells out quickly! Purchase your ticket(s) as soon as possible! Please call Lynne (203 239-7800) or see her at coffee hour.

Hope to see you soon. Come join the fun with women of the church!

Men's Fellowship

We held two breakfasts in February: twelve men attended our February 1st gathering; and we improved our numbers to sixteen on February 15th. Topics discussed ran the full gamut of what guys normally talk about: sports, family, and sports most-particularly. We approved a \$200 donation to the Sleeping Giant Build at our February 15th confabulation, and we also decided to hold another Men's Social at J. Roo's. March 11th will be the date. 5:30 pm will be our start time, and those men planning to participate are asked to please so respond to Rob Nielsen. Please mark Friday, May 29th on your calendars and plan to support our firstever Men's Comedy Night fundraiser titled "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me." Tickets to it will be priced at \$25 and will include the price of the show plus a "Taste of North Haven Pizza." Lastly, the men will next gather for breakfast on Saturday, March 7th, at 7:00 am.

Jim Bennett Secretary, Men's Fellowship

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, Mar 14 – Super Saturday: Saturday, Apr 18 – Mission Check-In 8:30-11:30 Saturday, Apr. 25 – ReBuilding Together Day of Mission Saturday, May 2 – Pierpont Concert: Mark Platt Sunday, May 31 – Confirmation Sunday NHCC Saturday, Jun. 20 – 2nd Annual Meeting of the SNE Conference at Bryant College, RI

PRAYER REQUESTS

In this month's *Window* we continue to list the names of persons for whom we pray in our worship each Sunday. Please add these special people to your prayers at home. Watch the *Window* each month for changes in this list.

In Our Prayers This Month are: Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Francis Dutko, Sabrina Selmer, Dot Pierce, Kathie Gant, and Linda Shannon.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



If you are unable to receive Communion on the first Sunday of the month in church, we would be happy to bring this Sacrament to you, whether you are at home or in the hospital. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 to set a time that would be convenient for you.

CARDS & LETTERS

Below are some of our church members who are not always able to be present for worship on Sunday mornings. We keep in touch with them through visitation such as home Communion and gifts of holiday flowers. Tapes of worship services have been shared with those who desire them. We also include names and addresses for these members in each copy of the *Window*. We invite you to send them a card and include them in your prayers.

> Mary Cestaro c/o Marilyn Odell 21 Marion Lane Brewster, MA 02631



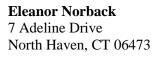


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3.00pm Book Club (DeLuca's)						
5.00 Oasis (FPC) Open Mic Night		6:00 Bible Study (L)				

NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH United Church of Christ An Open & Affirming Congregation	LECTIONARY READINGS March 1 st 2020 (First Sunday in Lent):		
28 Church Street North Haven, CT 06473		Psalm 32 Matthew4:1-11	
203-239-5691 203-234-1751 (fax) Church Office @NorthHavenUCC.org	March 8th 2020 (Second Sund Genesis 12:1-4a Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Psalm 121	
www.NorthHavenUCC.org <u>OFFICE HOURS</u> 8:00 am to 2:30 pm SENIOR PASTOR	March 15 th 2020 (Third Sunda Exodus 17:1-7 Romans 5:1-11		
Rev. Scott Morrow MINISTRY COORDINATOR FOR CHILDREN Karlee Etter	March 22 nd 2020 (Fourth Sund 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Ephesians 5:8-14		
MUSIC DIRECTOR Jeffrey Hutchins ORGANIST Gary Snowbeck	March 29 th 2020 (Fifth Sunda) Ezekiel 37:1-14 Romans 8:6-11	y of Lent): Psalm 130 John 11:1-45	
OFFICE MANAGER Julie Schweickert			
SEXTON Todd Swarney			
<u>WINDOW DEADLINE</u> March 18, 2020			

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