



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

June 2020

*FROM THE
PASTOR* 

The Walk of Faith

Hiking is something I've enjoyed all my life. I started hiking as a youngster, following my Dad down the trail. I've hiked with family, Scout groups, college programs, summer camp groups, and with groups of friends. I've learned it's a good idea to take a look at a map before starting out. Once the hike has begun, the directions from the map can be observed by looking for blazes. Blazes are markings along the trail, left by those who take care of the trail for hikers who will follow. Originally, blazes were marked on trees with an axe or a hatchet; now they are most often painted rectangles on trees. The color of the blaze identifies the trail. In mountainous areas, above the tree line, trails are marked by cairns – a small pile of carefully stacked rocks.

Sometimes people hike where there are no trails. There is the place of beginning, and the destination. On such hikes it's best to have a more detailed map (showing elevations, bridges, buildings, etc) and a compass. This type of hike is sometimes called bushwhacking – just pushing your way through the trees and undergrowth. When I worked at a summer camp in Vermont, the annual "Mt. Ascutney Bushwhack" was a camper favorite.

Most hikes have some bushwhacking sooner or later. Perhaps a tree has fallen across the trail, or a creek has washed the trail away. Perhaps the tree with the blaze fell, and there is no blaze to be found. Some doubling back, wandering parallel to the trail, and keeping the destination in mind will get around the obstacle, and eventually the detour will become the new trail.

Brian McLaren has written a book about the journey of faith entitled "We Make the Road by Walking". He suggests that spiritual growth and energy can

come from stepping off the well-worn faith trail so familiar to us, and trying some bushwhacking.

This spring has certainly been a journey of bushwhacking. So much of our church life and program, so familiar and precious, has been interrupted and detoured! We long for the opportunity to gather with friends, to smile and laugh and listen to stories, and to pray alongside each other. Instead, we have been bushwhacking through online worship, ZOOM meetings, and parking lot picnics. The approach of summer brings signs of a gradual re-opening of business and community, amid new guidelines for safe distancing and precautions.

Each one of us will need to make our own thoughtful and prayerful decisions of when and how and where to venture out. We will make thoughtful and prayerful decisions about worshiping in-person and opening the church building. We will make the journey of this summer by praying and by walking, confident of Jesus' presence with us, and God's loving guidance.

Scott Morrow



A Time for Hope and Patience

The smell of fresh cut grass and lily of the valley drift my way. The sun is shining and warms my back. There is a gentle breeze drying my clothes and birds are singing. I am sitting on the deck writing this article enjoying all that spring has to offer.



Do you find yourself spending more and more time outside? You are not alone! Spending time in quarantine for the last few months, I walk as much as possible. Sometimes I walk socially distant with friends or family, most often I just need to get out of the house! Being outside gives me hope and patience to endure. Romans 8:25 "But if we hope for what we do not see, we will wait for it with patience."

I miss my church family, hugs from my grandchildren, going out to dinner and other social gatherings. Celebrations have been put on hold. All this and more have been pushed aside for now.

Life is different than it was a few months ago. We watch online church services. Stores have special hours for seniors, social distancing- keeping a minimum of 6 feet from others, wearing face masks, etc. have become the norm for us.

Yes, life is different but good things are happening involving our church. A second round of calls to members is currently in progress to "check in". Those I spoke to the first time expressed heartwarming gratitude to the members who were reaching out from church.

The church may be closed for Sunday services but the Food Pantry is operating weekly with an increased need. There has been wonderful support from the community in terms of money and food donation. Food will continue to be needed by people faced with

uncertainty regarding employment. Those in need are extremely grateful for the help being provided.

Why should we have hope? God plans for us for good, to give us a future and hope for better things. Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope." Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Our church is closed for Sunday services right now and will be for an uncertain amount of time. I pray you enjoy what God provides for us - the warmth of the sun, fragrant flowers, gentle breezes, and the promise of things to come. Most importantly, Romans 12:12 tells us, " Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." God Bless and stay safe!

Nancy Mahoney

Coronavirus Precautions At Church

Online worship services, cancellation of in-person church groups and activities, and closure of the Church building will continue until further notice. The Ministry Leadership Board will make decisions about the resumption of in-person worship and other activities, and inform the congregation at each step in the process.

The Church Office & Food Pantry are

Open The Church Office is currently open Monday – Friday 8:00am-2:30pm, and the Food Pantry is open by appointment Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-11am. Anyone who needs food during these uncertain times can simply call the Church Office.



We are currently live streaming our 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship services [CLICK HERE to view service].



Worship Services Online

Worship services are being live streamed to the new NHCC website (www.northhavenucc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. The services can be watched on a desktop or laptop computer, a tablet or iPad, or a smartphone (see above). We update the congregation on worship details weekly by email. More recently, the services have been recorded. Recordings can also be viewed through the church website. If you are not able to watch the service online for any reason, please call the church office and let us know.

**Ministry Coordinator
for Children**

Church School Calendar

- June 7** Live-Stream worship 9:30; Communion Sunday Scripture for Home Church School; Genesis 1:1-4a
- June 14** Live-Stream Worship 9:30: Heritage Sunday Scripture for Home Church School; Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 21 Live-Stream worship 9:30 am; Father's Day Scripture for Home Church School; Matt. 10:24-29

June 28 Live-Stream worship 9:30 am Scripture for Home Church School; Matt. 10:40-42

Stories, printed resources and opening and closing prayers for Home Church School will be forwarded to families as needed.

Summer Church School

It appears that we will continue Live-Stream worship through the Summer. Therefore, sadly, we will not have a traditional Summer Church school program. Although I hope there will be some sense of Summer Church School; whatever form it may take. Once decisions and plans have been made, families will be updated with the details.

However, please know that although the children cannot be physically in church, birthdays will still be recognized and celebrated, as I did during April and May. When your child's Summer birthday month (June, July, August) arrives, I will be paying you a visit (probably on a Sunday) from a distance of course, to give each child his or her birthday Goody bag.

In the meantime, although some restrictions have been lifted, our community faces another month of battling Covid19. But just as the weather is beginning to improve, so are our chances to get outside and enjoy God's beautiful world!

When you do have a chance to get outside, listen for God in the quiet and the silence. God is best heard in those times and places; and often, when and where you least expect him. Enjoy the beach, parks, outside dining or picnics, and perhaps camping (all while we continue to practice Social Distancing, of course). Listen for the birds, enjoy the vibrant colors of the trees, plants, shrubs, and soak up all that nature has to offer, and find renewal in the warmth of the sunshine; in God's love.

With blessings for your health and safety,
Karlee Etter
Ministry Coordinator for Children
North Haven Congregational Church



Church Family News

Birthdays Jeanne Reardon 06/02, Wendy Russo 06/02, Susan Compton 06/03, John Rankin

06/03, David Nottingham 06/04, Joan Melillo 06/06, David Estep 06/10, Colleen McBride 06/11, Thomas McBride 06/11, Bernard Hummel 06/12, Aaron Dean 06/17, Hannah Dean 06/17, Makenzie Conley 06/23, Finley McBride 06/24, September Baraquin 06/26, Gabriella DeLuca 06/26, William Olmstead 06/28, Mary Cestaro 06/29 (102 years old), Suzanne Light 06/29.

Anniversaries Mark & Martha Butterworth 06/06, Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski 06/09, Ted & Joyce Manzo 06/10, Stephen & Linda Simonson 06/10, Dan & Lynn Lafleur 06/11, Jeff & Jackie Jennings 06/27, Ryan & Jennifer DiVito 06/30.

Births: **Davis James LoDolce**, son of Chris LoDolce and Jessica Dockendorff LoDolce,



was born on May 2. Leslie and Jim Dockendorff are proud grandparents!

William Jack Kirk, son of Daniel Kirk and Vanessa Carmona Kirk, was born on May 20. Linda Wolf Kirk is a proud grandmother!



Deaths: **David Purcell** died on April 29, 2020 as a result of a motorcycle accident. David was the husband of Heather Rowe-Purcell, and the father of Cole and Ben Purcell and stepfather of Onna and Sam Gott. We give thanks for the precious life of David, and ask God’s tender comfort for Heather, Onna, Sam, Cole, and Ben, and all the family and friends. Read more at

<https://www.wsclancy.com/obituaries/David-Edward-Purcell?obId=13234145#/obituaryInfo>

Albert Bogert, father of Cheryl Bogert, died on May 10, 2020. Al was an industrial arts teacher, and made beautiful furniture that is cherished by his family. He was very devoted to his wife, Joan, whom he met on the first day of biology as sophomores in high school. Al and Joanie were married for 72 years. Joan died in 2017. There is no obituary available at this time, we will share more information when it is available.

Mary Ann Yursha, mother of Mary Johnston, died on May 13, 2020. We give thanks to God for the precious life of Mary Ann, and ask God’s comfort for Mary and all the family and friends. Read more about Mary Ann at

<https://www.wallingfordfh.com/obituary/mary-ann-yursha> .

Our Website has a new look!



Check out our new website, Northhavenucc.org . (the computer version shown above) We kept the same name and a lot of the great content. Over the past month I have been working to design and implement a new website for the church. I was able to use the terrific work the original Website Mission team did and build from there. Our old website was on an

unstable platform and was difficult to maintain. With the assistance of Mark Bessette we chose to create a new website on Go Daddy, a stable and easier to maintain platform. Please let the office know if you have any comments or suggestions about our new Website.

Julie Schweickert

A Quick Note About Church Finances

It has been ten weeks since we began livestreaming the worship service from the sanctuary. There is an invitation to an offering during the online service. Thank you to all that continue to send financial support to the church during this uncertain time. The church has continued to receive checks and payments mailed to the church or sent through payment services. There has also been an increase in online giving in connection with the online worship – including first-time contributions from people worshipping online. Thank you.

Through careful and hard work by Julie and Adam Schweickert and John Tibor, the Church obtained a Payroll Protection Program loan through the CARES Act. This loan will be applied toward payroll and some benefits, and it will be forgiven if all employees continue on the payroll.

OASIS MULTI-CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP
And
MULTI-CHURCH
CONFIRMATION CLASS

The COVID19 shutdown has led to the cancellation of OASIS scheduled events. Zoom gatherings and activities are being scheduled occasionally, and will be announced through email. If you are concerned that you are NOT receiving OASIS emails, please contact Scott or Julie. OASIS youth are invited to contribute to a Youth Sunday service at Spring Glen Church on June 14. We hope to broadcast some of the service on a later date.

The OASIS Youth Group is a collaboration among three UCC churches: Spring Glen Church, United Church on the Green, and North Haven Congregational Church, as well as First Presbyterian Church in New Haven. The Group continues to be supported by the Youth Ministry Institute at Yale

Divinity School and member churches. It includes youth from 7th to 12th grade, and it is hoped that several more churches will join this program in the fall. We want to build participation among the youth of NHCC! If you would like more information contact Scott Morrow.

Confirmation Update

We will not be able to celebrate Confirmation in-person at NHCC on May 31st. We are working on a back-up plan to celebrate Confirmation through our livestreamed worship service. We will provide more details in the future.

Joint Confirmation 2020-21 In conjunction with the OASIS Youth Group, confirmation program for NHCC is part of the Joint Confirmation program. The two-year confirmation program is primarily for 8th and 9th graders. There are three confirmands who completed their first year this year. We will reach out to potential confirmands and families in the coming weeks. I The Joint Confirmation Program will begin in September if you are interested in confirmation, or have questions about the new program, please contact Scott Morrow.

Food Pantry Demand is high

Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. You can also make monetary donations by check or via the Online Giving. Thank you for your support.

Summer Conferences At Silver Lake

The in-person summer camp program at Silver Lake Conference Center this summer has been cancelled, due to concerns for COVID19. For more information about this decision, as well as information about Silver Lake at-home programs, visit their website at silverlakeect.org.

Starting a New Job, New School, New Adventure??

If you are starting a new job, heading off to college, beginning your military service, or any other new adventure this summer or fall, let us know. We'd like to let the church know about it in the newsletter. Call and give us the information and we'll put it in for you. Be sure to let us know how we can keep in touch!



Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm beginning Monday, July 6 through Friday, August 28.

Next Newsletter is for TWO Months!

We remind you that the next issue of the WINDOW will be the July-August issue, and will cover program and announcements for both months. The deadline for submissions to the July-August Window is Wednesday, June 17.



Tuesday Night Bible Study goes ZOOM! Join Us!

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesday Evening will continue in an online ZOOM format! We continue with a weekly Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We will meet for an hour for study and prayer. Interested in joining? Contact Scott Morrow at pastorscott@northhavenucc.org)



Choir Appreciation on June 14

We will celebrate the talent and dedication of the members of the Chancel Choir on Sunday, June 14, in our online worship service. We will also recognize and honor the gifts of our Choir Director, Jeffrey Hutchins, and our Organist, Gary Snowbeck. We invite you to join us for worship and this celebration!



Heritage Sunday on June 14

On Sunday, June 14, during our online worship service, we will recognize and celebrate those who have been members of our church for 50 years or more, as has been our tradition. If you are a Heritage Member (or if you're not sure), please call the Church Office and speak with Julie Schweickert.

2019 Heritage Members:



Women's Fellowship

Usually at this time of the year Women's Fellowship is getting ready to wind down from all the activities during the year. It's a time when we reflect on what we have accomplished, and we begin to plan for the upcoming year. Unfortunately, none of that will be happening this year! In its place is a list of what we will NOT be doing in the near future— sadly!

Our end of the year Girl's Night in June: canceled
Art Bra in August: canceled for 2020
Military Whist in September: canceled
Apple Pie-Making Day in October: under discussion to change date to later in November, depending on status of restrictions

Sadly, the Executive Board has voted to cancel the Women's Fellowship Annual Harvest Fair for 2020! We felt that in light of present circumstances and not knowing what the future holds, it would be wiser and safer for all involved to cancel the Fair!

Our hope is that we can find new ways to meet again and come up with ideas and make plans to bring back our activities and fundraising to a "new normal"!

Until we can, please be safe and stay well!

Dot Pierce & Executive Board
Women's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship

The men's group held two Zoom Meetings in May. The first, conducted on May 2nd, attracted the participation of eleven men (Jim Bennett, Mark Bessette, Joe DeLuca, Fran Dutko, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Rob Nielsen, Tim Peiffer, Steve Simonson, and John Tibor); while May 16th's get-together had nine participants (the men listed above minus Fran D. and Steve S.).

It's great being able to stay in touch with each other, and we are grateful to Joe D. for using his Yale Zoom Account to keep us connected. I would encourage more men to join us on the first and third Saturdays of each month, beginning at 8:00 am, and I ask everyone to please connect to each Zoom Meeting via your computer so that we see as well as hear you.

Two interesting ideas have been raised at our recent virtual gatherings. Fran D. suggested that we consider holding worship services in the church parking lot, and Tim P. proposed that the men sponsor a community "Movie Night," also to be held in the parking lot. Both proposals are worthy of everyone's reflection, don't you think?

Lastly, I thank the many men in our church family, be they active members of our men's group or not, who have recently made monetary donations to the Food Pantry. Despite very limited pantry hours, the church is giving away more foodstuffs than ever before, so each and every contribution received is appreciated.

We will next meet via Zoom on June 6th at 8:00 am. Please save Joe D.'s log in instructions when you receive them and plan to participate.

Jim Bennett
Secretary, Men's Fellowship

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: Heather Purcell, Ona & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Sabrina Selmer, and Linda Shannon.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS



We are livestreaming our worship services on Sunday mornings, which allows us to worship together even though we cannot gather in the sanctuary. We continue to celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month, encouraging members to participate from home with their own bread and juice, or substitutes.

If you are unable to watch the Church service online, we will be happy to celebrate this Sacrament with you over the telephone. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 to make an appointment 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. We invite you to send them a card and include them in your prayers.

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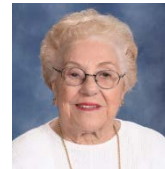


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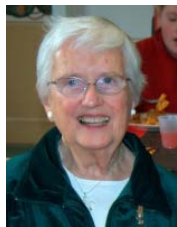


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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	11:00 Staff Mtg (Zoom)			7:00 Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
		7:00 MLB (Zoom)		7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)		
9:30am Live Stream Worship -	8	9	10	11	12	13
		12:00 B & G (Zoom)	11:00 Staff Mtg (Zoom)			
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)		7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)		
9:30am Live Stream Worship -	15	16	17	18	19	20
			WINDOW DEADLINE 11:00 Staff Mtg (Zoom)			7:00 Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)		7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)		
9:30am Live Stream Worship - Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
			WINDOW MAILING 11:00 Staff Mtg (Zoom)			
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)		7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)		
9:30am Live Stream Worship -	29	30				

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WINDOW DEADLINE

June 17, 2020

LECTIONARY READINGS

June 7th 2020 (Trinity Sunday):

Genesis 1:1-2:-4a

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Psalms 8

Matthew 28:16-20

June 14th 2020 (Second Sunday after Pentecost):

Genesis 18:1-5, (21:1-7)

Exodus 19:2-8a

Romans 5:1-8

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 or

Psalms 100

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

June 21st 2020 (Third Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day):

Genesis 21:8-21

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:1b-11

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 or

Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Matthew 10:24-39

June 28th 2020 (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost):

Genesis 22:1-14

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Romans 6:12-23

Psalms 13 or

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Matthew 10:40-42



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