



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

November 2020



Give Thanks

This Thanksgiving will be different. This Thanksgiving arrives against the backdrop of deep division and unbridled, outspoken anger in our nation. There is widespread economic decline which reaches the dining tables of American families. The COVID19 pandemic casts a shadow on Thanksgiving plans and preparations, preventing families from gathering in their customary way and isolating many parents, young adults, and grandparents. Perhaps most distressing is the near certainty that everything written above will be derided or dismissed by some agenda rather than observation, and spin as much as anguish.

This Thanksgiving will be different. We are challenged by the Apostle Paul. In the First Letter to the Thessalonians, (the first of Paul's letters) Paul writes: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1Thess. 5.16-18) Rejoice *always*? Pray *without ceasing*? Give thanks *in ALL circumstances*? This is a series of impossible imperatives, raising the bar of faithful response to impossibility. We need to search for something to rejoice about, we're worn out with praying, giving thanks in all circumstances sounds like authoritarian denial.

Yet Paul writes elsewhere – in the Letter to the Philippians - for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:11b-13)

Being content falls short of rejoicing; and yet it is an overlook on the trail to constant rejoicing. Seeking, finding, and celebrating blessings in the midst of

challenge and strain and loss is a fruitful discipline. There *are* always blessings in the midst of our fortune and misfortune. We can gain a faithful and wise perspective that recognizes blessing even in the midst of difficulty.

Gratitude can be felt; thanks must be given. Gratitude can be a motivation; giving thanks is a proclamation, a celebration.

Giving thanks in the face of disappointment and loss, in the bitterness of expectations come to seem as entitlement and yet unrealized, offers the possibility of healing, and growing, and renewal and reconciliation and reconnection.

I encourage you to give thanks. Begin now, and don't stop.

*Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ,
God's Son ...*

Don Moen and Henry Smith

Peace, Scott Morrow



THANKSGIVING 2020

Believe me, I know being thankful has its challenges right now. We cannot gather in our church buildings like we used to and as a result, virtual worship has become our new normal, but thanks be to God that worship does not require a building. With large gatherings banned, Pastor Scott has offered messages of calm and compassion on Sunday as parishioners watched on live stream. Even though we are not physically close, we are all connected.

While away from family and friends, and not able to celebrate with them in person, I am thankful for technology that allows us to connect from a distance. I am beyond thankful for the many lives I have had the privilege of connecting with. What a joy, a blessing, and an encouragement every person is. What a gift to have so many people I miss being around!

When we give careful consideration and thought to all things in our lives, it should not take us long to realize that even amidst a pandemic, we still have so much to thank and praise God for. Would you just pause for a moment and thoughtfully think about your life? Think about how God has blessed you. Think about how God has kept you. Think about how God has protected you. Think about how God has guided and provided for you.

We have so much for which to be thankful: The sun and the rain, and the food it provides; sleep, and the fact that you awoke from it this morning; and countless other gifts. But best of all, God has given us Himself. You will never fully be able to count the things we have to be thankful for. You will never overdo the thankfulness. Ask God for what you need and trust that God truly does hear your prayer, that He does really care, and that He really can and will provide what is best that is asked for.



Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude. We are grateful for all the good that we have experienced this year, from food to family to moments of joy. We are also grateful for the strength that has enabled us to confront profound challenges in our lives, our country and around the globe.

Whatever coronavirus can or has taken from us, it cannot take Christ from us. It cannot take our salvation from us. And it certainly will not destroy God's church in this world.

Joan Bennett, MLB



Celebrating the Season of Generosity

During our Season of Generosity, we have the chance to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and support necessary to maintain our Church's functions and facilities. We would like to sincerely thank all the members and friends of the Church who offer their time and talents to keep our Church vibrant and relevant in our changing world. This year, with life so different for many of us, we especially appreciate the dedication of the Church staff, the Ministry Leadership Board, the Re-Opening Group, and the food pantry volunteers who have worked so hard to maintain our Church connections and continue to provide food to our community. We are grateful for

the On-Line Worship, the amazing Church Music and Zoom Choir, the Zoom Bible Study and other small gatherings and Zoom meetings that have been happening.

With the changed circumstances this year, many people have had the opportunity to examine what is most important – Family, Friends, our Church, our work, and other things that bring meaning and joy to our lives. It is our monetary contributions that keep our Church open and functioning, and this year particularly, your monetary contributions will be very important. Our ability to hold fund-raising events has been restricted and the Church has experienced substantially reduced rental income. Consequently, we must all carefully consider our contributions, and increase them if possible.

We urge you to consider how important the Church is to you and give what you can to help us through this very unusual time.

Sincerely,
Your Generosity Team

Ministry Coordinator for Children

REMINDER to parents and families:

Please remember to REGISTER your children for CHURCH SCHOOL and COMPLETE a ZOOM covenant (which will be sent to you via email) so your children can enjoy virtual Church School gatherings on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Church School Schedule

Nov. 1 - 9:30 Family worship at home,
Communion Sunday, Scripture: Matt. 23:1-12
Focus: To know that we are blessed

Nov. 8 - 9:30 Family worship at home
Virtual Church School via ZOOM
11 am - PreK-Gr 2; 12 noon Gr 3-Gr 7
Scripture: Matt. 25:1-13
Focus: How we can prepare to shine with God's love

Nov. 15 - 9:30 family worship at home or In-Person
(registration required)

Scripture: Matt. 25:14-30

Focus: To learn from Jesus how to be generous
passing on God's love

Nov. 22 - 9:30 family at home or In-Person
(registration required)

Virtual Church School via ZOOM;

11 am PreK-Gr 2; 12 noon Gr 3-Gr 7

Scripture: Matt. 25:31-46

Focus: Explore how we can show God's love,
peace & justice through words and actions

Nov. 29 - Thanksgiving weekend;

family worship at home

Scripture: Mark 12:24-37

Focus: First Sunday of Advent

Looking Toward Advent and Christmas....

As we move through the month of November toward Advent and Christmas, tentative plans have been made for a virtual and/or pre-recorded Christmas pageant. The Faith Formation Team will meet (via ZOOM) on Nov. 1 to formally finalize those plans. Our agenda will include a discussion of possible options and perhaps specifics' for ways to safely celebrate the season of Advent and Christmas amid the continuing pandemic. That discussion will include how the children, their families and the congregation may still enjoy a traditional Christmas pageant while maintaining CDC and UCC recommendations for safe celebrations of Advent, the pageant and Christmas Eve; that will allow for a celebratory pageant that is both meaningful and memorable for all.

Karlee Etter

Ministry Coordinator for Children





Church Family News

Birthdays Dan Lafleur 11/01, Laura Alden 11/02, Nicole Mecca 11/03, Onna Gott 11/04, Samuel Gott 11/04, Eliza Stewart 11/05, Jason Petrucci 11/05, Robert Crowther 3rd. 11/07, Bette DeMayo 11/08, Chery Solecki 11/08, Max Scoppetto 11/09, Annette Grant 11/10, Audrey Tilley 11/12, Lauren Bogaert 11/12, Theodore Manzo 11/13, Eleanor Norback 11/17, Hannah Nottingham 11/17, Ann Dubar 11/18, Michelle McBride 11/18, Nancy Gutowski 11/19, Julianna Wayne 11/19, Peter Struk 11/21, Bruno Juliano 11/21 Rose Royka 11/25, Scott Morrow 11/26, Joan Bennett 11/26, Anna Woodruff 11/27, Sharman Tait 11/30, Charles Woodruff 11/30.

Anniversaries: Daniel & Paige Mickolyzck 11/01, Carmen & Melissa DeLuca 11/09, William & Mary Ellen Adams 11/10, George & Flo Coulston 11/14, Jim & Joan Bennett 11/14, Cindy & Mark Luedee 11/28.

Funerals:

A graveside committal and memorial service for **Kay Olson** was held on Saturday, Oct. 3. Kay was the beloved wife of the late Robert Olson, and the mother of Donna Ferrara and Lynn Lafleur. She had 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was a Heritage member of NHCC (50+ years) and a former Sunday School teacher and member of the choir. Kay died on April 8, 2020.

A celebration of the life of **David W Purcell** was held on Saturday, Oct. 10. David was newly and very happily married to Heather Rowe Purcell. He was the father of Cole Purcell and Ben Purcell, and the stepfather of Onna Gott and Sam Gott. David and Heather enjoyed travelling together, and running, boating, golf, skiing and mountain-biking. David died on April 29, 2020.

A graveside service for **Roberta O'Connell** was held on Tuesday, June 2. Roberta was the wife of the late David O'Connell, and the daughter of the late Robert

and Harriet Field Bartlett. She was the mother of Michael O'Connell and the late Kathleen O'Connell. She had five grandchildren.

We give thanks to God for the precious lives of Kay Olson, David Purcell, and Roberta O'Connell, and ask God's comfort for their loved ones and families.

Confirmation 2020-21

The Confirmation Class will continue to be a joint program with Spring Glen Church UCC in Hamden, and United Church on the Green, and First Presbyterian Church in New Haven. It will be a two-year program for 8th & 9th graders, although older youth are welcome to participate. There are 9th graders in the second year of Confirmation this year, and we look forward to welcome new confirmands, 8th grade or older, as well. This year the Confirmation Class will be fully integrated with the OASIS Youth Group Program, every Sunday. The OASIS program will consist of 3 Virtual (ZOOM) gatherings each month, and one Physical (In-Person) fellowship event with safeguards (masks, 6-foot distancing, sign-in). There will likely be occasional gatherings for just the Joint Confirmation group, and for just the NHCC group. Pastor Scott will reach out to potential confirmands and families in the coming weeks.

Oasis Youth Group News

Oasis Multi-church Youth Group will meet regularly on Sunday afternoon; ZOOM gatherings on 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays, 5-6:30pm, 2nd Sunday will be Physical (in-person), 5-7pm. ZOOM meetings will address themes of personal growth, justice issues, and faithful reflection. Physical gatherings will focus on fellowship, with masks, safe distancing, and non-contact, packaged refreshments. Occasionally the time may shift for special activities. Here is the schedule for October:

Sunday Nov. 1 – ZOOM

“Get Real” – Fulfillment

Sunday, Nov. 8 – In-Person

Fellowship Thankfulness

Sunday, Nov. 15 – ZOOM

Justice Dinner Party Accessibility

Sunday, Nov. 22 – ZOOM

Reflection Generosity

New Oasis Program For 5th – 7th Grade

The OASIS Multi-Church Youth Program will welcome 5th -7th grade youth twice a month. On the 2nd Sunday each month, there will be a Physical (In-Person) fellowship event focused on fellowship, with masks, safe distancing, and non-contact, packaged refreshments. **On November 8th 5-7pm,** the theme will be Thankfulness. On the 4th Sunday each month, the 5th-7th grade group will have their own theological reflection ZOOM from 4-5pm. **On November 22nd** the reflection will be on *Generosity*. Watch your email for details! Contact Pastor Scott for information.

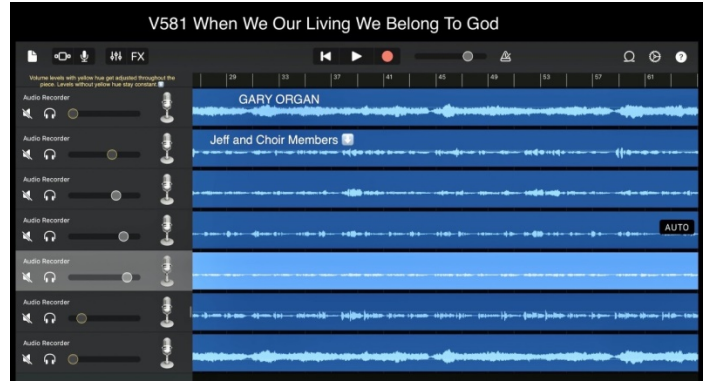
In-Person Worship Update

The colder weather has made in-person worship outdoors much less comfortable and attractive. We continue to plan for in-person worship in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings twice a month. The dates for in-person worship on Sunday morning in November are **Sunday, Nov. 15th** and **Sunday, Nov. 22nd**, the dates for December are **Sunday, Dec. 13th** and **Sunday, Dec. 20th**. Screening and safe-distancing are still necessary precautions. Pre-registration is required for attendance at in-person worship. You can pre-register online through the church website, or by calling the Church Office. Pre-registration is open from Monday morning through Friday noon of the week before the in-person worship service. Registered attendees may arrive at the church parking lot between 8:30 and 9:10am.

Anyone arriving later than 9:10am may not be able to attend the in-person worship service. This is necessary to accommodate the work of the Safety Team.

Chancel Choir Thursdays 7:00pm via Zoom

The North Haven Congregational Church Chancel Choir rehearses this fall on Zoom. We are working on a virtual choir project with some familiar and enjoyable anthems. We begin each session with warmups and exercises you can do at home. All are welcome!



In addition to the singing that you do at home every Sunday morning while following along with the sheet music in the church bulletin, I spend time every week recording, compiling, editing, and mixing our Sunday hymns so that you may have something to sing along with!

The process is done on a Digital Audio Workstation (DAW). I have become most comfortable using the native Apple software called “GarageBand”, which works on both iPhones and Apple computers. There are plenty of other DAWs, but GarageBand really does a good job of having professional music production features combined with accessibility for tech novices. Having some experience with GarageBand in the past, I was able to learn pretty quickly.

Below is an example of what the DAW looks like when everything is combined.

The “waveforms” of the organ and the singers each have their own. “Tracks”.

The below hymn has a simple yet powerful text, that resonated with me last week, and I wanted to re-share it with you here.

1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.
2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.
3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace. Whether

we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God;
we belong to God.

4. Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Text: Verse 1. Romans 14:8; traditional Spanish, vss. 2-4, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931, © 1983, Abingdon Press; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b. 1946, © 2004, Abingdon Press.

As we continue to participate in our church music, fellowship, and prayer, it is interesting to see how “Live Singing” in church, seemingly a “one time” musical offering on a brisk fall Sunday Morning in North Haven Connecticut, is now a “Multi Media” offering which takes hours to construct, and exists permanently on the internet - likely for all eternity! On the other hand, its very possible that our praise of God through singing in church was also a permanent fixture in the annals of time and space, heaven and earth! We made musical offerings in the sanctuary that were also permanent in the mystical sense. It is exciting to contemplate all the music that has been shared among our church community, and the various forms it has taken throughout the last 304 years.

Online Evaluations and Pledging:

Remember that you are able to complete the Annual Evaluation of our Pastor and Make your 2021 Pledge on our website: Northhavenucc.org.

Simply click on the appropriate banner on the website.

Annual Evaluation of the Pastor
[CLICK HERE to fill out form]

Make your 2021 Pledge Today
[CLICK HERE to fill out your
pledge card]

Please call the office if you have any questions.

Covenant to Care Mission Team Christmas Angels

NHCC angels may have had their wings clipped a little this year due to COVID but we will not be deterred from our goal of a DCF child being given a gift to commemorate the gift that God gave us. The need is still present, and we will adjust our method of giving and repeat what we did for the backpack project.

Buy a gift card to Walmart or Target, the amount of what you might be prepared to spend on a gift, in \$25 amounts. If you can give \$25 buy one gift card, \$50(2) \$25 cards etc.) If you can't or don't feel comfortable going out to get a gift card, you can write a check to the church indicating in the memo line to write that it is intended to go for the DCF project. Both gift cards and checks can be either sent or dropped off at the church. If doing the latter, it would be a good idea to call ahead and be sure the office manager is there to take your donation.

All donations need to be at the church by Thursday, Dec. 10th so gift cards can be purchased. They will then be put in decorated envelopes, transferred to the social workers, who are facing added challenges this year to get them to the children most in need.

Let us soar to whatever heights we can, wings somewhat clipped as they are! If you have any questions, please call Paula Diehl at 203-481-2503.



Bicycles

Thank you to a generous donation of 4 bicycles, the support of North Haven Bike, and the Men's and Women's Fellowship, we have four gently used bikes that have been refurbished and are as good as new! North Haven Bike gave the church a 50% discount on the work needed on the bikes. The Men's and Women's Fellowship graciously agreed to cover the cost of repairs.

Four children will get "new" bicycles for Christmas!



Celebrating Bible Sunday!

We celebrated Bible Sunday on Reformation Sunday, which was **October 25th** this year. Each year we present bibles to church school youth in the fourth grade. We usually do this in church on Bible Sunday. This year bibles are being presented to Eliza Stewart, Emma Nottingham, Raj Rose, Ryan Weiss, and Saydee Baldino. Congratulations!

Clothing Mission Team

Our Fall clothing drive is underway. If you are doing closet cleaning, please save your gently used clothing for the Clothing Mission Team. We especially need Men's clothing and larger women's clothing. We will be collecting clothing Thursday November 19 8:00am – 2:00pm and 7:00pm – 8:00pm, and Distributing on Saturday November 21. The distribution will take place at the same time as the Thanksgiving Food Box distribution. The families will be able to pick up their "new" clothes and their holiday food at the same time. If you have questions or would like to be a team member, let Julie know. Thank you for supporting this important mission.

Neighbors In Need Offering

The Neighbors In Need special offering was received on Sunday, October 4. The Neighbors In Need offering is an all-church special offering across the United Church of Christ. It is dedicated to programs of community building and engagement and social justice around the United States. The offering raised \$535, to be shared with the Council for American Indian Ministries for community building and engagement and social justice efforts, and with Justice and Witness Ministries for service projects, and advocacy efforts. Thank you for your generosity!

Second Annual Meeting of Southern New England Conference UCC.

The second Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference took place on Saturday, Sept. 26, by ZOOM. The 2021 budget for the Southern New England Conference anticipates total revenue of \$7,970,000, including \$3,731,700 in proportional giving receipts from churches. Expenses are expected to total \$8,127,550. The budget presentation noted COVID-related loss of revenue totaling \$600,000 through the cancellation of summer camp and retreat programs. The highlight was the election of the Rev. Darrell Goodwin as Executive Conference Minister. Rev. Goodwin is a pastor with experience in higher education and ministry in a variety of settings. He currently serves the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences as an Associate Conference Minister, offering care and support to pastors and churches, and overseeing the process of search and call across Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Rev. Goodwin has served as a founding pastor and as a senior pastor, as well as a Program Director for the UCC Pension Boards Faith and Personal Finance Initiative. You can learn more about the Rev. Darrell Goodwin at the Conference website – www.sneucc.org.



Change Your Clocks!!

Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night, October 31. Remember to turn your clocks back, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep! The worship service on Sunday, Nov. 1 will be at 9:30 a.m., Eastern **Standard** Time!

All Saints Observance

We will observe All Saints Sunday during our worship service on **November 1**, when we will read the names of church members, and church members' family, who have died in the past year. This year we will also gather the names of church members' family, friends, and neighbors who have died from the COVID19 virus or complications. If you would like someone's name included on All Saints Sunday, please call the Church Office. We will also have an outdoor memorial site, using the Easter cross. We will hold a brief outdoor prayer service at noon on Sunday, Nov. 1.



Coat Drive This year's coat drive is coordinated by John Park of Husky Cleaners, 344 Washington Ave. North Haven. Due to Covid-19 the annual coat drive was not going to happen. John felt strongly that this important mission needed to continue. He is Accepting new or gently worn coats and Providing cleaning if needed at no charge.

Drop off at Husky Cleaners:

Monday – Friday: 7:00am-6:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am – 3:00pm

Coats will be donated to the Clothing Mission Team at the North Haven Congregational Church for distribution prior to Thanksgiving this year. Any question call John Park at 203-234-0890 and huskypark67@yahoo.com

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesday – Join Us!

We have begun a weekly Bible Study on **Tuesday afternoons at 6pm**. We meet for an hour for study and prayer through ZOOM! Come visit a ZOOM Bible Study and see what happens. Tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll put you on the email list for weekly updates and readings!

Abraham's Tent Continues in Different Format

For at least 10 years Abraham's Tent has provided overnight hospitality, dinner and breakfast for 10-12 guests from Columbus House. The group of guests has rotated among different houses of worship from mid-December through March. This has freed up space in the Columbus House Shelter and the Overflow Shelter.

Due to COVID19 precautions, both Columbus House and the Overflow Shelter are operating at reduced capacity. They are housing about 70 people – normally they would have space for 175. Columbus House anticipates that some homeless clients will be moved into hotels during the winter and the anticipated COVID surge. The congregations of Abraham's Tent are eager to continue to support the shelter clients, with particular interest in assisting those guests who are making the move toward permanent supportive housing. This support might include providing individuals with gift cards for meals, coats, hats, and gloves for the winter, as well as supplies for writing, reading, and art work that might help pass the time. Financial contributions toward rent will also help the move toward permanent housing. We know that many church members and friends have donated money and time to support the men of Abraham's Tent in past years. We will reach out to you in the coming weeks with suggestions about how we might work together this year to offer hospitality, support and encouragement through Abraham's Tent.

Scouting For Food

The Boy Scouts of Connecticut Yankee Council will conduct a food drive throughout our area Nov. 7-14. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will distribute plastic bags on Saturday, Nov 7. The bags should be filled with non-perishable food items (a list is printed on the bag). Scouts will return to pick up the bags on

Saturday, Nov. 14. Please hang your bagged donation on your mailbox, front door, or leave on the front porch on by **9am Saturday, Nov. 14.**

The Scouting for Food drive provides one of the largest donations to our food pantry each year. Please fill your bag and leave it for the Scouts to pick up!

The Holiday Food Drive is a tradition of more than 50 years in North Haven. It was started by two North Haven firefighters, and in recent years has been a project of the churches of North Haven. At churches and businesses all around town, non-perishable food items are collected. Cash donations enable the purchase of fresh produce and dairy items. A wonderful and long-standing partnership with the North Haven Lions Club provides for the purchase of frozen turkeys. Similar partnerships with the Rotary Club and the Pine Grove Men's Association bring in donations of cash, non-perishables, and turkeys. A wonderful group of volunteers, the Food Drive Council, oversees this effort. This year we expect to pack boxes for over 100 households, brightening their Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. You can help by bringing in your donations of non-perishable food items. You can help with packing the boxes on Friday, Nov. 20, between 3 and 9pm, or with deliveries on Saturday morning, Nov. 21, between 9am and 3pm.

You may want to put these dates on your calendar:

Thanksgiving Boxes –

Pack on **Friday, November 20**

2hr shifts for 5 people, 3-9 p.m.;

Deliver on **Saturday, November 21**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Christmas Boxes –

Pack on **Friday, December 19**

2hr shifts for 5 people, 3-9 p.m.;

Deliver on **Saturday, December 20**

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities include sorting donated food (2-hour shifts for 4 people, beginning Sun. 11/15 at noon, weekdays at noon) assembling boxes (2-hour shifts for 4 people)

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is excited to announce our
First

(and hopefully only)

Virtual Harvest Fair



Here's how it will work:

- Fair items for sale will be posted on the church website, individually with pictures and prices.
- A variety of baked items will be listed for ordering. Baked goods or other food items will not be pictured.
- All fair items have been handcrafted in personal homes. **ALL BAKED OR OTHER FOOD ITEMS HAVE BEEN PREPARED IN PERSONAL HOME KITCHENS!**

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER ON THE NHCC WEBSITE, IF POSSIBLE!

Need help placing an order? Call Julie in the office and she will happily help you place order!

Beginning November 4th, ALL BAKED GOODS and OTHER FOOD ITEMS will be available to order. Orders will be taken until November 20th! This will allow the chefs time to fill all orders!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FAMOUS FROZEN APPLE PIES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE! BECAUSE OF COVID, THERE ARE ONLY 13 PIES AVAILABLE! \$10 each! THEY ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. ORDER BEFORE THEY'RE GONE! PLEASE NOTE: ONLY 1 PIE PER PERSON (FAMILY) BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER!

Beginning November 30th, ALL other items will be available to order online only! Orders can be placed until December 10th!

Payments may be made on the website or by check made out to NHCC Women's Fellowship and received no later than December 10th!

Pick up for all orders is Sunday December 13th from 12 pm to 2 pm.

The following categories will give you a preview of what you can expect to see on the website. Prices for baked goods will be added for November 4th ordering. Prices for handcrafted items will be added for November 30th ordering. Please note: items are limited in quantity, so please order as soon as possible! All Sales are final, orders not picked up on December 13th will be forfeited with out refund.

Women's Fellowship thanks you for your support during this different, difficult time for all of us! Hoping we'll be back in Carroll Hall for the Harvest Fair 2021!

For this year, hope you enjoy the Virtual Fair.

Men's Fellowship

The men's group held Zoom Meetings on September 19th, October 3rd, and October 17th with attendances of seven, seven, and six respectively. It's becoming obvious that our men's group misses those twice a month in-person breakfast gatherings. Personally, I find the virtual congregations to be wonderful opportunities to be able to stay in touch during this stressful time and sincerely hope that a few more men will choose to log in to them in the future.

What news have we shared? We learned in September that Karlee Etter was involved in a car accident which left her bruised but unbroken. We heard Rev. Scott's plea for volunteers willing to serve on the church's Safety Team (and thank Mary Johnston and Lori Murphy, who have recently answered this call for help). We heard Rev. Scott ask for people willing to learn how to operate the camera in the Narthex to give Mark Bessette an occasional break from this task (and commend Jeff Hutchins, Damon Quinn, and John Tibor for stepping forward in this regard).

October tidbits shared included the following: Joshua Peiffer is busy looking online at colleges and music schools and also taking music lessons online; Rob Nielsen enjoyed a nice surprise birthday lunch at J. Roo's with fellow church members Jim Bennett, Carmen and Joe DeLuca, Peter Hall, and John Rankin; Tim Peiffer has accepted a two-year term as Vice-President of Tres Dias of Fairfield County; the

Schweickert family enjoyed a nice visit with Brad (on October 12th), the first time they were able to see him since he returned to West Point in July; and we learned that Evan Schweickert hurt his knee in a soccer friendly but will not require surgery, just targeted rehab and exercise.

We also approved a \$90 contribution from the men's treasury toward the repair of bicycles that will then be placed with needy children by the church's social worker affiliate.

Lastly, I remind everyone that both the Pastor's Evaluation and Pledge Forms are now posted online at the church's website and encourage all men of the church to please complete both at your earliest convenience.

Jim Bennett
Secretary, Men's Fellowship

Save These Dates

Friday, November 20 –

12:00pm-3pm Count & pack produce

3:00-9:00pm Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes

Saturday November 21 –

9:00am–3:00pm Deliver Holiday Food Drive Boxes

Friday, November 27 –

Interfaith Gathering of Mourning, and Thanksgiving
New Haven Green, 1pm.

Friday, December 19 –

12:00pm-3pm Count & pack produce

3:00-9:00pm Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes

Saturday, December 20 –

9:00am–3:00pm Deliver Holiday Food Drive Boxes



Please help a North Haven family celebrate
Thanksgiving and Christmas

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.

PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

Pastoral visitation in hospitals, at nursing and rehab centers, and at assisted living communities is largely restricted due to COVID19 precautions. Telephone or video visits may be possible. Please call the church office and let us know of your hospitalization. Privacy guidelines now make it difficult for the pastor and other non-family members to confirm your presence in the hospital.

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.



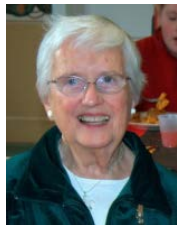
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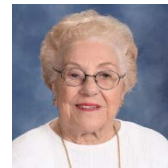


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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints Sunday 9:30am Worship Online 5:00pm OASIS (Zoom)	10:00am Food Pantry Open	Election Day 6:00 Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 MLB (Zoom)	10:00 am Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 ReOpening (Zoom)		10:00 am Food Pantry Open	8:00am Mens Fellowship (Zoom)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 Worship Online 5:00pm OASIS (Zoom)	10:00am Food Pantry Open	12:00pm B & G (Zoom)	10:00 am Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 ReOpening (Zoom)		10:00 am Food Pantry Open	Boy Scout Food Drop off
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30am Worship In Sanctuary & Online 5:00pm OASIS (Zoom)	10:00 am Food Pantry Open	6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	WINDOW DEADLINE 10:00 am Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 ReOpening (Zoom)	8:00am Clothing Drop off 6:00pm Thanksgiving Food box packing 7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)	10:00 am Food Pantry Open 6:00pm Thanksgiving Food box packing 7:00 Clothin Sorting (K)	8:00am Mens Fellowship (Zoom) 9:00am Thanksgiving Food Distribution 9:00 Clothing Distribution
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					
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LECTIONARY READINGS

November 1st (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37

Micah 3:5-12

Psalms 43

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

All Saints Day

Rev 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

November 8th (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

Amos 5:18-24

or Psalms 70

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 23:1-3

November 15th (24th Sunday after Pentecost)

Judges 4:1-7

Psalms 123

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

November 22nd (Reign of Christ)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100 or

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Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 29th (First Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

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