



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

October 2020



Community

Recently, at an OASIS Youth Gathering, I was asked what was important to me about Community.

“What is important to me about Community is the recognition of the choice to surrender personal freedom in order to share in the mutual support and freedom of the community,” I answered.

We are in the midst of great challenges in our town, our nation, and our world. Access to food and shelter and healthcare and meaningful work is limited or blocked for many around the world and in our nation. The struggle with the COVID-19 virus, and its social and economic impact, has created great hardship. The experience of disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes and tornadoes, earthquakes and famine add another layer of suffering and loss.

This was already a time of strife and division, to differing extents, in our nation and in our town, and perhaps even in our neighborhoods and around our family tables. The coronavirus and weather disasters have added more stress and frustration.

I have been thinking and praying about the relationship of community. It is something I have a deep appreciation for. It is also something I may be inclined to take for granted. When community is strained and frayed, personal reflection and action is needed.

The experience of community is foundational to the Christian tradition and to Christian faith. The Christian life of faith is a life in covenant with God, with Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, and with other people of faith. The teachings of Jesus emphasize love for God and love for neighbor. Jesus has a broad definition of neighbor.

It surprised me to realize that my answer came from when I was in college - a time in my life when the creation and care of the spirit of Community, and passionate challenges to Community, were the focus of a great deal of energy. Everything from institutional priorities and practices to the quality of dorm life was viewed through the ideal of community.

The apostle Paul proclaims the importance of community to the Romans in a passage titled Marks of the True Christian:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

This passage is a compelling invitation to prayer, and to nurture of the relationships that build and strengthen community. Let it guide our faithful endeavor.

Peace to you, Scott Morrow



Our New Normal?

This has been an unusual year for the church, just as it has been for all of us. Our work place has changed, our schools have changed and our worship place has changed. When was the last time we were all able to be physically together in the sanctuary of the church? Instead, through the marvels of modern technology we have worshipped from a distance. And perhaps you may have worked from home, or your children finished last year's school year from home. And maybe they started the new school year from home as well.

All of this has required some very rapid adjustments. I'm sure there were some unexpected snags along the way but, with resilience, problems have been overcome. Unfortunately not all things could continue to function. Around our church life nearly all of our Outreach programs were affected in some way. No Easter baskets or back to school backpacks were provided for our Covenant to Care mission. Instead gift cards totaling more than \$1,000 were distributed in lieu of the backpacks. The Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen modified their procedures for providing meals to those in need and could not allow volunteers to help serve meals. Our Rebuilding Together mission in New Britain was postponed from April to September and we were not able to participate this year.

The Food Pantry has continued to operate and has seen an increase in demand from our local clients. Many of our neighbors have been supported by the generous donations, both of food and financial contributions, from our extended church community. As I write this we are preparing to receive what is likely to be a significant donation of food from the Catholic Church neighbors, while nearly every day we receive donations from anonymous donors. The Food Council is also beginning to plan for a likely increase in requests for food during the upcoming Holiday Food Drive. They are evaluating and considering what modifications must be implemented to safely provide for the needs of those clients.

While all this happens we are also looking forward to the re-opening of in-person worship. A re-opening team has been meeting to develop plans for safely

allowing in-person worship. This will have a new but still very familiar look once it is in place. As long as the weather permits we will occasionally also have some late afternoon services outdoors where more people can gather at safe distances.

Although we cannot be together in the way we are most familiar, know that we are still blessed to be connected with one another through this wonderful church community.

John Tibor
Treasurer, MLB

In-Person Church Gatherings Begin!

We have begun a gradual, limited return to in-person worship events. We anticipate offering both outdoor events with a worship component at a time other than Sunday morning, and in-person attendance at worship on Sunday morning. **In October, outdoor events are planned for Sundays Oct. 4 and 11, and in-person attendance at Sunday morning worship on Sundays Oct. 18 and 25.** Please note that Sunday morning worship services will continue to be livestreamed online, even as some people attend in-person.

Under the guidance of the ReOpening Team, in-person events will take place with guidelines and precautions in response to safe practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The precautions and guidelines will be used for entering the building during the week, and for both outdoor gatherings and worship in the sanctuary. In the development of these safety measures, the ReOpening Team has followed the recommendations of the Southern New England Conference, UCC, the Centers for Disease Control, the State of CT, and the Quinnipiac Valley Health District. The implementation of the guidelines and precautions has also been guided by ReOpening Team members experience of similar procedures at their workplaces

Together Again!

**IN-PERSON AND ONLINE
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Guidelines and Precautions

During the week (other than Sunday morning)

- Screening questions to be answered by all persons prior to entering the building
- Masks covering nose and mouth to be worn at all times in the building.
- Maintain six-foot safe distance between members of different households
- Hand hygiene including use of hand sanitizer

Outdoor Gatherings

- Pre-registration for attendance by email or telephone RSVP
- Screening questions to be answered personally at the time of invitation
- Screening questions to be answered again personally just before arrival for event
- Safely distanced seating between members of different households.
- Attendees bring a mask and hand sanitizer; masks worn covering nose and mouth at all times
- No physical contact in greeting

In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary

- Pre-registration for attendance on church website
- Screening questions and agreement to observe precautions completed in advance
- Screening questions and contact information confirmed upon arrival, and temperature taken
- Safely distanced seating between members of different households.
- Attendees bring a mask and hand sanitizer; masks worn covering nose and mouth at all times
- No passing of offering plates, prayer requests, or communion
- No singing
- No physical contact in greeting
- Ceiling fans off, window fans directed outward
- Plexiglass shields in front of lectern and pulpit

Screening Questions – to be used every time before entering the church building or attending an in-person event at the church

In the past 7 days have you or anyone in your household had new onset of:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever greater than 99.9°F
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle pains
- Fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea, nausea or vomiting

In the past 14 days have you or anyone in your household:

- Tested positive for COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2)?
- Been advised to stay home by a medical professional due to suspected COVID-19?
- *Had anyone in your household test positive for COVID-19?*
- Been in contact with anyone with COVID-19?
- Traveled outside of CT? Please provide us with locations of
 - where you have traveled, and be advised we follow the most current CT Travel Advisory (for US travel) and CDC COVID-19 Travel Recommendations (for international travel)

Any “yes” answers, or questions or concerns about the screening questions, will be reviewed by Julie Schweickert or Scott Morrow, with the assistance of the ReOpening Team.

We are excited to begin a limited, gradual, and cautious return to in-person worship event at the Church.

The ReOpening Team notes that in-person worship and programming may be suspended in the future in response to a rise in COVID19 cases, in accordance with guidance from the State of CT, Quinnipiack Valley Health District, and the CDC.

Pre-registration for In-Person Sunday Morning

Worship Your opportunity to attend a Sunday morning worship service in-person begins with pre-registration through the Church website **8am Monday through noon on Friday** of the week before the worship service. If you have difficulty registering online, please call the Church Office.

To register online, go to the Church website (northhavenucc.org) and select **Worship Services** on the banner at the top of the page, and drop down to **Pew Requests**. A registration form will appear. The form provides drop-down choices for each response. Registration is completed through the following steps:

Pew Type - Select the type of pew desired (number of people) – single pew, couple pew, or household pew (more than two) **persons from different households must sit 6 feet apart**.

Date desired - Select the date of the service you want to attend – a calendar shows available dates; simply click on the date you have selected

Number Attending - Enter the number of people you are registering

Name and contact information - Enter your name, the names of others in your party, your email address, mailing address, and telephone number

Elevator needed: Indicate whether you, or anyone in your registration, need to use the elevator to enter the church

COVID19 Screening Questions:

Indicate your willingness to answer questions and adhere to safety precautions

Respond to screening questions on your behalf and that of all members of your household, whether they will be attending or not, regarding **new onset** of COVID symptoms, contact with COVID positive persons, and travel outside of CT; click on **Y(es)** or **N(o)** to answer. Provide information about any travel.

Additional information: The final question allows you to share additional information regarding your registration.

After you complete your registration and press “send”, you will receive an automated email with instructions for arrival and screening on Sunday morning. On the Sunday morning on which you are registered, you will be greeted by members of the

Safety Team as you arrive. While in your car, you will be asked to put on your mask, and the greeters will review your registration information, ask you and your party to respond to the screening questions once again, and take your temperature. Once the screening is completed, you will be able to park. The Safety Team greeters will invite you to go into the church when the arrival screening is completed, approximately ten minutes before the worship service begins.

Please note that Julie Schweickert, Office Manager, has written and developed the program for pre-registration completely by herself, using the ReOpening guidelines and website tools. She has created a process that is clear and easy to use.

Ministry Coordinator
for Children

Church School Calendar



October 4 Rally Day, 11:30 - 12:30, outside on the church lawn

October 25 Bible Sunday (Pre-recorded and shared during Online worship). 4th Graders will receive their gift Bibles during scheduled appointments prior to October 25. The presentations will be recorded and shared on Bible Sunday. Children and their families will be contacted to set up appointments.

As we approach October and the start of a new Church school year, this year Rally Day will be celebrated on October 5th. Rally Day is scheduled to begin at 11:30 on the church grounds (weather permitting). Families should bring a picnic lunch, masks, and their own chairs or blankets. We will enjoy distance -safe fellowship, some games and crafts, as well as goodies for the children to take home.

Details are still ongoing for Virtual Church School and opportunities for our children to interact with their Church school siblings via Zoom. Our Zoom church school is just one of several opportunities to be utilized to keep our children connected to one another, to their church family and to God; to grow in their faith.

As we resume limited In-Person worship and outdoor Vesper services, at the center of our "new normal" church school will be to maintain the health and safety of our children and their families, while still encouraging and providing them with a nurturing environment to grow in their spirituality, their faith and connection to God. To that end, below are the lectionary-based biblical scriptures for October 4-October 25, 2020. Suggestions for using the scripture with the children will be emailed to families.

October 4 - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9

October 11 - Exodus 32:1-14

October 18 - Exodus 33: 12-23

October 25 - Deut. 34:1-12

I hope to see many of you on Rally Day and at future, outdoor Vesper services.

Karlee Etter

Ministry Coordinator for Children



Church Family News

Birthdays Robert Nielsen 10/01, LaVala Rossi 10/03, Linda Nielsen 10/04, Hannah Grant 10/07, Nancie Estep 10/09, Kayla McKosky

10/09, Olivia Scoppetto 10/09, Martin Traudt 10/10, Jeff Whipple 10/11, Barbara Marks 10/16, Marissa Volpe 10/16, Adrienne D'Antonio 10/16, Gary Czajkowski 10/16, Kerry Stewart 10/17, Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Jonathan Bogaert 10/21, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Cheryl Logan-Sendlein 10/22, Gracie Kirk 10/24, Joseph DeLuca 10/24, Carson Leyerzapf 10/26, Mathew DiVito 10/27, Betsey Reid 10/28.

Anniversaries: Cheryl & Dana Andrews 10/05, Rebecca & Edward Bogaert 10/07, Ray & Cynthia Geissler 10/14, Deborah & Stefan McKosky 10/15, Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

Weddings: Lisa Volpe and Joseph DeGrand were married on September 5 in a small ceremony in the sanctuary. Lisa is the daughter of Bob and Barbara Scheidecker. Congratulations!

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 Oct. 4 – ZOOM “Get Real” – *Integrity*

Sunday, Oct. 11 – In-Person - Fellowship *Home* at Spring Glen Church

Sunday, Oct. 18 – ZOOM Justice Dinner Party *Homelessness*

Sunday, Oct. 25 – ZOOM Reflection *Fear*

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). The OASIS program is built around 5 foundational aspects: Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service/Justice, and Pilgrimage. The monthly themes for OASIS gatherings are 1st Sunday – ZOOM, personal growth; 2nd Sunday – Physical, fellowship, games, discussion; 3rd Sunday – ZOOM social justice topic, and 4th Sunday ZOOM theological/faith reflection and discussion. 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.

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 October 11th 5-7pm,** the theme will be *Home*, and the group will meet at Spring Glen Church. On the 4th Sunday each month, the 5th-7th grade group will have their own theological reflection ZOOM from 4-5pm. **On October 25th** the reflection will be on *Fear*. Watch your email for details! Contact Pastor Scott for information.

Mission Team News

Season of Generosity



Fall is here and with it our Church's Season of Generosity. Our faith encourages us to enjoy the spirit of joyfulness that comes with giving in all its forms all year round, but during our Season of Generosity, our

Church takes the time to emphasize the need for giving funds to support our programs, our Mission Teams, our staff, and our Church operations.

As we begin our Season of Generosity this year, please join us in the joyous spirit of the Season. Think about how important the church is to your life and pledge in proportion to your thankfulness .

The North Haven Congregational Church Chancel Choir



has started its rehearsals this fall on Zoom Thursday nights at 7:00pm. We are working on a virtual choir project with some familiar and enjoyable anthems. We

will begin each session with warmups and exercises you can do at home. All are welcome!

Distance-Singing options are expanding!

The hymn singing the last few Sundays has featured a wonderful and more robust choir sound! It is very possible to include more people on these recordings without too much stress, and we will start virtual choir anthems using this method. Having a strong "guidance track" will assist in attracting more singers to the virtual choir. All are welcome!



How do you listen?

No, I am not talking about the "still small voice" of God in this particular instance, but our services on Sunday mornings. I have found that I have listened in any number of ways, depending on what device I am using and what stage of alertness I've achieved by the stroke of 9:30am. Thankfully, I'm in good practice from all the years being sure to arrive at church by 8:30am choir practice.

One time though, I confess, I decided to go get bagels from Bagelicious 2 and realized that while I couldn't WATCH the service while driving, the close quarters of the car audio system really helped me hear the words and the music better than at home! I have an FM Bluetooth adapter that plugs into the cigarette lighter. I tune it to 105.3FM and I can hear anything on my phone very well through the car speakers. I pulled into a parking spot and listened to the rest of the service.

At home, I have also noticed that my laptop speakers are a bit tinny and not too loud. I have also noticed that using stereo headphones is a "bit much" for me. I am trying to recreate Sunday morning at church, and having everything directly into my ear canal is not what I am used to. I have occasionally connected my laptop to the TV using an HDMI cable and have found that that is probably the best all around. The Laptop picks up the livestream from church and then I essentially project it into the big flat screen TV!

During the week I spend so much time using my big studio headphones for recording and editing music that I sort of lose perspective on what the normal person might hear on a Sunday morning. When our music is heard on Sunday morning these days, it is very likely heard quite differently depending on what speakers we have access to.



My wife and I recently "inherited" an older but high quality desktop computer and have found that its speakers are surprisingly good! It's loud enough to fill the whole living room. One thing I have found that's not so good is my smart phone speakers. It is no fault of their own. They are tiny speakers. With tiny speakers we often lose the booming lower notes of the organ or the hearty laugh of the baritone pastor!

There's a reason why flutes and piccolos are such high-pitched instruments and tubas and sousaphones are such low-pitched instruments. It's science! Resonance! The larger the instrument is, the lower its range. I'm not saying high pitched instruments are bad, but when it comes to watching a live church service, it's good to hear the midrange and lower range notes as best as possible.

The same goes for speaker. If your speakers are a tad bigger than an iPhone or an Android phone, you may be able to hear more of the "action", and may find yourself more involved in the messages of the service. If you have slightly bigger louder speakers, I'd encourage you to find a way to use them if you are watching from home.

That said, I have often listened on my phone or tablet, too, and am still grateful for the experience. It works fine and is very convenient. Smart phones are little mobile miracles in many ways! Still, if you haven't had the experience of listening to worship on louder speakers yet, I would encourage you to give it a try!

While I am no "tech genius", I am happy to assist with any questions you may have about getting both the words and the music louder in your "home sanctuary".

Clothing Mission Team

The next clothing drive will be in November. If you are doing closet cleaning, please save your gently used clothing. We especially need Men's clothing and larger women's clothing. We will be collecting clothing Thursday November 19, sorting on Friday November 20, and Distributing on Saturday November 21. The families will be able to pick up their "new" clothes and their holiday food at the same time. If you would like to help please contact one of the members: Julie Schweickert, Darlene Rogers, Carol Mitchell, and Wendy Glynn. If you have questions, let Julie know. Thank you for supporting this important mission.

Thank you for support of the Food Pantry!

We would appreciate all donations, both non-perishable and monetary. When donating please consider Coffee, Tea, Juice, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Rice, Potato Mixes, brownie/cake mixes, and Canned Fruit.

These items are appreciated by our food clients and we run out often. Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, or donate through our online giving via the website. Thank you for your support.

Holiday Food Drive Begins – With

Adjustments The Food Drive Council met recently to begin the planning for the 2020 Holiday Food Drive. The Council consists of members of churches and civic groups in North Haven which support the Food Pantry and the Holiday Food Drive. The group recognizes that the demand for assistance through the Holiday Food Drive and the Food Pantry may increase significantly this year. Planning for the maximum capacity of assistance is underway. The procedures for food collection and sorting, and the packing and pick-up/delivery of food boxes will need to be revised in light of safe distancing requirements during the COVID19 pandemic. Volunteers will need to work in small groups, and the hours for sorting, packing, and pick-up/delivery will be extended.



Fall restart of the NHCC Book Club!

The NHCC book club will be restarting this fall! If you love to read and love some great fellowship we would love to have you join us! This is a non-stress non demanding book club. Our mission is to read at least 4 books a year, one every three months. Our format will most likely be changing due to the virus and social distancing; therefore we are exploring meeting options and would love any ideas or suggestions. Come for one book, or stay for them all. If this sounds like a fun way to connect please send your email to mlavanway@sbcglobal.net to get on our mailing list as we will be gathering soon! Melissa DeLuca

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesday: Join Us!

We have begun a weekly Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings 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!

Neighbors In Need Offering set for Oct. 4

On Sunday, October 4, we will receive the Neighbors In Need Offering for 2020. 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. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S. Two CT programs received NIN grants this year: Hands On Hartford for Faces of Homelessness, and First Congregational Church of New London for an urban outreach program. I encourage you to give prayerfully and generously. You may mail your gifts to the church, marked "Neighbors In Need" or "NIN", or you may make your gift online, either through the church or directly to NIN.

Endowment Meeting: Oct 15th at 2:00 p.m.

There will be a Zoom Endowment team meeting on Thursday, October 15, @2pm. We will be discussing this year's UBS portfolio performance and other topics. Anyone who has an interest in the Endowment is welcome to attend. If you have not recently attended an Endowment team meeting you will need to contact Scott Morrow to receive a password and zoom id #. If you wish a copy of the Portfolio as of October 1st please contact Bryant Munson.

Super Saturday Goes Virtual in October!

Members of the new Southern New England of the United Church of Christ will gather by ZOOM on two Saturdays - October 24 and 31, from 9am – 3pm each day. The program will begin with worship and keynote address at 9am.. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Sarah Heath, pastor, author and speaker. Rev. Sarah currently serves as lead-pastor of a re-start congregation – First United Methodist Church of Costa Mesa, CA. This event will offer numerous workshops and learning opportunities. Workshops run from 10 – 11:30am, and 1:30-3pm. You can register for one day or two days, two workshops or four workshops. Registration is \$10 per workshop. For more information, go to sneucc.org, or speak to Scott Morrow.

Fall Cleanup October 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Rain date: October 31st)

Come join us on **Saturday morning, October 24th** to help with our **Annual Fall 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 continue working on the Capital Campaign's landscaping plan.



Celebrating Bible Sunday! – We celebrate Bible Sunday annually on Reformation Sunday, which will be **October 25th** this year. We are planning to present bibles to church school youth in the fourth grade earlier in October, in order to share a video recording as part of our worship service on October 25.

All Saints Observance

We will observe All Saints Sunday during our worship service on **November 1st**, when we will read the names of church members, and church members' family, who have died in the past year. If you would like someone's name included on All Saints Sunday, please call the church office.

Women's Fellowship



Happy Fall! Another season, another challenge with COVID! Women's Fellowship is working on a plan to hold a "**VIRTUAL**" Harvest Fair, sometime later this fall. We will be selling items online on the NHCC website! We will be sending out an email as soon as we have all the details, and we ask in the meantime to please consider how you can help make this happen! Enjoy this beautiful weather!

Men's Fellowship

The men's group held a Zoom Meetings on September 5th and 10th (participated in by Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, George Coulston, Rev. Scott Morrow, Rob Nielsen, Tim Peiffer, Bryant Munson, Stephen Simonson, and John Tibor.

We will continue to meet twice a month via Zoom until we are again able to congregate in-person in the church's kitchen. I still find it ironic that between twelve and twenty men were consistently present at our Saturday morning, 7:00 am breakfast gatherings yet only half that number have made the effort to log in to our virtual get-togethers which commence a full hour later. What am I missing? Personally, I find these virtual congregations wonderful opportunities to be able to stay in touch with each other.

I remind everyone that the North Haven Lions Club will be conducting a Shred Day fundraiser on September 26th 9 am-12 noon, at 36 State Street. For just \$10/banker's box, you can safely get rid of those old tax returns and other personal documents.

Lastly, I again thank the many men in our church family, be they active members of our men's group or not, who continue to make monetary donations to support the Food Pantry. Despite very limited pantry

hours, the church is giving out more food than ever before, each and every contribution is greatly appreciated. And please keep up with your pledges. Our church may be closed, but expenses continue to accrue and must be paid.

Jim Bennett, Secretary, Men's Fellowship

Save These Dates

Saturday. Oct. 24 & 31 – 9a-3p Super Saturday Virtual Workshops

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 visits in the hospital are generally not possible during our current COVID19 situation. Telephone visits for prayer and comfort are perhaps the best, though certainly less than ideal, substitute. Please contact Julie or Scott if you anticipate a trip to the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself hospitalized, so that Scott can respond.

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.



Marlene Bellonio
Advanced Nursing & Rehab
169 Davenport Ave. Unit S2,
Rm 205a
New Haven, CT 06519

David Bellonio
Masonicare Health Center
Ramage 6, Rm 616
Wallingford, CT 06492

Lorraine Morehouse
65 Masonic Ave. Apt. 206
Wallingford, CT 06492



Eleanor Norback
7 Adeline Drive
North Haven, CT 06473

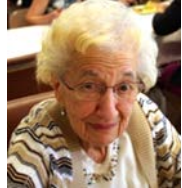
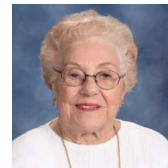


Ellen Robert
520 Pool Rd. Apt. 101
North Haven, CT 06473

Lorraine Burdge
18 Cricket Lane
North Haven, CT 06473



Gloria Santamauro
67 Sackett Point Rd, #401
North Haven, CT 06473

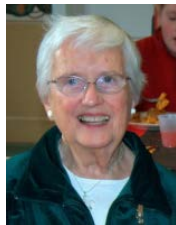


Mary Cestaro
c/o Marilyn Odell
21 Marion Lane
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LECTIONARY READINGS

October 4th (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalms 19

Psalms 80:7-15

Matthew 21:33-46

October 11th (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 32:1-14, 7-9, 12-20

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Psalms 23

Matthew 22:1-14

October 18th (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 33:12-23

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Psalms 99

Psalms 96:1-9, (10-13)

Matthew 22:15-22

October 25th (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, 7-9, 12-20

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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