



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

July/August 2022



Summer Blessings

What a welcome opportunity is this summer! Summer is often a wonderful opportunity. It seems to begin with a whoosh that recalls pushing through the doors from the school hallway to ...outside! There are so many exciting events that led up to summer – concerts and school picnics and graduations; pool openings and backyard table and awning set-up. There are so many cherished activities of summer: trips to the beach, summer jobs, family vacations, and summer camp!

For two years we have been stifled and re-directed, dismayed and anxious, and cooped up! Perhaps we can venture out this summer.

Have a wonderful invigorating and restorative summer! Quiet reading, splashing in the water, long walks, early morning coffee or evening tea on the deck, writing letters and postcards!

Here is a poem to start your summer –

When I Am Among the Trees

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give us such hits of gladness.
I would almost say they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
And call out, “Stay awhile.”
The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,
“and you too have come
Into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
With light, and to shine.” Mary Oliver, in *Thirst*

Take a picture or send a postcard from your summer!
Peace - Scott Morrow

Revisiting Mission Teams

Let me take you back in time a bit, to 2008 to be exact. Back then, the church was governed by a Council, led by a Moderator (myself, if truth be told) and comprised of a goodly number of Boards (Christian Ed, Christian Outreach, Deacons, Finance, Music, Trustees) and Committees (Audit, Buildings and Grounds, Collections, Floral, Memorial Gifts, Men’s Fellowship, Nominating, Pastoral Relations, Personnel, Ushers and Greeters, Women’s Fellowship).

Voting members of the Council included the Clerk, the Chairperson of each Board, the Chairs of Memorial Gifts, Nominating, and Women’s Fellowship, a member from Sr. High Fellowship, two Congregational Reps, and the Treasurer, with the Moderator, interestingly, allowed a vote only to make or break a tie.

Quite structured and complicated, don’t you think? And over the years it became increasingly difficult for the Nominating Committee to fill all the necessary slots on every Board and Committee. The Board of Deacons, for example, was to be comprised of twelve members, four of which were to be elected each year, and this Board was further divided into three sub-Committees focused on Fellowship, Membership, and Worship respectively. Many years found us two or three short of a full complement of Deacons.

Now we move ahead to 2015, when we evolved from a Council structure to one of a Ministry Leadership Board (Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Agent, and five at-large members) and Mission Teams. It was anticipated that people would be motivated to become involved in activities of the church which most interested them and not out of a feeling of obligation. A church filled with motivated congregants was to be the key to a revived, engaged congregation.

One of my favorite bible passages is from 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27, titled “One Body with Many Members,” which reads as follows: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, ‘because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

Our effort to reorganize, revitalize, and renew the church began in 2015. It has been, and continues to be, a challenging undertaking. In 2014’s Annual Report, Scott stated, “The goal of this transformation (from Council, Boards, and Committees to the MLB and Mission Teams) is to engage the membership through their sense of passion, rather than through a feeling of obligation. We will shift our emphasis from membership to discipleship, seeking opportunities to serve the congregation and the community without requiring a multi-year commitment and election by the congregation. The goal is to have a more nimble leadership willing to try new ideas and methods, more energy, and broader participation.”

All of us, when we attend Sunday services, expect to find a clean, well-maintained building and grounds; the doors unlocked; the lights on; the paraments, candles, cross, and flowers in place; bulletins available for pickup; and maybe even a greeter or two to welcome us. Our expectations continue: to sing, to pray, to share fellowship, and to be inspired by Scott to live our faith more fully.

And what does our church expect from us? Simply that we be willing to share our special gifts with each other to make our congregation a stronger body better able to serve our faith, local, and world communities in the name of our Lord and Savior. I challenge everyone to find your particular passion and follow it to the appropriate Mission Team (or come up with a new one). Do you love children and teaching them? We could certainly use a few more Sunday school instructors. Do you love to read scripture? We have a whole bunch of Deacon slots available that you could fill. Is hospitality your special gift? Please sign up to be a greeter or a coffee hour host on the church website.

What part of the body of North Haven Congregational Church will you choose to be?

Faithfully yours,
Jim Bennett

Ministry Coordinator for Children **SUMMER Church School began June 5.**

During the summer, Steve Simonson is teaching Church school for numerous days between July-August. The children from all age groups gather in the Rainbow Room (the usual church school classroom for Grades 3-5) during Sunday worship. Each Sunday will focus on a different Bible story and theme such as The Good Samaritan, Gifts of Wisdom, Martha and Mary, Meaning of Faith, and Humility and Hospitality, etc. The children will enjoy a bible story and enjoy a craft, activity or games outside, weather permitting.



July 3, 10 - NO Summer Church School; a Family Sunday

July 17, 24, 31 - *Regular Summer Church School.* Children begin in the Sanctuary/worship and then go to their classroom.

August 7 - *Communion Sunday.* Children begin in Church School, then join adults in Sanctuary/worship for Communion.

August 14 - *Regular Summer Church School.* Children begin in the Sanctuary/worship and then go to their classroom.

August 21 - NO Summer Church School

August 28 - *Regular Summer Church School.* Children begin in the Sanctuary/worship and then go to their classroom.

RALLY DAY, September 11, 2022

Rally Day Picnic or Ice Cream Social? There are preliminary plans for a Back-To-School celebration after church on September 11; Rally Day. Whether we have a Bring-Your-Own-Picnic (BYOP) day and/or Ice Cream Social, all look forward to re-connecting with friends and church family, enjoying casual conversation, and family games. The Faith Formation Team will meet in August to finalize plans for Rally Day and do some tentative program planning through December. Once specifics for Rally Day have been determined, the Faith Formation Team will let the congregation know.

Have a blessed, safe and invigorating summer vacation!

Karlee Etter

Ministry Coordinator for Children



OASIS and TIDEPOOL Youth Group Summer Events

The OASIS Multi-church Youth Group has planned two Sunday afternoon outdoor gatherings for

the summer. The Youth Ministry Coordinator is Emily McKenna (youth@SpringGlenChurch.org) Please watch your email for program announcements. If you would like more information contact Scott Morrow.

Here is the summer schedule: (RSVP to Emily - youth@SpringGlenChurch.org)

Here is the summer schedule:

Sunday, July 24th – 3-5 pm Edgerton Park
75 Cliff St, New Haven CT

Sunday, Aug 21st – 3-5pm Sleeping Giant Park
200 Mt Carmel Ave, Hamden CT

Regular meetings of OASIS and TIDEPOOL Youth Groups will kick off on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4pm. There may be a mid-week meeting in late August to check-in as school begins. Watch your email for details!

Confirmation 2022-23

An In-Person Confirmation Program will begin in the fall. The two-year confirmation program will be primarily for 8th and 9th graders, although older youth may participate. We have a pool of 13 confirmands, and we will reach out to potential confirmands and families to inquire about schedules and best possible meeting times. If you are interested in confirmation, or have questions about the new program, please contact Scott Morrow. We will share information as the program scheduling progresses.



Church Family News

Birthdays: Robert Tait 07/04, Susan Tibor 07/04, Kaitlyn Mulvey 07/04, Skye Gallagher 07/06, Karen Linsky 07/06, Karen Silk 07/06, Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Todd Jokl 07/08, Ellen Robert 07/08, Jessica McKosky 07/09, Logan Stewart 07/10, Marlene Bellonio 07/11, Sue Beth Higgins 07/11, Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12, Leslie Dockendorff 07/13, Mary Ellen Collett 07/14, Tina Vallone 07/15, Kristine Powers 07/15, Thomas Jennings 07/15, Don Geissler 07/17, Rose Monaco 07/19, Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kundrath

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07/20, Masako Miller 07/22, Lindsay Grant 07/22, Kristen Creston 07/24, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24, Martina Benassi 07/25, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26 James Shea 07/27, Kristin Lynch 07/29.

Caitlin Elizabeth Thalken 08/02, Jennifer Lucibelli 08/03, William Adams 08/05, Brie Rose 08/06, Linda Rankin 08/08, Tim Peiffer 08/10, Michele Lynch 08/10, Daniel Kirk 08/11, Priscilla Bradford 08/12, Robert Scheidecker 08/12, Emma Nottingham 08/12, Cole Purcell 08/12, Jeanne Mecca 08/13, Michael Goldfuss 08/13, Carolanne Geissler 08/14, Mary Ellen Adams 08/15, Eleanor Harple 08/17, Phyllis Kaercher 08/17, Cindy Luedee 08/17, Lucy Mickolyzck 08/18, Philip Cooper 08/18, Adam Schweickert 08/21, Alexus Dubail 08/24, Ella Tolisano 8/27, Catherine Welch 08/28, Ben Purcell 08/28, Cheyanne Leyerzapf 08/28, Barbara Massey 08/29, Robert Grant 08/29, Bryan Cretella 08/29, Talia Gallagher 08/30.

Anniversaries: Denise & Gerard Adinolfi 07/03, David & Virginia Gould 07/03, Todd & Paige Jokl 07/05, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker 07/05, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05, Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09, Craig & Laura Miller 07/12, Elaine & Sonny Burr 07/18, Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22, Stephen & September Baraquin 07/23.

Jim & Leslie Dockendorff 08/01, Rebecca & Alan Conley 08/04, Barbara & Richard Massey 08/05, LaVala & Kevin Rossi 08/07, Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12, Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18, John & Sue Tibor 08/19, Walter & Phyllis Kaercher 08/20, Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22, Wendy & Richard Russo 08/30.

Baptisms: Harper Elizabeth Lilien, daughter of Robert and Lauren Lilien, born November 11, 2021, was baptized on May 29. Natalie Rose Alden, born February 7, 2022, to Pat and Laura Alden, was baptized on June 12. Joy!

Deaths: Kim Coughlin's sister, Meg, died unexpectedly on Memorial Day. Meg loved animals and she loved sailing. Tracy Weiss' brother, Steven Dobbs, died unexpectedly in late May. Carol Gelenau, a very friend of Dot Pierce, died on June 18,

We give thanks for the precious lives of Meg, Steven and Carol, and we ask God's comfort for all the family and friends.

LECTIONARY READINGS

July 3rd (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30
Isa 66:104-14	Psalm 66:1-9
Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10th (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 82
Deut 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10
Col 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37

July 17th (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52
Deut 18:1-10a	Psalm 15
Col 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42

July 24th (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

Hos 1:2-10	Psalm 85
Gen 18:20-32	Psalm 138
Col 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13

July 31st (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)

Hos 11:1-11	Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Eccl 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12
Col 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21

August 7th (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

Isa 1:1, 10-20	Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Gen 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22
Heb 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40

August 14th (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Isa 5:1-7	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Jer 23:23-29	Psalm 82
Heb 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56

August 21st (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

Jer 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6
Isa 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8
Heb 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17

August 28th (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)

Jer 2:4-13	Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Sirach 10:12-18 or Prov 25:6-7	Psalm 112
Heb 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

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CONGRATULATIONS TO HERITAGE MEMBERS! We recognized those who have been members of the North Haven Congregational Church for 50 years or more on June 12. There were no new Heritage Members in 2022. We congratulate this wonderful group of members!



Curtis Andrews, 1948
Joyce Bellonio, 1946
George Coulston, 1964
Flo Coulston, 1964
Ann Dubar, 1962
Nancie Estep, 1963
Doris Ferner, 1965
Lillian Flodquist, 1965
Carl Flodquist, 1965
Richard Gherlone, 1953
Joy Gillen, 1971
Merrilee Gladkosky, 1960

Nancy Gutowski, 1971
Eleanor Harple, 1960
Bernard Hummel, 1954
Elfie Hummel, 1965
Roberta Juliano, 1971
Linda Lacobelli, 1956
Kathleen Mickolyzck, 1970
Lorraine Morehouse, 1954
Bryant Munson, 1956
Jeanne Reardon, 1969
Lynn Reardon, 1971
Betsey Reid, 1971

Ellen Robert, 1957
Jane Romans, 1961
Ruth Scelzo, 1952
Robert Scheidecker, 1966
Barbara Scheidecker, 1966
Ann Schneider, 1970
James Shea, 1970
Charlotte Shea, 1970
Victoria Struk, 1969
Audrey Tilley, 1957
Linda Tosetti, 1970



Grateful for Gary

We are still processing the immense joy we felt while being able to sing a choral benediction for our beloved church organist, Gary Snowbeck, who is retiring after many years of service. Gary is a lifelong church musician who is masterful, organized, and musical. It has been a pleasure learning from him over the years and we will always be grateful for his professionalism and musicality.

The choir had been preparing his arrangement of “God Be With You Til We Meet Again” for many weeks and it was our joy to sing it to him after his amazing postlude! It was a pleasure to have Brian Jones and Eric in the congregation lending their support.



After the service we adjourned to Carroll Hall for a festive coffee hour in Gary’s honor.

It will be impossible to fill Gary’s shoes after his splendid performance over the years. We are still processing. But surely this summer will be one of relaxation, transition and hope for the future!



Thank you, Gary Snowbeck!

Thanking the Choir!

The return of many in the Chancel Choir to singing in the sanctuary has been a particularly joyous part of this spring. We are grateful for the skill and talent of Gary Snowbeck, Organist, and Jeff Hutchins, Director of Music, in leading the Choir has been on prominent display in the music recorded for the livestreamed worship services. We offered deep thanks to the Choir, to Gary, and to Jeff in worship on June 12th, and we say it again here!

Graduations:

Congratulations to High School Graduates:

Taylor Cushenberry, granddaughter of Beth Anderson, graduated from Lassiter High School in Marietta, GA on May 25 and will be entering Stetson University in Florida in the Fall.

Torin Danielski, grandson of Philip DiPeri, graduated from E.O. Smith High School in Mansfield, CT and will enter Eastern Conn. State University in the Fall.

Nathan Pierce, grandson of Dot Pierce, graduated



from Southington High School, where he played varsity football, on April 17. He will attend Central Connecticut State University in New Britain in the fall, majoring in Marketing!

Congratulations to College Graduates:



Bradley James Schweickert, son of Julie & Adam, brother of Evan, graduated May 21 from The U.S. Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Weapons and Automotive engineering. Bradley was a four year starter on the West Point Soccer Team. He branched Combat Engineers and Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Leni Ferner, granddaughter of Doris, graduated from the State University of New York at Albany with her Master's of Social Work degree. Leni graduated on May 14, and started her job at St. Joseph's Hospital (Albany) in the department of social work on May 16!

Sierrah Lynne Rich, granddaughter of Lynne and Rob Nielsen, graduated from Sacred Heart University on May 14th with high honors with a B. S. in Neuroscience. Sierrah will be attending grad school at Columbia University in the Fall, studying biomedical engineering!



Kellen Mitchell, granddaughter of Carol Mitchell, graduated from the University of Tennessee on May 21 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a minor in Child and Family Studies.

She is currently interviewing with various marketing companies.



Hannah Lauren Grant, daughter of Kathy Grant, graduated May 17th 2022 from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelors degree in Art. Hannah is pursuing a Master's degree in Education at ECSU and plans on becoming an art teacher.



Lindsay Marie Grant, daughter of Kathy Grant, in 2020 during the height of the pandemic, earned a Masters degree in Broadcast Journalism from Sacred Heart University and is currently working as a media services technician in Stamford, Connecticut.



Mission Team News

Music Mission Team:

After our special May 22 service, which can be found here: <https://youtu.be/1G0IL2ChF5g> the adult choir moved into a more regular rehearsal mode and delivered two very fine anthems on Sunday June 5 and June 12. On June 5, we offered a musical “old friend” known as “In Remembrance of Me”. This anthem has been sung at many special occasions in recent years and it is one that is meaningful to many. Our in-service offering can be found here: <https://youtu.be/DR4MxO8hEas?t=1967>

On June 12, we offered a curious setting of the text, “How Firm a Foundation”, that had been in Jeff’s car CD player for most of the last two years:

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you He hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

The piece sets a traditional American melody in a few different combinations and permutations, all interspersed with organ interludes and a festive last verse.

It was a special Sunday in that we had a special baptism, Heritage Sunday and Choir Sunday all on one day! The anthem would be our last anthem with Gary at the organ. This should lead you to it: <https://youtu.be/sKoQ23RoZQE?t=2295>

Please welcome our guest organists over this summer, Gail and Haley! Jeff will be in church over the next few weeks to help with the services, too. Gail is an experienced local church organist and Haley is a Music Ed student at Ithaca college. We are grateful for their assistance during this transitional summer at NHCC!

Chancel Choir is slated to begin rehearsing on September 1, 2022 this coming fall. Stay tuned!
Director of Music
Jeff Hutchins

Attention Graduates!!

We don’t want to miss anyone!

If you are graduating from vocational school, high school, or college, please let the church office know! We’d like to share your accomplishment with the church in the newsletter. Let us know about your graduation, and your plans for this summer and the fall.

BeginningA New Job, New School, New Adventure??

If you are starting a new job, or heading off to college, or beginning your military service, or any other new adventure this summer or this 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!

Update From The Organist Search Committee

The Organist Search Committee prepared a notice for an Interim/Substitute Organist and posted it through the Yale Institute for Sacred Music. A list of substitute organists from the New Haven and Bridgeport chapters of the American Guild of Organists has helped us with recruiting substitutes. Sundays from July 3 through August 14 are currently covered, and the effort to fill the remaining Sundays in August and Labor Day Sunday continue.

The review of the current job description and the anticipated number of ‘appearances’ has begun with the goal of filling the position with a ‘settled’ organist in the fall. Members of the Search Committee include Martin Benassi, Carol Mitchell, Barbara Massey, and Cathy Welch. Carla Hill and Steve Peterson are offering their suggestions and advice; Jeff Hutchins and Scott Morrow assist the group.

Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference

The Third Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ was held virtually on Saturday, June 18, from 9am – 2:30pm. The worship services at the beginning and the end of the meeting brought inspiration and joy to the day;. Keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. Patrick Duggan, Executive Director of the UCC Church Building & Loan Fund detailed a number of creative projects congregations have used to expand or re-purpose portions of their building in order attract new strains of financial support. Executive Conference Minister Rev. Darrell Goodwin, spoke in the afternoon.

Next year's in-person Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 10 at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI.

How About Summer Camp At Silver Lake??

Silver Lake Conference Center is a beautiful and exciting place in Sharon, CT. The summer camp offers 2-week-long conferences from June 26 – August 13 for youth in grades 5-12. Enjoy games, swimming, crafts, a ropes adventures course, delicious meals, and singing around the campfire. Silver Lake will have a new Day Camp this year, June 27-July 1. Register through the website. Find a link to the brochure, to the video of the Parents Information Session, and more information at www.silverlakeect.org/summercamp. For more information, go to the the website – www.silverlakeect.org, or talk with Karlee Etter or Scott Morrow.

Go To A Concert To Benefit Homes For Veterans

Hans Hanson plays the bass guitar for Gold Dust with passion and joy. His band will join with several others from the School of Rock to offer a concert at The Barn in Easton, CT on Sunday, July 17th, from 3-8pm. All proceeds from Barnstock 2022 will benefit Homes of the Brave, a CT home-shelter program for veterans. Check it out!

Generosity Team

A Reminder About Summer Pledges

The Ministry Leadership Board would like to sincerely thank all the Church members and friends for their generous support for our Church this year, and to wish you a wonderful, adventurous, and invigorating summer. For those who provide support regularly each week or month, your continued support over the summer months would be greatly appreciated to facilitate with the cash flow of our Church budget. Please try to keep your pledges current!

We Need VOLUNTEERS To Help With In-Person Worship

It is a joy to have more people joining the In-Person Worship service on Sunday! We want to offer a warm welcome and hospitality to all who come for the worship service. This means we need volunteers to serve as **Deacons, Greeters and Scripture Readers** on Sunday mornings.

We have a particular need for Coffee Hour/Lemonade Hour Hosts in order to enjoy the fellowship of gathering after worship. **Please consider serving in one of these ways – sign up on the Church website or in the Narthex, or call the Church Office. Thank you!**



Ministry Leadership Board Meetings During Summer

The MLB will meet on Wednesday, August 10, at 7pm. The MLB will not meet in July.

Window Deadline! The deadline for the September WINDOW will be Wednesday, August 24. The September WINDOW will be mailed on Wednesday, August 31. Thank you for getting your articles and announcements to Julie early!

Bible Study ZOOM Takes a Break

The weekly Bible Study will take a break in July and August. We will gather again on Tuesday, Sept.6 to begin a study of the book of the Revelation to John. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for an hour for study and prayer through ZOOM! All are welcome! If you would like to visit, tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link and information about the study guide for Revelation.

Endowment Team Meeting Wednesday, August 10th @ 9:00am

The next meeting of the Endowment team is Wed, Aug 10th @9AM. We will meet in person in the Heath Room to discuss the portfolio. If you have questions concerning the Church's Endowment this meeting is the place to get answers. Members and friends are welcome to attend. If you would like more information please contact Bryant Munson, Financial Agent of NHCC.

Summer Office Hours



The church office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm beginning Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, August 26.

SAVE THE DATE!!

- Sunday, Sep 11 – Rally Day, Confirmation Gathering, and OASIS Kick-off
- Saturday, Sep 17 – ReGathering and ReNewal for Mission
- Sunday, Sep 25 – Foundation for Orphans Service

Women's Fellowship

We were able to resume our end of the year outing at Gouveia Vineyard this year. It was wonderful to meet in person! We enjoyed great food and fellowship. It was a time to get reacquainted and have lots of laughs.

I have assumed the role of president of the Women's Fellowship.

As an organization we would like to thank Dot Pierce for her service. She has done a tremendous job. She has worked hard and always has a smile in her heart. Next time you see her, give her a high five!

Women's Fellowship, along with the NHCC is waking up from its long Covid nap. We are a group of strong talented women bound together in our faith. This is your organization! Think about what our Fellowship means to you and how we may serve our church and community. Please watch for an announcement of a planning get together in the fall.

Until then, have a joyous summer!

Kathy Harple
President

Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship looking for the Laugh

The Men's Fellowship Group has been meeting on the first and third Saturday in person since Mid-March. Our gatherings continue us to follow up on the important milestones of our fellow members, family and personal accomplishments. In addition, we receive relevant updates from Scott and/or ministry activities on Church business. We have maintained a core committed group on about 8 men to meet each meeting. We want to thank Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Stephen Simonson, and John Tibor. Finally, Tim offers a devotional of the Word to reflect upon.

There were two topics that we focused on this month: Summer meeting schedule and organization of a Men's Fellowship sponsored Comedy Night.

- We determined this morning to hold just one Men's Fellowship Breakfast per month in July and August on the second Saturday of each month (July

9th, August 13th). Attendees are asked to bring their own coffee and food to these breakfasts. We will resume our normal 1st and 3rd Saturday Meeting Schedule in September.

- We also determined today that the following Committees need to be filled for our upcoming Comedy Night fundraiser on Saturday, October 15th:

- o Tickets – Jim said he would take charge of this responsibility;
- o Food/Drink;
- o Hall Setup/Breakdown;
- o 50/50 Raffle; and
- o Publicity.

Many hands make for light work, so please give the above tasks your careful consideration and let either Jim or Tim know what you are willing to do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Peiffer

Seven men attended this gathering in Carroll Hall: Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Walter Hagedorn, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Stephen Simonson, and John Tibor

- We were pleased to welcome Bernie's friend (from the German Club) Walter to this morning's get-together. It was very obvious that he and Bernie have a long and special relationship, and we hope have him join us again.

- There was just a lot of general conversation happening this morning. Nothing real noteworthy, just a lot of interesting stuff.

- Two topics WERE noteworthy, however. Why aren't more men coming to our bi-weekly breakfasts, and why aren't more church members attending Sunday services in-person? YOUR response(s) to these queries would be welcomed.

- It was learned today that John Tibor will probably NOT be available to cook during July and August, something about his spending some time at the Branford shore, so we will need to make a decision at our June 18th Breakfast how to proceed going forward. Do we meet at a restaurant, bring our own

food and drink to Carroll Hall, or do a combination of the two?

- The reason for continuing to meet throughout the summer is so that we can properly plan out our Comedy Night, and I have news to announce here, as the date of same had to be changed, and has been, to Saturday, October 15th. I have attached a flyer for everyone's further information. Needless to say, I have no problem serving as the liaison between men's fellowship and comedian Dave Kane, but I will need the full support of our men's group if we are to pull this activity off successfully. Maybe we can start putting some Committees together on the 18th?

Just six men attended this morning's assembly in Carroll Hall: Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Tim Peiffer, and John Tibor.

- Scott reminded everyone that the Window deadline is Wednesday, June 22nd, so anyone owing an article etc. is prompted to submit same by that date.

- We learned the good news from Bernie that Bob Scheidecker underwent successful heart surgery this week and has already been released to home care.

- Filling in for Scott on June 26th and July 3rd while he is on vacation will be the Rev. Joseph Tobin.

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- o Hall Setup/Breakdown;
- o 50/50 Raffle; and
- o Publicity.

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Many hands make for light work, so please give the above tasks your careful consideration and let either Jim or Tim know what you are willing to do.

- Lastly, Tim led us in today's devotional, titled "How are You,?" which was taken from the Gospel According to Luke, reading from the 23rd Chapter, verses 32-43.

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 Week are: Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert and Treffle Robert.

PASTORAL VISITS

Please call the church office and let us know of your hospitalization, or to request a visit. Pastoral visits can once again be scheduled as COVID polices are revised. 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. We continue to celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month, encouraging those at home to participate with their own bread and juice.

If you are unable watch the Church service online, we will be happy to celebrate this Sacrament with you either in person or 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.

Meg Adams
67 Sackett Point Rd.,
Apt. 408
North Haven, CT 06473



Marlene Bellonio
West Haven Center For Nursing & Rehab
310 Terrace Ave, W146D
West Haven CT 06516

Lorraine Burdge
The Hearth At Gardenside
173 Alps Road, Apt. 219
Branford CT 06405



Merrilee & George Gladkosky
145 N. Ridgeland Road
Wallingford CT 06492

Betsy Gumbart
150 Cook Hill Rd. Unit 7311
Cheshire, CT 06410



Ellie Harple
176 Pool Road
North Haven, CT 06473



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Phyllis & Walter Kaercher
5 Tennyson Ave.
North Haven, CT 06473



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

Betty Martin
22 Canterbury Rd.
Hamden CT 06514



Bob & Barbara Scheidecker
59 Grove Road
North Haven, CT 06473



A portrait of an elderly woman with short, reddish-brown hair, wearing a red top and a dark jacket.
Rose Monaco
c/o Lisa Philips
14516 Vale Street NW
Andover, MN 55304
***NEW ADDRESS**



Linda Shannon
165 Clintonville Rd, #214,
North Haven, CT 06473

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



Audrey Tilley
1211 Ashlar Village
Wallingford, CT 06492



John & Linda Rankin
132 Deepwood Lane
Wallingford CT 06492



Jeff Whipple
5124 Avalone Haven Drive
North Haven, CT 06473

Ellen Robert
The Golden Hill Rehab Pavilion
2028 Bridgeport Ave., Room 202
Milford, CT 06460
Shirley Ryan
5 Shepard Hill Road
Hamden CT 06514



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:00 Food Pantry Open	2 7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
3 9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED 9:30am AA (K)	5 9:30am Al-Anon (CH) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 12:30pm PLP (Library) 7:00 Concert on the Green	6 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)	7 6:30pm Mothers of Twins (CH)	8 10:00 Food Pantry Open 7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	9 9:30 Music Together (CH) 10:30 Music Together (CH)
10 9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)	11 9:30am AA (K) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm Building & Grounds (Library) 6:45pm GFWC (K)	12 9:30am Al-Anon (CH) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm Building & Grounds (Library) 12:30pm PLP (Library)	13 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)	14 7:00 Garden Club (CH)	15 10:00 Food Pantry Open	16 7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 9:30 Music Together (CH) 10:30 Music Together (CH)
17 9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)	18 9:30am AA (K) 6:00pm CT Record Club (CH)	19 9:30am Al-Anon (CH) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 12:30pm PLP (Library)	20 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)	21 7:00 Garden Club (CH)	22 10:00 Food Pantry Open	23 9:30am Music Together (CH) 10:30 Music Together (CH)
24 (In-Person & On-line)	25 9:30am AA (K) 11:00 Pre-Weddig Party (CH)	26 9:30am Al-Anon (CH) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 12:30pm PLP (Library)	27 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)	28 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)	29 10:00 Food Pantry Open	30 9:30am Music Together (CH) 10:30 Music Together (CH)
31 9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)						

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1		3	4	5	6
	9:30am AA (K)	9:30am Al-Anon (CH)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)		10:00 Food Pantry Open	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open			9:30 Music Together (CH)
		12:30pm PLP (Library)				10:30 Music Together (CH)
		7:00 Concert on the Green	5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)	6:30pm Mothers of Twins (CH)		
	8		10	11		13
9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)					10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30 Music Together (CH)
	9:30am AA (K)	9:30am Al-Anon (CH)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)			10:30 Music Together (CH)
		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open			
		12:00pm Building & Grounds (Library)				
	6:45pm GFWC (K)	12:30 PLP (Library)	5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)		7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	
		7:00 Concert on the Green	7:00 MLB (CH)	7:00 Garden Club (CH)		
	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)						
	9:30am AA (K)	9:30am Al-Anon (CH)	10:00 Food Pantry Open		10:00 Food Pantry Open	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
		6:00pm CT Record Club (CH)	5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)			
	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)						
	9:30am AA (K)	9:00am Day time Gardeners (K)	WINDOW DEADLINE		10:00 Food Pantry Open	
		9:30am Al-Anon (CH)	10:00 Food Pantry Open			
		12:30pm PLP (Library)	5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)			
	29	30	31			
9:30 Worship (In-Person & On-line)						
	9:30am AA (K)	9:30am Al-Anon (CH)	WINDOW MAILING			
		12:30pm PLP (Library)	10:00 Food Pantry Open			
			5:30 Girl Scout 60071(CH)			

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