



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

May 2021



In the Wilderness

Are we there yet? That was the most common question on the long car trips with my family - followed closely by wanting a drink of water or needing a bathroom. Miles and miles and hours and hours with my brother and sister and I filling the back seat and bothering each other. ***Are we there yet?***

The pandemic has been a little like a long car trip! It started very suddenly and was really scary. Then everything either shut down or got disrupted. Then it seemed to get better and ended up even worse. Now the vaccines are here and spring is here. ***Are we there yet?***

The closure of the church and the shutdown of in-person worship has been a terrible ordeal. Giving up gathered worship with singing, sitting with friends, passing the communion tray or sharing a greeting of peace - giving that up has been difficult and painful. ***Are we there yet?***

It makes me think of the stories of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness after escaping from slavery in Egypt. A journey that took far longer than anyone imagined it might. A harsh journey without enough food to eat, without enough water to drink. A journey toward a promised land that seemed to always be a long way off.



We're not there yet. Opening for in-person worship is coming, but it's not here yet. Covid case levels are falling. More and more people are getting vaccinated. My family's car trips always ended - we always got there. The Israelites did eventually escape the wilderness, crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land.

We will get there too. We will open for in-person worship. This may be the hardest part of the journey - when the frustration and loneliness and fatigue and resentment seem most overwhelming. For now we need to trust in God, and in Jesus who is in the wilderness with us. We need to help each other and draw strength from each other.

We will get there.

Peace, Scott Morrow

Why We Celebrate the Month of May

There are plenty of reasons to love May. It is the start of summer, flowers are blooming, and you can finally begin entertaining outdoors again. It is also a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings, an appropriate symbol of spring.

Whether it's Mother's Day, Memorial Day, World Press Freedom Day or National Buttermilk Biscuit Day, there's always something special to celebrate during the month of May. Here are a few things you can enjoy with your family and friends, or by yourself.

May 1st is May Day and is a festival that celebrates the arrival of Spring with the Maypole and by bringing in branches of forsythia, lilacs, or other flowering shrubs from your region.

May 3rd is World Press Freedom Day and was started to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of

the press and expression. No matter your political leanings or news outlet of choice, a free press is vital to all people and their knowledge of world happenings.

May 4th is Birds Day, and birds are pretty amazing. Many birds fly thousands of miles to migrate, and they're descendants of dinosaurs. What does the sparrow symbolize in the Bible? God's heart, kindness and compassion is so deep and wide that it extends to the smallest of creatures and the haughtiest of the them (the human!). Sparrows have also been referenced as symbols of freedom, in particular, the freedom for humans to have freewill and choose between good and evil.

May 4th is also National Teacher Day. A day to thank and honor our teachers, including our Sunday school teachers, for all the hard work they do.

May 5th is Cinco de Mayo Day and commemorates the Mexican victory over the French during the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Over time, it has evolved into a day of celebrating Mexican culture.

May 9th (second Sunday in May), Mother's Day, is the celebration surrounding the role of the mother in the family. It is to honor maternal bonds, motherhood and the role of mothers in our society. We celebrate Mother's Day, to thank all our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and family members who filled in for our mothers, for their undying love, their untiring work, their unselfish giving, and their undivided devotion. The day celebrates the bond between a mother and her child and shows gratitude towards their influence and contribution in our lives. On this day, every child tries to do something special for their mother and make many memories. Hint: Moms love homemade gifts and cards from their children.

May 12th is Limericks Day. Limericks are quirky, funny poems in which the first two lines rhyme with the fifth line, and the third and fourth lines rhyme with each other. One many of us know from Mother Goose: Hickory Dickory Dock - The mouse ran up the clock. – The clock struck one – The mouse did

run – Hickory Dickory Dock. Try your hand at writing one.

May 12th – is also International Nurses Day. Every year International Nurses Day is celebrated on 12 May to commemorate the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday, and celebrates all the contributions made by nurses everywhere. We especially thank them for all they did during the Covid-19 pandemic and now for giving us vaccinations to protect us from the virus.

May 15th is Celebrate Chocolate Chip Day, whether eaten by the handful, or baked into cookies and other desserts, chocolate chips make life a little sweeter.

May 25th is National Wine Day and gives you a pretty good reason to indulge in a glass of wine.

May 31st is Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. This year there will be a town parade again on Saturday, May 29th, and whether we choose to participate will depend on YOU, so please let the church office know if you would like North Haven Congregational Church to have a float this year.

Joan Bennett, MLB



Ministry Coordinator for Children

Church School Calendar

- May 2** Scripture: John 4:7-21
Theme/Focus: Let Us Love One Another
Church School resources to families via email
- May 9** Scripture: John 15:9-17
Theme/Focus: Abide in Love
Church School gathering via Zoom
- May 16** Scripture: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Theme/Focus: Matthias is Chosen
Church School resources to families via email
Church School *SING-ALONG* via Zoom
(11 am & 12 pm)
- May 23** *Pentecost Sunday*
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
Theme/Focus: Spirit for All
Church School gathering via Zoom
- May 23** Trinity Sunday
Scripture: Isaiah 5:1-8 and Psalm 29
Theme/Focus: Mysterious Encounter
Church School resources to families via email

Church School - Spring 2021

Church school continues using the WHIRL lectionary curriculum which offers many options for in-person and/or digital learning. The printed, lectionary-based resources originally intended for in-person learning are modified on a weekly basis to meet the needs of digital or virtual learning for the children and their families to utilize at home.

On several Sundays each month, families are sent via email, the lectionary-based scripture. Accompanying the scripture, is the day's theme or focus, an opening and/or closing prayer, suggestions for getting a discussion going, and suggestion(s) for a family activity to enhance the day's biblical scripture and lesson.

On March 21 and April 18, Jeff and Karlee co-hosted a special Church School Zoom Sing-Along. The children enjoyed conversation and singing with Jeff. He selects various songs, both familiar from past years and invites the children to join him in singing. Currently the children are relearning SPIRIT, SPIRIT

OF GENTLENESS. They will have several opportunities to practice on May 2, 9, 16 (via Zoom) in preparation for singing on Pentecost Sunday (pre-recorded). With their family's permission and assistance, the children will record themselves, to participate in the worship on May 23 (Pentecost Sunday). The children all seem to enjoy the opportunity to sing together and look forward to more Sing-Alongs before the end of the current church school year.

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, I host a Zoom gathering for the children at 11:00 or 12:00, depending on their ages/grades. During our 30-40 minutes together, we catch up with one another, recall the day's scripture read during worship, recall what church season we're celebrating, and then participate in a re-reading of the selected scripture. I also share an age-appropriate video based upon the day's biblical scripture and theme. The video provides a connection of the biblical scripture to daily life. Nearly every Zoom Sunday, I have had the usual attendance we expect with In-person worship and church school.

Karlee Etter
Ministry Coordinator for Children

Message from the Music Director

Pentecost Virtual Project

I'm excited to announce that we will be offering a multi-media musical offering on Pentecost (Spirit of Gentleness) which will involve the chancel choir and the children's choir. All are welcome to participate by sending Audio or Video recordings to Jeff to be assembled into one project. Children and Chancel choirs are learning the song now. It's a familiar hymn found in Voices United hymnal at #375. If interested in participating please write to Music@NorthHavenUCC.org and I will get you started!

A little bit on “Singing Masks”

There are some companies offering expensive singing masks that purport to be extra comfortable for singers. These masks are not necessarily proven to reduce more “plumes” of droplets from our mouths while we sing. These masks can cost up to \$40 each. There is no additional “safety” in buying them. Still, they are large and spacious up front where they need to be. I do not think these expensive singers’ masks are necessary, but some of my colleagues do like them. On the flip side, a regular blue surgical mask is not comfortable for singing at all in my opinion, and get caught in my mouth when breathing.

Instead, I have found that the inexpensive “KF94” masks billed as “3D”, provide me just enough space up front to breath comfortably while singing. They have a light, horizontal, ridge around the nose that keeps material out of the my mouth. They also have a bottom lip that fits around the chin. “KF94 3D Masks” are Korean masks with near N95 filtration (“94”) and are usually in stock at Husky Cleaners across from Big Y. I have also ordered approx 100 of these masks online (and some lanyards and glasses de-fogging wipes) in the event we need to put them to use. They are inexpensive and work just as well as the expensive ones. The only little drawback I have found is that they can fray a little bit on the edges.

I will be handing them out to choir when we slowly start to congregate once again. If you are interested in receiving a sample, I will be happy to provide you a care package! Please email Music@NorthHavenUCC.org. Of course, physical distance is just as important when singing, and we will be combine these safe approaches as we return. You might also be surprised at how wonderful the pre-recorded singing sounds LIVE in the church. There are options for “hybrid music”! Of course, we continue to pray that herd immunity goes up and that cases per 100,000 go down.

Music Ministry Team

In-Person Worship Update

There is good news to share! As of 4/22, COVID-19 case levels in North Haven have fallen to **26.8** per 100,000. Case levels have fallen consistently in April from a recent high of 39.5.

In-Person Worship remains suspended in response to a high level of COVID+ cases. Online Worship is still continuing each Sunday morning. The current CT Department of Public Health recommendation is to **postpone indoor activities at case levels of 15/100000 or higher**. The ReOpening Team has determined that the case level in North Haven and surround towns needs to be below 15 per 100,000 for two weeks before In-Person Worship indoors can be considered.

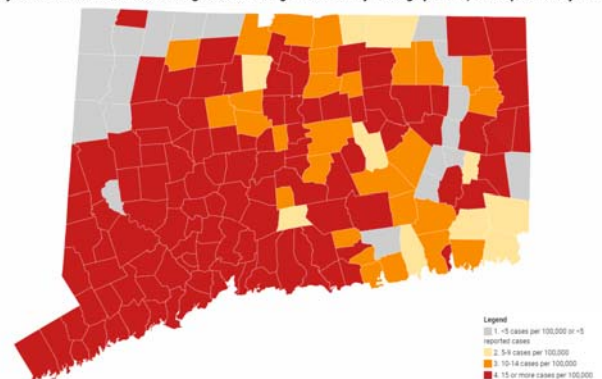
The Governor has just announced changes in the mandated COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines for May, and the CT Department of Public Health is expected to issue revise guidelines as well.

A Return to In-Person Worship Survey is collecting responses from the congregation through the Church website regarding comfort and interest in in-person worship and programming. Any decision to resume In-Person Worship will be shared promptly with church leadership and the congregation.

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The State of CT color-coded map of towns in the state based on the average daily rate of COVID19 cases among persons living in community settings. (<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Data-Tracker>)

Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000 Population By Town



New Functionality on our Website

Our Website now supports the ability to drag/drop files to be displayed on the website. This gives authorized users the ability to post documents on our website without requiring any programming skills.

When I am not in the office, I can give a password to an authorized user that allows them the ability to

upload a document that is then displayed on the website.

Added security is also on the page to require a person to do a math problem, this eliminates the ability of hackers to use “bots” to break into our website.

Julie Schweickert, Webmaster/Office Manager

Message from the Webmaster



Bulletin for next Sunday Service:
Sunday, April 11, 2021 [CLICK HERE]

Recorded Worship Services [CLICK HERE]

2021 Recorded Worship Service Bulletins [CLICK HERE]

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Church Family News

Birthdays Robin Rose
05/04, George Coulston
05/05, Aurora Davis 05/07,
Bryant Munson 05/08,

Sienna Baldino 05/09, Andrew Butterworth 05/13,
Jack Corcoran 05/15, Drew Mastracchio 05/16, Todd
Shea 05/17, Scott Geissler 05/18, Cynthia Geissler
05/19, Shirley Ryan 05/19, Dorothy Pierce 05/22,
George Gladkosky 05/22, Jody Gallagher 05/22,
Martha Butterworth 05/31.

Anniversaries Carla & Michael Hill 05/01,
John & Linda Rankin 05/22,
Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 05/25.

Deaths: Tom Ryan died on March 26. Tom was
the husband of Shirley Ryan. He was the father of
David, Meg, John, and the late Jane Ryan. Tom was
the stepfather of Kimberly Sceggel and Mark, Jeffrey,
and Jonathan Whipple. Tom worked in the North
Haven School system for 20 years and retired as
Assistant Superintendent.

Oasis Youth Group News

Oasis Multi-church Youth Group meets regularly on
Sunday afternoons at 5pm and all gatherings are now
virtual. The ZOOM meetings will begin with a game.
On May 23rd there will be an opportunity to bring a
song or some music you enjoy to share. On May 30th,
Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, there will be a
youth choice game night. There is a weekly game
night for grades 5-7 on Sundays, 4-5pm. Watch your
email or contact Scott for the ZOOM link!

Mission Team News

Church World Service



Thanks to the generosity of our
congregation we were able to
assemble and send off 51 school
kits. Church World Service will
distribute them to children in
need.



Covenant to Care for Children Easter Project

An inquiry was made of Julie about a week before the
gift cards or monetary contributions were due in order
to get them to the DCF children we have covenanted
to care for before Easter. The news was not
encouraging. At that point not too many had come in
and the social worker was informed that we might not
have as many gift cards as the number of Easter
baskets we had provided pre-Covid. But by the due
date we had met our goal. THE NORTH HAVEN
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY HAD
COME THROUGH ONCE AGAIN!

And so, forty children received a gift card in a bunny
decorated envelope for them to choose their own
Easter treat. Hallelujah! Many thanks to all who made
this possible.

Building and Grounds Monthly Update

This past month Building and Grounds has worked on
the following projects:

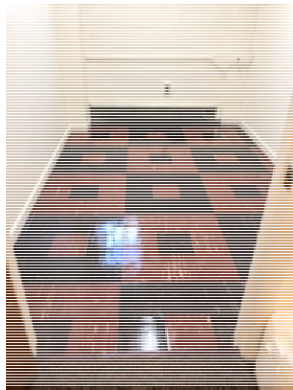
- 1) Built dolly for chest freezer. Moved chest freezer
out of the kitchen and into the Boiler Room.



2) Took out old shower from Boiler Room



3) Re-modeled “Room 5”. After the ladies of Womens Fellowship emptied out Room 5, Mark Bessett and Paul Powers gutted the space and patched the walls. Priscilla Bradford painted the room and Mark stripped and waxed the floor. Metal shelving has been purchased and will be installed in the room to store food for the Food Pantry.



Mark Bessett, Building and Grounds

Spring Cleanup:

Thank you to all who came and worked on our Spring Cleanup. People who participated: Martin Benassi, Peter Struck, Bryant Munson, Susan Compton, Melissa and Carman DeLuca, Steve Simonson, Scott Morrow, Kim Coughlin, Nancy and Ken Mahoney , Quinnipiac students: Nicole, Emma, Jess, Jess and Cortney and Priscilla Bradford.

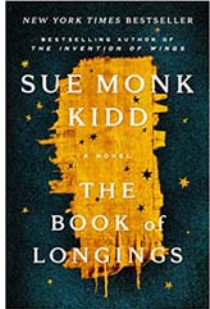
We cleaned out the flower beds, cleaned gutters, trimmed the trees, and mulched the beds. The Quinnipiac Students dug up the garden under the music room, picked up sticks, raked the bank of the brook, and planted flowers at the Parsonage.



Weekly Bible Study ZOOM on Tuesday – Join Us! You are invited to a weekly Bible Study on **Tuesday afternoons at 6pm (on May 4 we will meet at 5:30pm** ahead of an MLB meeting). 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!

Book Club update

Another successful meeting of the NHCC Book Club occurred on Sunday Afternoon April 18th. We had a wonderful discussion and shared interesting



observations on the book “The Giver of Stars” by Jojo Moyes.

Our next book club meeting is Sunday May 23rd at 4:00 and we will be discussing “The book of Longings” by Sue Monk Kidd.

In her mesmerizing fourth work of fiction, Sue Monk Kidd takes an audacious approach to history and brings her acclaimed narrative gifts to imagine the story of a young woman named Ana. Raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, she is rebellious and ambitious, with a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. She engages in furtive scholarly pursuits and writes narratives about neglected and silenced women. Ana is expected to marry an older widower, a prospect that horrifies her. An encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything.

May’s meeting will be held in the church parking lot, bring your own chair. In event of rain we will be back on Zoom.

We welcome new members to share in our lively discussions and the love of reading. Don’t miss out on the fun! If interested please contact Melissa DeLuca at mlavanway@sbcglobal.net.

Help the Habitat ReStore! The Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Wallingford sells home furnishings and fixtures and the proceeds support the construction of homes. The ReStore needs bubble-wrap and the inflated packing material that comes along with the online purchases that arrive at your home. They will use it to ship items to their online Customers. **Bring your unneeded bubble-wrap and inflated packaging to the church and we’ll pass it along to the ReStore!**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK

YOU!! A wonderful thank-you to all the people who helped with our worship services for Holy Week and Easter. Sue and John Tibor arranged the palms. Sue

and John also arranged the Easter lilies and picked up flowers from Forget-Me Not for the cross outside. Deacons Dot Pierce, Chris Corcoran, Jim and Joan Bennett, John Tibor, Tim Peiffer, Carol Amico, and Nancy Mahoney recorded readings for the Maundy Thursday service. Gary Snowbeck and Jeff Hutchins and members of the Chancel Choir recorded music for Palm Sunday, Holy Week prayer services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Thanks to all!

The 2021 Memorial Day Parade for the Town of North Haven is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 at 10:30 a.m. We are currently deciding whether and how the Church will participate.

Heritage Sunday on June 13

During our worship service on Sunday, June 13, we will recognize those who have been members of our church for 50 years or more, as has been our tradition. If this can be an in-person celebration, an invitation will be mailed to Heritage Members. If you are a Heritage Member (or if you’re not sure), please call the Church Office and speak with Julie Schweickert.

Choir Appreciation on June 13

We will celebrate the talent and dedication of the members of the Chancel Choir on Sunday, June 14, in our worship service. We will also recognize and honor the gifts of Director of Music Jeffrey Hutchins and Organist, Gary Snowbeck. If we are able to gather in-person on that occasion it will add greatly to the celebration! We invite you to join us for worship and this celebration, whether in-person or online.

2021 Summer at Silver Lake Conferences Registration is OPEN!!

Silver Lake Conference Center is a beautiful and exciting place in Sharon, CT. New this year, SLCC offers 2-week-long conferences from June 27 – August 6 for youth in grades 5-12. The sessions will be at limited capacity, and will allow a more in-depth camp experience. Enjoy games, swimming, crafts, a ropes adventures course, delicious meals, and singing around the campfire. Watch for the 2021 Camp Brochure! 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 website – www.silverlakeect.org, or talk with Karlee Etter or Scott Morrow.

Consociation Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting of the New Haven East Consociation will again be held in October. This year the meeting will be on Sunday, October 24, at 6pm. The decision about whether the meeting will be in-person or mutual will be made in the fall.

Annual Meeting Of The Southern New England Conference

The Second Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held virtually on Saturday, May 8, from 9am – 4pm. The meeting will begin and end with worship, and each session during the day will begin with worship. The Executive Conference Minsiter, the Rev. Darrell Goodwin, will address the gathering, as well Chair of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Jocelyn Gardner Spencer. More information about the meeting and registration can be found at the Conference website - <https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/14923441?month=5&year=2021&day=1&display=m>

Women's Fellowship

One year has gone by since the start of the pandemic, as we all know. And it's been a struggle for all of us. Through it all, Women's Fellowship has remained doing whatever we can to support each other during this time.



On April 20, 2020, a group of women met in the church parking lot for lunch and fellowship! It was the idea of one woman who felt that it was important that somehow we meet and catch up with each other, because being alone during the pandemic had brought

on feelings of loneliness, sadness, and depression. It was decided to meet in the church parking lot, a place familiar to us and in the shadow of the church we all missed so much!

On that bright sunny, cold day, 6 women came with their chairs, winter coats, hats, gloves, and lunch! We sat in a circle 6 feet apart, sharing stories—some of good times, some of sad times. We laughed, and the love and fellowship was back! It was the best 2 hours of enjoying each other's company any of us had shared in a long time. The group became known as "PLP" (parking lot picnic).

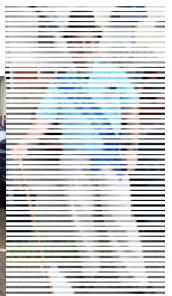


We continued to meet on Tuesdays as the weather permitted. The group grew in size as the weather got warmer, and there were as many as 12 in attendance! We shared stories, books, and fresh vegetables from our gardens; we even shared meals to bring home. Very relaxing—no stress, no schedule, no time frame—we stayed as long or as short a time as we wanted. We've had very serious conversations and sometimes we just have fun and laughs. We never know how it will go, but it seems to always go well!

The longer the picnics continued, the closer we all became. We came up with ideas of things to do to get people back together again, in a safe manner.



We planned a birthday parade for Ellie Harple who was turning 90! In August, there was a 30-car procession complete with decorations, balloons, and so many people; the parking lot was full from entrance to exit! Scott led the parade as the parade master, wearing his top hat and sash and carrying a cane!



In November, we held our first (hopefully only) Virtual Harvest Fair. It was different, yet it brought us together in a new way and the Fair was a success!

In January, we helped Lorraine Burdge celebrate her 93rd birthday with a noontime sing along (with masks) and balloons; even Emma (our canine member) joined in the fun!



We also sent cards to our homebound members for the holidays—Christmas, Valentine’s Day, St Patrick’s Day, and Easter.

April 20, 2021, PLP celebrated its 1-year anniversary! What a wonderful day it was! When the group started 1 year ago, we had no idea how it would go and if it would continue. We had no specific plans, only that we would meet on Tuesdays. We sat in the parking lot on the cold days, the windy days, the cloudy days, the sunny days, the perfect weather days, and even 97-degree days. Weather doesn’t matter to us. We are still sharing stories, laughing even harder now, supporting each other however we can, and enjoying the fellowship. We don’t know how long restrictions will be in place and when we will be back inside the church, so we decided PLP will continue to meet in the parking lot for lunch and fellowship every Tuesday for as long as the weather permits.



This group of women has been such a gift to each one of us—a real blessing. It has helped us cope with loneliness, separation from our church family, and sadness when it was needed the most. We have all grown closer and have gotten to know each other on a new level.

Women’s Fellowship hopes to get back to some of the activities we enjoyed before the pandemic once we are back inside the church. At that point we will have to see what the restrictions will be. Hopefully we can get back to meeting again to decide which activities we can safely handle and how to make it all work in our new environment!

May God grant us all patience and understanding in these ever-changing times!

HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY, PLP 🥰📅🌈🌻

Dot Pierce, President, Cheryl Bogert, Secretary

PLP – The Year in Review

We started meeting
A year ago today.
I’m guessing we hoped
It could stop by May.

We met in the cold,
Windy weather too.
More than once,
Even a sunburn or two!

We’ve shared happy and sad time,
loss and frustration.
Today we will have
a great celebration!

I’m blessed to call you
Good friends of mine.
Thank you dear Lord,
For this parking lot to dine!

Men's Fellowship

The men's group has held two Zoom Meetings since the last Window deadline. The first one, on April 3th, had just four men participating, while our April 17th virtual gathering attracted seven men. Participating in one or both get-togethers were Jim Bennett, Mark Bessette, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Stephen Simonson, and John Tibor.

Dominating our discussions, as always, was the pandemic and how it was affecting our men's group and their families. Fortunately, all seven men listed above reported that they had received both vaccine doses, and the announcement made just this week by Governor Lamont concerning further re-opening guideline relaxations was also very encouraging. We do recognize, however, that the church is being very cautious with its own re-opening plans, watching new coronavirus cases per 100,000 North Haven residents very closely. To assist the Re-Opening Mission Team in its efforts, I urge every church member to please complete the online survey now posted on the website.

Other comments heard or news passed along: Scott was complimented on the great Holy Week Services he conducted; Jim was singled out for his nice, post-St. Baldrick's look; Tim reported that Joshua has been accepted at nine separate schools of music and is now endeavoring to winnow down his list; and Scott mentioned that the church has been contacted to see if it might want to participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 29th.

Also, Mark updated everyone on the ongoing work he and Paul Powers have been doing around the church. Working with Roger from Alarm One, they have installed new heat/smoke detectors in the church's ceiling and are presently working to upgrade those detectors located in the Sanctuary. Additionally, Room 5 in the basement, formerly a storage area for Women's Fellowship, is being converted to another food pantry area. The room has been emptied, freshly painted (thank you, Priscilla Bradford), upgraded with LED lighting, and will soon have shelving installed. Lastly, Mark reported that he and Paul have targeted a large tree on the Linsley Street side of the church

property for serious pruning. We are so thankful for all the work Mark and Paul perform for the church!

The men will next gather online at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 1st.

Jim Bennett Secretary, Men's Fellowship

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

In Our Prayers This Month are: Heather Rowe-Purcell, Onna & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Linda Shannon, Joyce Bellonio, Betsy Gumbart, Shirley Ryan and all the family.

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.



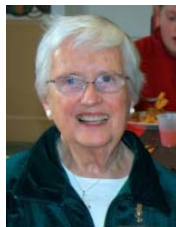
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Rm 205a
New Haven, CT 06519
David Bellonio
Masonicare Health Center
Ramage 6, Rm 616
Wallingford, CT 06492

Lorraine Burdge
18 Cricket Lane
North Haven, CT 06473



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

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



Ellie Harple
176 Pool Road
North Haven, CT 06473

Betty Martin
22 Canterbury Rd.
Hamden CT 06514



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

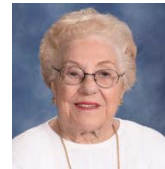


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:30am Worship - (Pre-Recorded Online) 11:00 Church School: PreK-Grade 2 (Zoom) 12:00pm Church School: Grade 3-Gr7 (Zoom) 4:00 OASIS 5th-7th Game Night (Zoom) 5:00 OASIS (Zoom)	26 10:00am Food Pantry Open	27 9:30am Music Together (Lawn) 6:00pm BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)	28 WINDOW MAILING 9:30am Music Together (Lawn) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 1:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom) 7:00 ReOpening (Zoom)	29 9:30am Music Together (Lawn) 7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)	30 8:00am Mens Fellowship (Zoom) 9:00 Auction Drop off (Parking Lot) 9:30am Music Together (Lawn) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 9:30 Music Together (Lawn) 10:30 Music Together (Lawn)	1 8:00am Mens Fellowship (Zoom) 9:00 Auction Drop off (Parking Lot) 9:30 Music Together (Lawn) 10:30 Music Together (Lawn)
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May 19, 2021

May 2nd (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

Psalms 22:25-31

John 15:1-8

May 9th (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalms 98

John 15:9-17

May 13th (Ascension Day)

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Psalms 47 or Psalm 93

Luke 24:44-53

May 16th (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

Psalm 1

John 17:6-19

May 23rd (Pentecost Sunday)

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 30th (Trinity Sunday)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

Psalm 29

John 3:1-17

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