



# North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

# The Window

November 2021

FROM THE  
PASTOR



## Transformed by Gratitude

It is a lovely warm afternoon as I write these words. It doesn't feel like October! Soon it will be November. There is ample reason for gratitude as we anticipate the month of Thanksgiving.

Most of us who have wanted a COVID19 vaccination have been able to get it. Late breaking news indicates that vaccines may soon be available for children aged 5-11, and booster shots are widely available. The vaccination is the safest protection against the virus. COVID case levels in North Haven continue to fall, registering below 10 per 100,000, which means North Haven is now a yellow zone.



On Nov. 7, the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday and give thanks to God for those among our congregation and our acquaintances who have died in the last year. We will welcome the children

to join in receiving Communion that day.

The Holiday Food Drive is underway, collecting contributions of non-perishable food and monetary donations for the purchase of fresh produce and dairy items. We anticipate we will provide food for more than 135 households. The experience of even this challenging year tells us we can anticipate tremendously generous donations, enthusiastic volunteers, and the joy of those who have received food in past years celebrating that changed lives and circumstances enable them to give so others can receive this year.

We will close the month of November by celebrating the first Sunday of Advent and looking ahead to continued celebration in December.

The call to give thanks to God in all circumstances is clear in the Christian gospel. The experience of feeling, and sharing, deep gratitude even among difficult circumstances is an experience and practice of faith: God is with us in every moment.

May you feel and celebrate and share God's blessing this Thanksgiving.

Scott Morrow



Please help a North Haven family celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas

### TURKEYS (Frozen)

Canned sweet potatoes  
Bags and boxes of stuffing  
Cranberry sauce  
Cans of beans (baked, kidney, etc.)  
Cans of broth  
Boxed rice  
Boxes of macaroni and cheese  
Boxed/canned potatoes  
Canned gravy  
Cans of assorted vegetables  
Olives and pickles  
Muffin/corn bread mixes

Cans of fruit  
Boxed cake mixes/frosting  
Pie fillings/pie crust mixes  
Jell-O puddings  
Baking needs (flour, salt, granulated sugar, etc.)  
Powdered/canned milk  
Boxes of cereal (hot & cold)  
Coffee and tea  
Canned juices  
Jars of jelly  
Jars of peanut butter

Canned tuna/other canned fish  
Jars of mayonnaise  
Boxes of pasta  
Jars of pasta sauce  
Cans of tomato sauce  
Cans of assorted soups  
Pasta entrees  
Canned meals (chili, Spaghettios, etc.)  
Canned meat (ham, Spam, Treet, sliced meat in gravy, etc.)  
Canned tomatoes

Bring donations to North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street, M-F 8:00a.m. -2:00p.m.

Thanksgiving Food: Please donate food by Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for Delivery on 11-20-21

Christmas Food: Please donate food by Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for Delivery on 12-18-21

For more information, or to volunteer please call 203-239-5691, Thank you!

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### Reflections

As part of being a member of the MLB we are asked to put something in the Church Window.

My first memory of the North Haven Congregational Church was being picked up by my folks down stairs in what is now the Rainbow room, the Kindergarten Sunday school room, taught by Carolyn Jensen. A few years later as part of a youth group program I remember going tobogganing at Mrs. Beach's house which had long gently sloping fields. The fields were ideal for going down-hill but the long walk back up caused us to do crazy things. This is near where the Mt Carmel connector now goes under Ridge Rd. The last thing I remember about Church School was Bob Bristol leading us in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bible lessons.

Rev Carroll led a confirmation class in which we had to memorize the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Then it was discovered I had not been baptized. So Rev Carroll baptized me just before I joined the Church.

Several years went by during which time I attended NHCC sporadically. I attended a few services at other Churches mainly in Atlanta. My life was coming together. I had graduated from UConn, completed my military active duty, married Sara, joined the family business and bought a home in North Haven. I went to Sara's Church at St Barnabus – St Francis Cabrini a few times but decided it was not working for me. As Sara went to Church nearly every Sunday I would find something else to do or go to NHCC as I felt comfortable there. I did find that if I didn't attend Church for too long I would feel a need to go.

One day at work Edna Sargent stopped in with a pledge card in hand. I had no idea of making a commitment. I would give when I went to Church. I could think of lots reasons why I should not make a commitment. She persisted that it was important for the Church to know the expected income for the next year. Even if it was a small amount it would be OK. Finally, I made a commitment of I'm embarrassed to say \$50. That was fifty years ago In today's dollars that might be nearer to \$500. As far as I know I have made a pledge every year since. Thankfully for the Church my Pledge has increased significantly since then.

Bryant Munson



### Season of Generosity

The Season of Generosity is a time in our Church year to look back with thankfulness at the generous contributions of time, talents and treasures shared by our members and friends. We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all those who have done so much, those seen and unseen efforts, during this very unusual year. It has been truly remarkable to think about all the things that have been able to continue with modifications that we would not have considered prior to 2019.

The Season is also the time for us all to look forward together to the coming year and think seriously about how we might contribute to the Church and its various missions. As we look toward a more normal year ahead, please consider what mission teams are of interest to you and how you can share your time and talents. We also ask that you consider your yearly pledge to support the Church staff, functions, and missions. We depend on people's pledges to financially plan for next year and allow us to vote on a budget for 2022. You can return the pledge card that has been mailed, fill in the on-line form on the church website, or even call the church with your pledge. Our thanks to everyone as we move forward together!

Sincerely, Your Generosity Team

## Ministry Coordinator for Children



### November

#### Church School Calendar

**Nov. 7** Communion Sunday; children begin in church school classrooms then go to worship for Communion

**Nov. 14** Regular Sunday; children

begin in worship and then go to church school

**Nov. 21** Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then go to church school

**Nov. 28** Family worship; Thanksgiving weekend

#### In-Person Church School resumes.

Oh, the JOY of being back to In-person Church School since September 2021! On September 12, our children returned to In-Person church school for the first time in more than eighteen months! They rejoiced mightily and have enjoyed being back together again! Children in grades PreK-Grade 5, continue using the lectionary-based curriculum, SPARK: WHIRL. However, now that we're back to in-person Church school, they can enjoy making biblical theme-based crafts and utilize additional resources, too. Sue Baldino is teaching PreK-Grade 2, Steve Simonson is teaching Grades 3-5, and Karlee Etter is teaching Grades 6-7.

The curriculum for Grades 6-7, is called Mini Revolutions from Illustrated Ministries. This new curriculum for our young teens is also lectionary-based, and is designed with younger teens in mind. Each week, we begin our class-time with a mini-worship service and prayer. Then the students take turns reading aloud from one lectionary-based selected scripture. We then begin our discussion with open-ended questions designed to help the teens imagine life as it may have been in biblical times, to connect personally with the story/scripture and find ways in which they might implement the Christian teachings and morals in their daily lives. Weekly activities help the students think creatively about the scripture through building and design, earth care, social justice, self-care and compassion, social/emotional learning. science, technology and art. Each day's lesson concludes with a closing prayer.

**October 31st** is Reformation Sunday. It is a special day, not only on the church calendar, but also in the life of North Haven Congregational Church as this is the day in which each of our 4th Graders receives a gift Bible. This year, we will also celebrate our whole church community; because once again, the children's' Sunday morning schedule will begin by attending worship with their parents.

#### Advent Night RETURNS December 5, 2021!

We are all looking forward to Advent Night 2021; another wonderful sign of things slowly returning to our community's new normal.

Every year many of us look forward to gathering with our church family to celebrate the beginning of Advent. This year it will be Sunday December 5th, from 3:00-5:00; beginning a couple of hours before the tree lighting on the green.

There will be lots of crafting opportunities from 3:00-4:30. We will close the festive evening with a brief Vesper service at 4:45. This year, unlike past years, we will be spread out across several rooms downstairs, allowing room for many crafts, favorites and new ones; and assist us in maintaining social distancing with masks, of course.

In order to make Advent Night a success, we hope many of you will offer to lead our families in your favorite holiday craft(s). We hope to include bead ornaments, pinecone ornaments, Perler bead art, decorating clear ornaments with acrylic paint, gingerbread houses, snowflake art and the list goes on and on; depending on who is willing to share their favorite craft with our church family. If you have a new, or tried and true project, please let Karlee Etter know and join us to share your passion for crafting with the children and adults alike!

#### Save the dates:

**December 5 - Advent Night, 3-5 pm**

**December 19 - Christmas pageant** during morning worship

You can contact Karlee Etter by phone, 203-239-5691 or by email at [FaihtFormation@northhavenucc.org](mailto:FaihtFormation@northhavenucc.org)

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children





Do you like to have fun?

Do you like to encourage others?

Do you enjoy listening to great stories?

Are you a creative person?

Have we got an opportunity for you!

Our Sunday School classes would love to have some extra hands to work with our wonderful NHCC children during in-church sessions on Sunday mornings. We are looking for members who would be available to come and assist in any of our three classes. We will be glad to have you "tour" on a Sunday morning to see what is happening and view these smart children. We would like you to consider being a volunteer once or twice a month or become a teacher for a few weeks. No experience is necessary. The easy -to- read curriculum and materials are provided. Contact Karlee Etter or any of our teachers for further information. Be generous and offer your time and talents here.

The Faith Formation Mission Team

### NHCC Sunday School



I have the privilege of spending an hour or more every Sunday morning with some very special people who are in third, fourth, and fifth grade. A class for sixth and seventh graders meets with Karlee Etter and a group of pre K through second grade meets with Sue Baldino. Each teacher was provided with age appropriate materials that had been selected by Karlee and affirmed by the Faith Formation Team.

I am grateful that I was given freedom to organize an agenda that we loosely follow each week. After four classes the children and I have settled in to the following agenda. I believe that the kids and I both benefit from a certain amount of repetition.

#### Agenda:

- Prayer: opening prayer
- Discussion: How was your week? ☺ and ☹
- Focus topics: talk about one of the following: climate change, recycling, covid 19, ten commandments, bullies, etc
- Meditation
- Learning to sign the Lord's prayer
- "Hang Man": \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . Jesus
- Music with Jeff two or three times a month
- Consider looking at appropriate You Tube music videos
- Bible verse from the curriculum (see below)
- Going outside to play and do art on the sidewalk: (weather dependent)
- I am grateful for, "-----"!
- Evaluate the class and make suggestions for improvements

So that is the skeleton of our 3-5 grade class. I emphasize the kids being leaders of the different sections. We may not cover every area, especially if the open ended discussions are going well and there is active participation. I do work hard to ensure that we read the Bible verse assigned each week.

Examples of the content and topic of the first four weeks are:

- James chapter 3 verse 1-12 Taming the tongue;  
Kids learned words and bullies can be hurtful.
- Mark 9: 30-37 Jesus welcomed children.
- James 5: 13-20 Pray for one another
- Mark 10: 13-16 Let the children come unto me.....from baptisms

Something we are exploring and hope to do is have the class join the adults on Saturday morning, October 23 for cleaning up the yard. Maybe plant some bulbs and fertilize. There is a good metaphor in there somewhere.

I know the church is looking for adults to join in and become members of the Faith formation Team or as part time and substitute teachers. I promise you that you will get more out of it than you put in.

Stephen Simonson



## Church Family News



**Birthdays** Dan Lafleur 11/01, Laura Alden 11/02, Cheryl Bogert 11/02, Nicole Mecca 11/03, Onna Gott 11/04, Samuel Gott 11/04, Eliza Stewart 11/05, Jason Petrucci 11/05, Bette

DeMayo 11/08, Chery Solecki 11/08, Peter Hall 11/08, Max Scoppetto 11/09, Annette Grant 11/10, Audrey Tilley 11/12, Theodore Manzo 11/13, Eleanor Norback 11/17, Hannah Nottingham 11/17, Ann Dubar 11/18, Michelle McBride 11/18, Nancy Gutowski 11/19, Julianna Wayne 11/19, Peter Struk 11/21, Bruno Juliano 11/21 Rose Royka 11/25, Scott Morrow 11/26, Joan Bennett 11/26, Anna Woodruff 11/27, Cheryl Hall 11/27, Sharman Tait 11/30, Charles Woodruff 11/30.

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

## **Staff Evaluations Are Online And In Need Of Your Completion**

For many years, evaluations of our church staff have been inconsistently conducted. This is unfair to both our employees, who need and expect regular feedback, and the congregation, which ultimately holds the employees accountable. After all, "We (the congregation) are the Church."

I encourage everyone in the church to please take the time, over the next several weeks, to go the church's website, click on to the two banners on its masthead titled "Annual Evaluation (STAFF)" and "Annual Evaluation (MINISTER)" and complete the two forms. Caution: when you select the STAFF evaluation option, please use the drop-down box to make sure you evaluate all staff members individually: Office Manager Julie; Ministry Coordinator for Children Karlee; Director of Music Jeffrey; Organist Gary; and Sexton Todd.



We conducted Pastor Scott's evaluation online last year for the first time and the results were very encouraging, with more than fifty congregants participating, so we have expanded the process this year to include the staff as well. Please recognize that YOUR constructive insights matter.

The timeline for completing this year's evaluation process has been established as follows by the Personnel Mission Team: date the next Window goes out – October 27th; date by which evaluations need to be completed – November 29th; and date of the next MLB Meeting, by which time the evaluations need to be summarized – December 8th.

Please help the Personnel Mission Team do its job by doing YOUR part: taking time to complete evaluations online for Gary, Jeffrey, Julie, Karlee, Todd, and Scott. Thank you.

Jim Bennett, Personnel Mission Team

### Covenant to Care for Children

The materials for Covenant to Care for Children have left the hands of Paula Deihl and have been transferred to the hands of Kathy Harple. The CCC Mission Team will be placed within the scope of the Women's Fellowship in hopes of garnering more help with its projects. We have struggled with how to carry out the Angel Project this year. We want to supply gifts for a specific child, unfortunately we have determined that this would cause logistical complications due to COVID restraints. Jesus taught us that all peoples are deserving. We therefore want to continue in a less satisfying way with the use of gift cards for the children.

Buy a gift card or cards in the amount of \$25 at Target or Walmart and send them to or leave them at the church. Alternatively, you may send a check to the church in any amount you want to give and we will buy gift cards. Please identify on the check it is for the angel project. Please have these to the church by SUNDAY DECEMBER 5th.

We prayerfully look to Easter when hopefully will provide Easter baskets for the children.

Wishing one and all a blessed Thanksgiving.

Kathy Harple

### OASIS Youth Group Is Back IN-PERSON!

The OASIS Multi-church Youth Group will continue to meet in-person in November. 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. The monthly schedule will likely include a two regular "Chill Night" meeting, one excursion, and a hike.

Here is the schedule for November:

All November meetings at **Spring Glen United Church of Christ.**

**Fri-Sun Nov 5-7** – Pride Retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center (OASIS only)

**Sun Nov 14**– OASIS Chill Night 4-6pm

**Sun. Nov 21** – Hike Day

**Sun. Nov 28** – OASIS Chill Night 4-6pm

### TIDEPOOL Middle School Youth

The 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the Multi-church Youth Group chose **TIDEPOOL** as their group name at their Sept. 12 gathering. **TIDEPOOL** will generally meet concurrently with OASIS on Sundays 4-6pm. Some activities will be shared, and some will be for Tidepool alone. The Coordinator for Tidepool is Tori Crook (**You should receive emails directly from Tori – tori.crook@yale.edu**) The monthly schedule will likely include a two regular "Chill Night" meeting, one excursion, and a hike.

Here is the schedule for November:

All November meetings at **Spring Glen United Church of Christ.**

**Sun. Nov 7** – Activity TBD 4-6pm

**Sun Nov 14**– OASIS & TIDEPOOL Chill Night 4-6pm

**Sun. Nov. 21** – Hike Day

**Sun. Nov 28** – OASIS Chill Night 4-6pm



### Changes for Prayers Listed in Sunday Bulletin

Each week the worship bulletin includes a list called In Our Prayers This Week. This is a list of names of persons the congregation is invited to pray for during the week. The names are read, with no additional information, during the pastoral prayer. Requests for names to be included may come from the individuals themselves, family members or friends, or church staff.

In an effort to keep this list timely and uniform, we will list names in the bulletin for a period of two months. Prayer requests should be submitted by email or phone to Julie or Scott by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the upcoming Sunday's bulletin. These prayer requests can be updated and submitted for two subsequent two-month periods.

### Pastoral Prayers On Sunday

In addition to the IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK list in the Sunday bulletin, there are two additional lists included in the pastoral prayer on Sunday. One is a list of current prayer concerns submitted by email. Before the pandemic these prayer concerns were written on slips of paper and collected by a Deacon and read just before the pastoral prayer. Current prayer concerns, with name and brief background, can be emailed to Scott or left by voicemail up until 8:30am on Sunday morning. These are read each Sunday.

The second list is longer-term prayers - bereavement, recovery from surgery, treatment for cancer, etc. These prayers, with name and brief background, often follow up on prayers emailed earlier. They are included frequently in the pastoral prayer.

If you questions about including prayers in the worship service, please contact Scott or Julie.

### In-Person Worship Every Week

We are still continuing with in-person worship services on Sunday morning. COVID-19 case levels in North Haven and surrounding towns have decreased slightly in recent weeks. As of Oct. 14, North Haven reported a case level of **9.7** per 100,000, meaning North Haven is now a yellow zone.

**The ReOpening Team has decided that in-person worship will continue unless the case levels rise significantly higher.**

The following precautions remain in place, for now, for In-Person Worship:

- Attendees are asked to sign in when they arrive; **there is no longer any pre-registration**
- Attendees can choose between socially distanced pews (household groups maintain 6-foot distance) and open pews (vaccinated people can opt to sit together)
- Attendees must wear masks, sing softly, and refrain from eating or drinking in the building.
- Windows will be open, fans blowing outward only
- Bathrooms will be open
- Sanctuary will be open beginning at 9:00a.m.

**Beginning on Sunday, Oct. 31, the children will come into worship again.** On regular Sundays they will come in for the beginning of the service and then go to their Sunday School classes. On Communion Sundays, the children will go directly to their Sunday School class, and then come to the sanctuary for Communion. Children will sit with their parents in socially-distanced pews.



**Clean Energy Task Force supports Food Pantry** The North Haven Clean Energy Task Force presented a check for \$6075 to the Food Pantry at NHCC. The funds come from home energy audits performed in the Task Force program to reduce energy costs and support energy sustainability in North Haven. Each home audit generates a \$25 charitable contribution. This year the charitable contributions were split between the Food Pantry at our Church and the Town Food Pantry run by the Department of Community Services.

### Neighbors In Need Offering

The Neighbors In Need special offering was received on Sunday, October 3. The Neighbors In Need offering is an all-church special offering across the United Church of Christ. It is dedicated to programs of community building and engagement and social justice around the United States. The offering raised \$605, to be shared with the Council for American Indian Ministries for community building and engagement and social justice efforts, and with Justice and Witness Ministries for service projects, and advocacy efforts. Thank you for your generosity!

**Celebrating Bible Sunday!** – We celebrated Bible Sunday on Reformation Sunday, which was **October 31<sup>st</sup>** this year. Each year we present Bibles to church school youth in the fourth grade. We usually do this in church on Bible Sunday. This year Bibles are being presented to Kaitlyn Quinn and Brie Rose. Congratulations!

### Mission Team News

#### In-Person Singing!

North Haven Congregational Church Members of all ages have been singing in-person again in order to create pre-recorded multi-media music for worship, usually in the form of short movies assembled by Music Director Jeff Hutchins. On Pink Sunday, the Adult Choir offered a piece called “Healing River of the Spirit” (which can be found at this url address)

[TinyURL.Com/PinkSundayNHCC](https://tinyurl.com/PinkSundayNHCC)

In addition to the “40 and over” musicians, members of our church school (with the help of our Ministry Coordinator for Children, Karlee Etter, church school teachers and families) are preparing a Gift of Music for “Bible Sunday”, observed on October 31. The piece selected by Jeff was “Seek Ye First”, and it has been a joy working on it. Stay tuned for worship on Sunday 10/31 to see the presentation!



Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God



Healing River of the Spirit

### Pierpont News!

Please save the date of February 26, 2022 for the possibility of a Pierpont Concert featuring the immensely talented musicians of the North Haven High School.

Throughout the pandemic, the musical families of North Haven High School have been flexible and accommodating with district health guidance regarding safe group performances and practice. Students and their families have not complained or whined and have instead adapted and evolved with the circumstances they were dealing with.

Similarly, we desire to continue to support the North Haven Jazz and Vocal Ensembles in whatever format is best for both organizations involved. This concert has traditionally been our most well attended Pierpont Concert and really helps connect our church with the community. It’s possible this will be a “hybrid” concert that is both live-streamed and attended live. It could also mean a well-recorded presentation to watch at home. As the students, teachers, and families of the North Haven High School Music departments have been flexible and accommodating, so will we!

We wish to continue this tradition. So please stay tuned, as the event could take a new dimension and be more exciting than ever! It could also be a traditional concert and dinner like we are used to. On February 22 of 2020, our sanctuary was STUFFED with music!



Let’s look forward to that day happening again!

Jeff Hutchins



**Please Volunteer!!** As our attendance at in-person worship increases, there are opportunities for volunteer assistance on Sunday morning. These opportunities include Sunday Deacons, Greeters, and Flowers for the sanctuary.

**DEACONS** – assist with setting up the sanctuary and leading worship; 1 each Sunday

**GREETERS** – welcome attenders as they arrive and help them sign in, find bulletins and deposit their offering; 2 needed each Sunday

**FLOWERS** – are needed for the sanctuary on Sunday morning. The flowers may be given with a special dedication – in memory, in honor, in gratitude or celebration, which is included in the bulletin and in the pastoral prayer.

Sign up on the church website to serve as the Deacon, Greeter, or to provide flowers for the sanctuary.

In addition to those listed above, there are two other volunteer opportunities. Several people are needed to run the livestream camera on Sunday morning during worship. We also need volunteers to help with a list of tasks around the building (skilled & unskilled).

**CAMERA OPERATORS** – This job is done in the church office on Sunday morning from 8:30 – 10:45am. It would be nice to have 6 or 8 people trained, so the job rotated every other month. Please contact Scott or Julie.

**BUILDING TASKS** – A list of tasks in and around the building has been gathered. These tasks can be done at any convenient time. Please contact Julie to find out about the tasks needed and to schedule your work.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for sharing your time and abilities to help with Sunday worship and building upkeep!

**Assistance Needed In Home** A North Haven resident in a 2-bedroom apartment needs assistance for up to 15 hours each week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tasks include light housecleaning, laundry, simple cooking, and possibly running errands. The schedule Thursday – Saturday is flexible and the pay is \$16.25 per hour. Payment is direct deposit through

the CT Department of Social Services. COVID vaccination is required. There is a cat in the apartment which is cared for by the resident. For more information or to apply call Cindy at 203-239-9901.

### 2022 Mission Team Update Form:

As part of the Church's planning for 2022 we are asking all Mission Team to fill out the Mission Team Update Form on the website under "OUR CHURCH". If you have any questions, you can contact, Julie in the church office.

### Fall Clean up, Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Thanks to all that participated.





### **Change Your Clocks!!**

Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night, November 7.. Remember to turn your clocks back, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep! The worship service on Sunday, Nov. 8 will be at 9:30 a.m., Eastern **Standard Time!**

### **All Saints Observance**

We will observe All Saints Sunday during our worship service on November 7th, when we will read the names of church members, church members' family, and friends who have died in the past year. If you would like someone's name included on All Saints Sunday, please call the church office. We will also have an outdoor memorial site, using the Easter cross. We will hold a brief outdoor prayer service following the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 7.

### **Weekly Bible Study on Tuesday – Join Us!**

Come to a weekly Bible Study ZOOM 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!

### **Scouting for Food**

The Boy Scouts of Connecticut Yankee Council will conduct a food drive throughout our area Nov. 6-13. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will distribute plastic bags on Saturday, Nov 6. The bags should be filled with non-perishable food items (a list is printed on the bag). Scouts will return to pick up the bags on Saturday, Nov. 13. Please hang your bagged donation on your mailbox, front door, or leave on the front porch on by **9am Saturday, Nov. 13.**

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

**The Holiday Food Drive is a tradition of more than 50 years** in North Haven. It was started by two North Haven firefighters, and in recent years has been a project of the churches of North Haven. At

churches and businesses all around town, non-perishable food items are collected. Cash donations enable the purchase of fresh produce and dairy items. A wonderful and long-standing partnership with the North Haven Lions Club provides for the purchase of frozen turkeys. Similar partnerships with the Rotary Club and the Pine Grove Men's Association bring in donations of cash, non-perishables, and turkeys. A wonderful group of volunteers, the Food Drive Council, oversees this effort. This year we expect to pack boxes for over 100 households, brightening their Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. You can help by bringing in your donations of non-perishable food items. You can help with packing the boxes on Friday, Nov. 19, between 3 and 9pm, or with deliveries on Saturday morning, Nov. 20, between 9am and 3pm.

You may want to put these dates on your calendar:

#### **Thanksgiving Boxes –**

Pack on **Fri., Nov. 19** 2hr shifts for 5 people,  
12-4 p.m.;

Deliver on **Sat., Nov. 20**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### **Christmas Boxes –**

Pack on **Fri., Dec. 17**, 2hr shifts for 5 people,  
12-4 p.m.;

Deliver on **Sat., Dec. 18**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteer opportunities include sorting donated food (2-hour shifts for 4 people, beginning Sun. 11/14 at noon, weekdays at noon) packing dairy items Sat. 11/20 8-9am; helping with pick-up or delivery – inside or outside – Sat. 11/10 9a-3a

**Please sign up to volunteer on the Church website!**

### **Save The Date!!**

**Sun. Nov. 7** – All Saints Sunday

**Fri, Nov. 19** – Count & pack produce 12pm-2pm;

Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes 12pm-4pm

**Sat. Nov 20** – Deliver Holiday Food Drive Boxes

9am – 3pm

**Fri. Dec 17** – Count & pack produce 12pm-2pm;

Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes 12pm-4pm

**Sat. Dec 18** – Deliver Holiday Food Drive Boxes

9am – 3pm

## Women's Fellowship

Fall has arrived and Women's Fellowship celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Month on October 17th, hosting PINK SUNDAY on a perfect fall day! Attendance was high: 33 people attended in-person worship, and everyone wore pink! Baked goods were available outside after the service. Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone who donated so generously to our efforts to raise money for After the Storm. Donations from Pink Sunday alone totaled \$172! We have received other donations and will continue to accept donations until October 31st. Your support is greatly appreciated. It was especially nice to see everyone in person and even get a hug or two!

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The Virtual Christmas Fair that will feature nearly new gift-able items as well as lots of Christmas decorations will begin on November 29th and end on December 8th. Pickup for items purchased will be on December 12th, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Bakers are needed to make cookies. Cookies will be sold by the half dozen, so please package cookies 6 per package. We would also like to have a variety of cakes, pies, breads, or whatever you would like to make—all to be individually wrapped. Last year we also sold soups. If you are interested in making your delicious soup, it again would be greatly appreciated. Orders will be taken in advance for all baked goods and soups, and you will be notified in advance as to what is needed based on the orders that are received. Please let us know what baked goods or soup you would like to contribute by contacting Cheryl Bogert at [ca.bogert48@gmail.com](mailto:ca.bogert48@gmail.com) no later than November 15th!

Hopefully this will be our last Virtual Fair and we can all be back together again in 2022!

Help us make this year's Fair a success! Thank you for your support during these difficult times!  
Women's Fellowship Executive Board

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## Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will continue to meet via Zoom on the First and Third Saturdays of the month beginning at 8:00 AM.

We gather virtually and share coffee, stories, and scripture study. Our next meeting is Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. Grab your coffee or tea and come join us!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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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 Rowe-Purcell, Linda Shannon, and Betsy Gumbart.

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## PASTORAL VISITS

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

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## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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We are livestreaming our worship services on Sunday mornings in addition to holding in person worship in the sanctuary. 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 to attend in person or 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.



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### CARDS & LETTERS

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Below are some of our church members who are not always able to be present for worship on Sunday mornings. We keep in touch with them through visitation such as home Communion and gifts of holiday flowers. We invite you to send them a card and include them in your prayers.

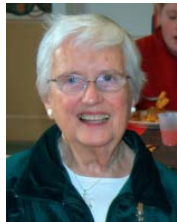
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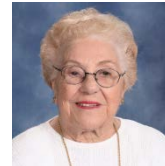
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# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	8:00am Mens Fellowship (Zoom)
	4:30pm Music Together (Lawn)	4:30pm Music Together (Lawn)	1:30pm Staff Meeting (Library)	6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)
	6:00 BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)			7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)		10:30 Music Together (Lawn)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b>						
9:30am Worship -All Saints Sunday (In-Person & Online)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	<b>Boy Scout Food Drop Off</b>
9:30 Church School:		12:00pm Building & Grounds (Library)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)
PreK-Grade 2, Grade 3-7	6:45pm GFWC (K)	4:30pm Music Together (Lawn)	1:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)			10:30 Music Together (Lawn)
4:00pm OASSIS & Tidepool (SGC)		6:00 BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)		7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)	6:00pm Girl Scouts (CH)	
		7:30 Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)	7:00 MLB (CH)	7:00pm Garden Club (CH)	7:00 Danish Brotherhood (K)	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am Worship - (In-Person & Online)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b>	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	9:30 Music Together (Lawn)	8:00am Mens Fellowship (Zoom)
9:30 Church School:			9:30 Music Together (Lawn)		10:00 Food Pantry Open	<b>9:00 Thanksgiving Food Distribution</b>
PreK-Grade 2, Grade 3-7		4:30 Music Together (Lawn)	10:00 Food Pantry Open			9:30 Music Together (Lawn)
10:45 Faith Formation MT (Rainbow Room)	6:00 Record Club (DBL)	6:00 BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)	1:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)	7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)		10:30 Music Together (Lawn)
4:00pm OASSIS & Tidepool (SGC)						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am Worship - (In-Person & Online)			<b>WINDOW MAILING</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
9:30 Church School:			10:00 Food Pantry Open	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>		
PreK-Grade 2, Grade 3-7		6:00pm BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)				
4:00pm OASSIS & Tidepool (SGC)		6:00 NHOAH (L)	1:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)			
		7:00 Danish Brotherhood (K)				
28	29	30				
9:30am Worship - (In-Person & Online)						
9:30 Church School:						
PreK-Grade 2, Grade 3-7						
4:00pm OASSIS & Tidepool (SGC)		6:00 BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)				

## The Window

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**WINDOW DEADLINE**

**November 17, 2021**

### LECTIONARY READINGS

**November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day)**

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

**November 7<sup>th</sup> (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalm 127

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

**November 14<sup>th</sup> (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

1 Samuel 1:4-20

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

**November 21<sup>st</sup> (Reign of Christ)**

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

**November 25<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day)**

Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33

**November 28<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday of Advent)**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

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