

## North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

# The Window

October 2021



#### A Community of Caring

The congregation at North Haven Congregational Church is known as a community of missionary service and caring. Visitors frequently remark on the warmth and friendliness of the congregation and the comfortable welcome they receive.

As October begins we will receive the annual Neighbors In Need special offering on Sunday, Oct.

3. This all-church offering is dedicated to social justice, community building and engagement throughout the United States. The theme for this year is "Unfailing Love" and the focus this year's NIN offering will be homelessness. Our congregation works to meet the needs of those who are homeless and housing-insecure through the Food Pantry and Abraham's Tent.



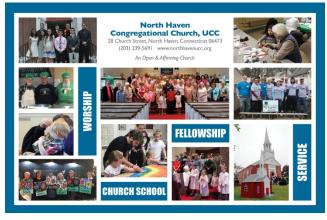
The Holiday Food Drive will begin collecting donations of food in October. This effort to respond to the needs of our neighbors in the holiday season is a long-standing tradition in North Haven. Our congregation has worked alongside members of other North Haven congregations and townspeople to receive, sort, and pack food for pick-up and delivery.

On the last Sunday of October we will present bibles to children in our church school. This is an expression of our desire to encourage and support children and youth in their faith formation and living a faithful life.

The month of October also brings the Season of Generosity, encouraging all of us to consider our contributions of time and talent and money to the ministry and mission of the church. We will hear from members of the Mission Teams about their goals and plans for the coming year as we continue to return to in-person worship and fellowship.

The most precious resource of our church is the congregation itself – a wonderful collection of talents and gifts, experiences and stories, hopes and dreams. The past year and a half has been frightening, frustrating and difficult. We have adapted with creativity and determination in order to worship and serve and care in new ways. I encourage you to think prayerfully about the blessings you experience through our church, and the ways in which your faith is strengthened, stretched and called into service. I encourage you, in that spirit of prayerful gratitude, to give generously of your time, your presence, and your financial resources for our shared ministry in the coming year.

#### Scott Morrow



#### Here I am Lord

Have you ever had a tune and words repeat in your head? For the last few days, as the deadline for this article came closer, I kept hearing the refrain to the hymn, I, the Lord of Sea and Sky. The refrain is:

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

NHCC's by-laws were revised to have self-directed Mission Teams as the structure used to accomplish our mission as stated in our Mission and Values statement:

#### MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

#### VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

#### **VALUES**

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- · Celebrate with honored traditions.

That means that we, you and me, as members of NHCC make a commitment to use our gifts to answer the calling to become Disciples of Christ.

As we begin a new program year, what Mission Team is calling you? Helping with Worship (Deacon); Church School Teacher (Faith Formation); Swinging

a hammer (Building and Grounds); Singing in the Choir (Music); Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Covenant to Care (Outreach); Encouraging members to be generous with their financial support (Generosity); Ministry Leadership Board (Oversee the workings of the church on a monthly basis); Using QuickBooks and paying bills and writing checks (Treasurer). Do you have a passion and see a need? Form a team.

The last verse of the song promises we will be supported by our Christian faith.

I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame I will set a feast for them My hand will save Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?

Will you say, "Here I am Lord"?

Priscilla Bradford, Member, Ministry Leadership Board

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## Season of Generosity

This year our theme for the Season of Generosity is "Rooted in Love". Our faith and caring for each other, our community, and people world-wide are all rooted in love. We have a very caring and loving congregation and we are all called to nurture and spread that spirit. Part of spreading that spirit involves giving generously of our time, talents, and treasure.

The MLB will be working to re-energize the Mission Teams during the end of this year and we encourage all to think about how we can contribute to that effort and focus on supporting our Church so it can remain vibrant and healthy going forward. As we come out of the pandemic, it will be important to re-engage and re-connect, as well as to examine how we can help to keep our Church financially stable. In the past we have depended on pledges, fundraisers, endowment payments, and building use to finance our operations and all of these will continue to be important next year.



Our Season of Generosity will kick off on October 3rd and culminate with our Generosity Sunday on October 24th. Please join us in celebrating the Generous Sprit of our congregation and thanking everyone who contributes to the health and well-being of our congregation

Beth Anderson – member of the Generosity Team

# Ministry Coordinator for Children



#### October

**3** -Communion Sunday; children receive Communion in classrooms with Karlee

**10**-Church School Zoom - Childrens' Choir at 11:30

17-Regular Church School

**24**-Regular Sunday - Children's Music (during Church School) In-Person in Carroll Hall

**31**-Bible Sunday; Children's Choir (virtual, prerecorded) during worship

After nearly two years of Zoom Church School, In-Person Church School resumed on September 12 with excellent attendance; the usual number expected pre-Covid19. The exciting day concluded with a BYOP (Bring Your Own Picnic) Rally Day picnic and single-serve, pre-packaged Ice Cream cups provided by the Faith Formation Team. The families, children and teachers all seemed to enjoy getting re-

acquainted, spending time together, sharing stories, socializing and being in the physical presence of others members of their church family.

This year, due to ongoing concerns over Covid19 variants, the children will still enjoy music with Jeff once a month while at church school and via Zoom. While at church school, they will assemble in Carroll Hall to listen to a hymn or two, and learn the words via reading it rather than singing. They will practice singing via Zoom from their homes, on scheduled Sundays.

This year, we will also have a third age group for Church School. The classes this year will be as follows: Pre-K through Grade 2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-7. Our older age group (grades 3-7) is now our largest group.

#### **Save The Dates**

October 31-Bible Sunday. Our fourth-graders will be receiving their own Bible.

December 5-Advent Night December 19-Annual Christmas Pageant

**Advent Night** (In-person) will be BACK on December 5<sup>TH</sup>! Hip-hip hooray!

We are looking forward to one of our favorite annual events; Advent Night. This year it will be Sunday, December 5th from 3:00--5:00 pm, BEFORE the tree lighting on the green. We will be planning activities from 3:00-4:30 and conclude with a Vesper service. In order to make Advent night a success, we need volunteers to help with activity tables. In the past we've had cookie decorating, bead ornaments, decorative box making, various handmade ornaments, pearler bead art, painting, gingerbread houses, swags, snowflake art and the list goes on. Sometimes Santa even visits! If you would like to guide an activity, but need direction on a project, we can help! If you have an idea for an activity, but need help executing it, we can help with that, too! This is always a great event and requires lots of help from many folks. Please contact Karlee Etter at

FaithFormation@NorthHavenucc.org or 203 239-5691 to volunteer. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

#### **Church Family News**



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

Whipple 10/11, Barbara Marks 10/16, Marissa Volpe 10/16, Gary Czajkowski 10/16, Kerry Stewart 10/17, Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Jonathan Bogaert 10/21, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Cheryl Logan-Sendlein 10/22, Gracie Kirk 10/24, Carson Leyerzapf 10/26, Mathew DiVito 10/27, Betsey Reid 10/28.

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

Weddings: Mary Pallatto and Stanley Ward were married in the sanctuary on September 4. Mary is the daughter of Tony and Sally Pallatto. Danielle Powers and Peter Zalewski were married on September 18 at the Candlelight Inn in New Milford. Danielle is the daughter of Paul and Betsey Powers. Congratulations.

Baptisms: Nolan Charles Dubar, born September 23, 2020 to Jason and Royette Dubar, was baptized on August 29. Nolan is the grandson of Ken and Ann Dubar. Ann is a Heritage Member of NHCC. Callen Gray Lauriat, born October 9, 2020 to Bryan and Lisa Lauriat was baptized on September 4. Serena Isabelle Goldfuss, born October 23, 2019 to Michael and Demitria Goldfuss, was baptized on September 12. Serena is the granddaughter of Diane and Sal DePrimo. Owen Michael Casey and Daniel George Casey V, born June 23, 2020 to Daniel Casey IV and Heather Casey, were baptized on September 26. Joy!

**Deaths:** Lawrence North died on August 26 in Florida. Larry was a Heritage Member of NHCC and a nephew of Barbara Pearsall. We give thanks to God for Larry's life, and ask God's comfort for his family and friends.

#### **Lorraine Burdge Has Moved!**

Lorraine Burdge is a long-time member of North Haven Congregational Church and North Haven resident. After some health issues Lorraine decided to move to an assisted living community in Branford.



Cards and phone calls welcome: The Hearth at Gardenside 173 Alps Road, Apt. 219 Branford, 06405 203-643-1319.

#### Thank you from Joyce Bellonio

I would like to express my thanks to the many people who sent cards and called me about the loss of my son David. It was a great comfort to me and it was very much appreciated. Sincerely Joyce Bellonio



## OASIS Youth Group Is Back IN-PERSON!

The OASIS Multi-church Youth Group has held its first gatherings of the fall. High school and middle school groups met at Spring Glen

Church on Sept. 12, and travelled to the Adventure Park at the Discovery Museum in Bridgeport on Sept. 19 for some low- and high- ropes course excitement! The OASIS Youth Group brings together youth from three UCC churches: Spring Glen Church, United Church on the Green, and North Haven Congregational Church, as well as First Presbyterian Church. OASIS continues to be supported by the Youth Ministry Institute at Yale Divinity School and member churches. The Group includes youth from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as a middle school group 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade. 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 October: All October meetings at Spring Glen United Church of Christ.

Sun. Oct. 3 – OASIS Chill Night 4-6pm Sat-Sun Oct 9-10 – Church Campout 5pm-9am Sun. Oct. 17 – Hike Day Sat. Oct. 24 – OASIS Chill Night 4-6pm

- RSVP for the Church Camp Out *by Thursday* 10/7
- RSVP for the Pride Retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center *by Thursday 10/14* -Pride Retreat is open to 9-12th grades only, more information on this event can be found here https://www.silverlakect.org/prideretreat

#### Introducing .....Tidepool!

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. The name allows them to be distinct from the older youth (OASIS), and also acknowledges the nurturing quality, the sense of wonder, and the powerful potential for renewal that tidepools and oases share! **TIDEPOOL** will 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 the leaders**) The monthly schedule will likely include a two regular "Chill Night" meeting, one excursion, and a hike. Here is the schedule for October: All October meetings at **Spring Glen United Church of Christ.** 

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## Meet our Middle School Youth Group Leader Tori!!!

Tori Crook is originally from Raleigh NC and is currently pursuing her Master of Divinity at Yale Divinity School. Last year she had the amazing opportunity to work with Oasis during her



supervised ministry is so excited to be a part of the ministry again this year! This past summer she served as Camp Pastor for Passport Youth and hopes to continue to work in youth ministry and community as her time of studies comes to a close. In her free time she enjoys spending time outside, reading, dancing, and anything crafty! She is so excited to start doing weekly in-person/outdoor/masked programming with our middle schoolers! See you Sundays 4-6pm!

#### Confirmation 2021-22

The Confirmation Program will include both North Haven-only activities as well as shared programs as part of the OASIS Multi-church Youth Group. The two-year confirmation program will be primarily for 8th and 9th graders, although older youth may participate. We want to be sure that those confirmands whose program was disrupted are offered an opportunity to complete the program. Please watch your email for more information. 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

#### **Changes for Prayers Listed in Sunday**

**Bulletin** The shift to livestreamed worship meant a switch from prayer concerns offered each Sunday to prayer concerns emailed each week or occasionally. In an effort to keep our prayer listing in the Sunday bulletin timely and uniform, we will list prayer concerns in the Sunday bulletin for a period of two months. Prayer concerns can be updated and resubmitted for two subsequent two-month periods. Prayer requests should be submitted by email or phone to Julie or Scott by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the coming Sunday's bulletin. If you have questions about the prayer list, please contact Scott or Julie.

#### In-Person Worship Every Week

We are 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 Sept. 16, North Haven reported a case level of **13.9** per 100,000, meaning North Haven is now an orange 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; **no pre-registration required**
- 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.

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

#### **Mission Team News**

#### **Praise the Lord!**

On Thursday September 16, Members of the NHCC Chancel Choir took to the "nave" to start recording some hymns and anthems. We used the main livestream camera, mounted above the entryway, and an additional camera to record both video and audio of some of our favorite music. It was a very special occasion as it was the first time since March of 2020 that there was "formal" singing in church by a group of people.



The first bit of "footage" was then combined and edited (in under 48 hours!) by the Director of Music to present "Praise the Lord!" a modern hymn by Natalie Sleeth.

"Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon."

We missed having all our members with us for this occasion but we were happy to make this offering on their behalf and we hope to do more of this in the

coming weeks. We will also be doing another "Virtual Choir" project this fall that will be open to everyone to participate in no matter their zip code.

If you wish to view the first video from the session, you can safely visit this website: https://tinyurl.com/PraiseNHCC

We hope to provide more musical offerings in this "hybrid" format over the next few months!

#### Please Volunteer!!

Our worship service is in-person every Sunday now, and our attendance is increasing, particularly with the resumption of Sunday School. Community groups are returning to meet in the building as well. There are opportunities for volunteer assistance on Sundays and during the week. You can sign up for several of these opportunities through the Church website: Sunday Deacons and greeters, flowers for Sunday, and lemonade/coffee hour hosts.

**DEACONS** – Deacons help with the worship service on Sunday morning. At-Home Deacons help with receiving names of online worshippers and sending them to Scott (requires comfort with texting and email – call Julie to volunteer)

# We would like to enjoy some fellowship and refreshment outside after worship. Hosts are responsible for bringing lemonade and iced tea from the kitchen outside to the picnic tables, as well as providing cookies or other treats in individual servings. As the weather cools, we might also brew coffee to enjoy together.

**GREETERS** – We need assistance from two greeters on Sunday mornings to welcome attenders and help them sign in, find bulletins, and deposit their offering as they enter.

There are some other tasks that are needed as well. We need people to operate the livestream camera during worship on Sunday. This is a fairly easy job, with some initial training. There are a range of small tasks needed around the building (unskilled as well as skilled) ranging from tidying up to tightening screws to trimming tree branches to installing hardware.

**CAMERA OPERATORS** – We will continue the online worship, and we need people to operate the

livestream camera. 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 – Tasks in and around the building have been gathered into a list. 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!** Thank you for sharing your time and abilities to help with Sunday worship and building upkeep.

#### 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.

#### Landscaping Mission Team Needs your help

Do you have a couple of hours and want to make a difference in the appearance of the church? The landscape beds around the church are always in need of some weeding, and sticks need picking up. If you are interested, contact Priscilla Bradford (203) 468-9090, or just stop by and pull some weeds.

## Hopes, Stars and Rainbows Accompany Gift Cards

On Monday, August 16th, gift cards enclosed in envelopes decorated with stars, rainbows and a hopeful message that the school year would go well for the child receiving it were handed over to Brett Stephen, our DCF social worker, to be given to students needing them for school supplies.

This church family once again came through for our Covenant to Care for Children heading back to school under still less than ideal circumstances. Many of you brought purchased gift cards to the church and others sent a check and gift cards were purchased with that money. The result enabled 48 gift cards @ \$25.00 apiece for a total of \$1,200 for the Backpack Project. Thank you to all who could contribute to these children and their who face so many added hurdles in

addition to school during COVID. May each of us offer prayers for these children throughout the school year.

Paula Diehl for the Covenant to Care Mission Team



#### **Super Saturday Is Virtual on October 2!**

Members of the new Southern New England of the United Church of Christ are invited to gather by ZOOM on Saturday October 2 9am – 3pm for Super Saturday with the theme "Building on God's Promises: A Time of Personal Renewal. The program will begin with worship and keynote address at 9am.. The keynote speaker is Monica Coleman, pastor, author and professor of Africana Studies at the University of Delaware. Called to ministry at age 19, Dr. Coleman brings her experiences in evangelical Christianity, black church traditions, global ecumenical work, and indigenous spirituality to her discussions of religion. This event will offer numerous workshops and learning opportunities. Workshops run from 10 - 11:30am, and 1:30-3pm. Registration is \$15 per workshop, and there is a program for youth and children. For more information, go to sneucc.org, or speak to Scott Morrow.

## Neighbors In Need Offering set for Oct. 3

On Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> we will receive the Neighbors In Need Offering for 2021. The Neighbors In Need offering is an all-church special offering across the United Church of Christ. It is dedicated to programs of community building and engagement and social justice around the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South

Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S. A CT programs received a NIN grant this year: Hands On Hartford for MANNA Community Meals Day Center. I encourage you to give prayerfully and generously. You may mail your gifts to the church, marked "Neighbors In Need" or "NIN", or you may make your gift online, either through the church or directly to NIN.

#### **Endowment Team Meeting**

The Endowment Team invites members and friends who are interested to our next scheduled meeting on Thurs, Oct 14 @ 11 am. Please contact Bryant Munson or Pastor Scott Morrow for more details.



# Fall Cleanup October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

(Rain date: October 30<sup>th</sup>) Come join us on **Saturday morning, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** to

help with our **Annual Fall Cleanup**. Bring whatever tools you may have around the house - leaf blowers, trimmers and rakes. We plan on cleaning out the flower beds, cleaning gutters, trimming the trees, and continue working on the Capital Campaign's landscaping plan.

The Annual Meeting of the New Haven East Consociation will be held by ZOOM on

Sunday evening, October 24, at 6pm. The Consociation is a group of 10 churches in our area. There will be reports from the Church & Ministry Committee regarding members-in-discernment preparing for authorized ministry, from Consociation delegates to General Synod last July, and from the Treasurer on Consociation finances.

#### **Celebrating Bible Sunday!**

We celebrate Bible Sunday annually on Reformation Sunday, which will be **October 31**<sup>st</sup> this year. We will present bibles to church school youth in the fourth grade during the worship service.

#### **All Saints Observance**

We will observe All Saints Sunday during our worship service on **November 7**<sup>th</sup>, when we will read the names of church members, and church members' family, who have died in the past year. If you would like someone's name included on All Saints Sunday, please call the church office.

#### **Bible Study ZOOM on Tuesday Evenings**

The weekly Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings at 6pm** will continue through the summer. We meet 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.

# Holiday food drive begins – with adjustments

The Food Drive Council met recently to begin the planning for the 2021 Holiday Food Drive. The Council consists of members of churches and civic groups in North Haven which support the Food Pantry and the Holiday Food Drive. The group recognizes that the demand for assistance through the Holiday Food Drive and the Food Pantry will continue to be increased significantly this year. Planning for the maximum capacity of assistance is underway. Similar to changes and precautions last year, the procedures for food collection and sorting, and the packing and pick-up/delivery of food boxes will be revised in light of safe distancing requirements during the COVID19 pandemic. Volunteers will need to work in small groups, and the hours for sorting, packing, and pick-up/delivery will be extended.

#### Save The Date!!

**Saturday. Oct. 2 –9a-3p** Super Saturday Virtual Workshops (ZOOM)

Sunday, Oct. 3–Neighbors In Need Special Offering Saturday, Oct. 23–Church Clean-up 8-12 Sunday, Oct. 24–6p Annual Meeting, New Haven East Consociation (ZOOM)

#### Women's Fellowship

Happy Fall everyone! Hope you all had a good summer.

The Executive Board met recently to discuss the Women's Fellowship Fair, and it was decided to make a few changes this year. Because of continuing Covid restrictions, it will again be a Virtual event. This year the Fair will be a Harvest/Christmas Fair. Items will be posted on the church website from November 29th through December 8th. Pickup date for ordered items will be December 12th. More details to follow in the November Window.

Once again we are asking all you wonderful bakers out there to please help the Women's Fellowship by baking some of your delicious cookies, cakes, pies, breads, or whatever is your favorite to bake! Cookies will be sold by the half-dozen, and orders will be taken in advance for all baked goods.

Last year we sold soups as well. If you soup-makers would like to add to the sales, please consider making soup and freezing it before the Fair.

In place of handmade crafts and items (other than what we already have), we are selling Nearly New Gift-able items and Christmas items all at reasonably low prices. Our goal is to sell the items that have been accumulating in the stage area. Further donations are NOT needed at this time! Save anything you have for the Spring Tag Sale.

It has been a LONG stretch since Covid hit, and we have been apart for a very long time. We are hoping that we will soon be able to gather in a safe environment for long overdue fellowship!

Enjoy this new season! May it bring new beginnings to all of us. Stay safe, stay healthy!

Dot Pierce, President Cheryl Bogert, Secretary

#### Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship began to meet on September 4 with a small but committed group via Zoom. We will continue to meet via Zoom on the First and Third Saturdays of the month beginning at 8:00 AM.

We gathered virtually and shared coffee, stories of the summer and scripture study. We discussed our hopes and dreams for the upcoming season. We discussed potential future projects to sponsor. We received news updates from Scott on important Church developments. We prayed over various members in need. Additionally, Tim Peiffer offered daily devotional lessons. Our next meeting is Saturday October 2nd at 8:00AM. Grab your coffee or tea and come join us!

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

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

#### PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

Pastoral visits in the hospital may or may not be possible during our current COVID19 situation. Telephone visits for prayer and comfort might be a 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 in addition to holding in person worship 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 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.

#### **CARDS & LETTERS**

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



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

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



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

Eleanor Norback Sunrise Room 224 800 Bestgate Road Annapolis, MD 21401





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

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





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

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





**Audrey Tilley** 1211 Ashlar Village Wallingford, CT 06492

**Jeff Whipple** 5124 Avalone Haven Drive North Haven, CT 06473



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#### WINDOW DEADLINE

October 20, 2021

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

## October 3<sup>rd</sup> (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

#### October 10<sup>th</sup> (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

#### October 17<sup>th</sup> (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

## October 24<sup>th</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

#### October 31st (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146
Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8
Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

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