



*North Haven Congregational Church, UCC*

# The Window

September 2021



## The Way Ahead

Some hikes are scenic and uplifting. Other hikes are dreary and exhausting.

The critical difference may be the weather – warm with a nice breeze or wet and freezing. It might be the terrain – broad and rolling or narrow and steep. The difference may be circumstances - too many bugs and miserable allergies. Or the difference may be in expectation - What the map says doesn't match the actual trail encountered.

I remember hearing of a summer camp which taught lots of skills for hiking and camping. Among the most important were use of map and compass to find one's way along a trail. Campers learned to pay attention to the gradient lines that showed how steep the trail might be. They learned to look for scenic outlooks that would be a reward half-way through the day's journey.

After the campers began to feel the confidence of mastering these skills, the staff would take them on a bushwhack. A bushwhack is a hike where there is no trail. Thick undergrowth, dark woods, swampy ground, rocks and logs and occasional steep slopes. It was always a rude awakening after hiking on well-maintained and well-mapped trails. There was no trail, no obvious starting place or finish line. Eventually, though, the bushwhack became more rewarding. It was a special challenge.

This summer and fall have reminded me of a bushwhack hike. The late spring and summer were wonderful for the chance to be outside more, and do things together. The chance to visit with family and friends, to eat in restaurants and go to sports events. The chance to come back to church in-person.



Now the delta variant and rising cases seem to take some of the shine off of the vaccine confidence. The recommendation to wear masks indoors kindles the memory of isolation and cancellations and shutting down.

The way ahead is not a clear, well-marked and well-groomed trail. There are sections of the journey where wind has toppled trees, where the land has eroded or slid, where a new fence appears out of nowhere. The way ahead may be a bushwhack – making a way where there isn't an obvious way; where there hasn't been a way.

The Bible is part of our map. The wisdom and the stories of those who've hiked before us are a part of our map. Our trust, our hope, and our willing to try a new way will help to make a way. The exhilaration and warm satisfaction we feel in being part of the group, in the midst of the congregation, will give us strength. We can make our way around or over or through the obstacles we meet, come through the thicket, and feel the surprise as we emerge on the other side of the bushwhack.

Keep walking.  
Scott



### Reflection of the 2020-2021 School Year

Last year I wrote about my thoughts and opinion about going back to school. I stated how back to school evokes feelings of nervousness and excitement for students, parents and teachers alike. I believe that is still and will always be true even at the tail end of this pandemic. This time I would like to review my thoughts on how the last school year went for my students and myself. For a quick review, I have been teaching in the Wallingford school district for 17 years where I currently teach Technology Education/wood shop to 6th, 7th and 8th graders at Dag Hammarskjöld middle school.

This time last year, everyone was uncertain about how the school year would unfold. There was still so much uncertainty due to the virus. I was ready to follow all safety precautions deemed necessary so students could return to in-person learning. Masks, desk dividers/shields, social distancing, cohorts, hand sanitizer, clean up/wipe down, contact tracing, shutdowns and testing positive/negative were the buzzwords that were heard each and every day. Everyone prepared themselves the best they could and tried their hardest to be patient. Many students were hesitant to return at all and several (about 5% of the school) did not for the entire school year.

The year started out with distant/remote learning for everyone. Then gradually cohorts of students returned to school for portions of the day and by the end of the school year almost everyone was back for the full day. It was very challenging to teach when the students started to return to in-person learning. The school guidelines stated that students needed to be at least 6 feet apart and everything each student touched (Pencils, tables, stools and equipment/tools) needed to be wiped down or sanitized and properly dried in order for the next student to use it. This takes a lot of (shortened) class time to do properly and most of the class time would be taken up by cleaning and sanitizing protocols. I also did not have enough basic hand tools for each student in class and the power tools and equipment could be damaged by the provided cleaning products. The challenge was how do I teach a hands-on course where the students could not use their hands? Needless to say, the classes were very different from previous years, aka, boring.

Students observed tool and machine demonstrations, watched content related videos and read articles related to the subject matter. This would be followed by class discussions on what they learned or found interesting. (Sounds like an awesome class, right?? “Welcome to the woodshop, sorry, you cannot use anything”.) By the end of the first trimester, I was able to purchase enough hand tools (handsaws, screwdrivers, tape measures and pliers) for the classes to utilize so they could make a simple scrap wood project. It was gratifying to see students working with tools to make something, even if it was very simplistic. They were happy to be productive and use the tools to make something on their own.



However, no matter what I did with my students, there was an essential part of their education that was stolen by this virus. A personal connection with my students. (Keep in mind, I would see each class in-person every 4 to 8 days depending on the constantly changing hybrid schedule where normally/pre-pandemic, I would see them every 3 days.)

The mask requirements made it extremely difficult to make a connection with my students. I was so excited to have them return to school. I was willing to follow any safety precaution required of me because I believe that students learn best in a classroom setting (not on a computer screen). However, I did not anticipate the difficulty of being in the presence of faceless students behind masks or tiny pictures of them on a computer screen. Just trying to remember the names of each of the 100+ students that I had each

trimester (which is a challenge on its own) seemed almost impossible when you cannot see their entire face. Also, how do I communicate my emotions behind a mask? How do I show my students how excited I am to see them? How can I tell if they appreciate my terrible jokes without seeing a smirk? So much is communicated by facial expressions, especially by my students. How do they show me happiness, sadness, confusion, enjoyment or disgust? How do I tell if they are depressed, or just having a bad day? During a normal, pre-pandemic class, a simple glance around the room would show me who is engaged in the lesson and who is not, so I would be able to adjust accordingly. My students were deprived by so much due to this pandemic including a simple smile from their grateful shop teacher. That missing teacher/student connection kept me up at night. Even a great lesson did not feel complete without seeing their faces. It was very depressing.

I understand all the safety precautions that were taken. This virus was unprecedented and we, collectively, knew nothing about it. Our children are the most precious gifts from God that we have and we need to do anything within our power to keep them protected. However, I wish there was an alternative mask that students could utilize comfortably, where you could see their entire face. (Oh well...) The silver lining (where I live my life) is that all students will be returning to school this coming school year and I will be able to utilize everything in my classroom including tools and equipment for students to utilize. I can only pray that we can get this virus/fear under control where my students (and my girls) can live their lives without masks or fear and go back to do what they do best...being kids.

Damon Quinn  
Moderator



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## Ministry Coordinator for Children

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### Save the Date - RALLY DAY September 12 is!

Church School will resume its 2021-2022 school year with Rally Day on September 12; assuming we are still holding In-Person worship.

To protect the children from unnecessary exposure to possible Covid19, the children will not attend worship but will begin Sunday morning in their classrooms. They will remain in their classrooms until worship has ended and parents pick up their children. PreK-Gr 2 will be in their usual classroom and the older children Grades 3 - 7, will be in their usual room (Rainbow room).

The rooms and students' supplies will be arranged to meet Covid19 recommendations: the children will wear their masks and each child's seat will be six feet from their classmates. Additionally, each child will have his or her own separate box labeled with his or her name, which will hold pencils, markers, glue sticks, scissors, etc.



Rally Day Picnic or Ice Cream Social? There are tentative plans to have some sort of celebration after church on Rally Day. Possibly, Bring-Your-Own-Picnic (BYOP) along with Covid19-safe games and desserts. Once the Faith Formation Team has had a chance to finalize plans for a Covid19-safe Rally Day celebration, specifics will be shared with the congregation.



### TEACHERS NEEDED for Fall 2021

With expectations for Church School resuming on September 12, the children of NHCC Church School will need one to three teachers for PreK-Grade 2 or Grade 3 -7 through the first semester (September through November). The preference is for a team of two teachers per age group allowing for flexibility, sharing of responsibilities and ideas from week to week over the duration of the semester. As a member of a team rather than a single teacher per age group, teachers will have numerous opportunities to attend Sunday worship during the Fall semester when they are not scheduled to teach.

Blessings,  
Karlee Etter  
Ministry Coordinator for Children



### Church Family News

**Birthdays:** Martin Benassi 09/06, Linda Lacobelli 09/06, Melissa DeLuca 09/06, Colin Studley 09/06, John Masnato 09/08, Sally Pallatto 09/09, Finn Cabelus 09/09, Avery Cretella 09/10, AnnMarie Czajkowski 9/10, Ryan Petrucci 09/11, Aaron Weiss 09/12, Flo Coulston 09/15, Kim Coughlin 09/16, Denise Adinolfi 09/17, Elia Creston 09/17, Carol Lacobelli 09/21, Greg Brenner 09/22, Patience Benassi 09/23, Jennifer Coulston 09/23, Linda Simonson 09/23, Brooklyn Mastracchio 09/23, Lexie Cooper 09/23, Raj Rose 9/26, Barbara Scheidecker 09/27, Jennifer Russo 09/27, Jillian Russo 09/27, Sarah Struk 09/28, Stephen Baraquin 09/29, Joyce Manzo 09/30.

**Anniversaries:** David & Joanne Nottingham 09/01, Carl & Lillian Flodquist 09/05, David & Nancie Estep 09/06.

**Births:** **Callie Jean Maher** was born on August 18 to Erin and Sean Maher and big brother Liam. Erin is the daughter of Nancy and Ken Mahoney, Joy!

**Baptisms:** **Mila Grace Mickolyzck**, born December 28, 2020 to Thomas and Brooklyn Mickolyzck, was baptized on June 27. Bob and Kathy Mickolyzck are proud grandparents of Mila. **Elle Gracelynn Cook**, born March 7, 2020, daughter of Austin and Samantha Cook, was baptized on July 24. Betty Martin is Elle's grandmother. **Easton Grey Goldfuss-Barone**, born February 9, 2021 to Anthony Barone and Brianne Goldfuss, was baptized on August 4. Diane and Sal DePrimo are the proud grandparents of Easton.

**Deaths:** **Vera Inguaggiatto** died on May 10 at the age of 100! Vera was Sandy Carter's aunt. **Ernest "Ernie" Wall** died on July 9. Ernie was Robin Rose's father. **John Dockendorff** died on July 24. John was Jim Dockendorff's brother. **Joe DeLuca** died on July 28. Joe was the father of Gabriella, the son of Frank "Chickie" DeLuca, the brother of Laura Alden, and the nephew of Carmen DeLuca. **David Bellonio** died on August 19. David was the son of Joyce and Anthony Bellonio, husband to Marlene.

We give thanks to God for the precious and wonderful lives of Vera, Ernie, John, Joe, and David and we ask God's comfort and strength for their families and friends.

### **Congratulations to College Graduate**

**Kristen Lynch** graduated April 30 from Eastern Connecticut State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. She is working at the CT Department of Revenue Services.



### **Congratulations to High School Graduate**

**Mathew DiVito** graduated with honors from East Haven High School on June 21. Mathew is the President of his Senior Class! He competed on the wrestling team.

Mathew will attend Roger Williams University in the fall where he will major in criminal justice and wrestle on the college team.

### **OASIS Youth Group To Begin**

The OASIS Multi-church Youth Group will resume in the fall.. 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. **Please watch your email for program announcements!** If you would like more information contact Scott Morrow.



**Confirmation 2021-22** We will be revising the Confirmation Program in order to 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders, although older youth may participate. We will make 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.

### **Season of Generosity**

As we look forward to our Season of Generosity this year, I have been reflecting on the many and varied missions of our Church as we work together to 'Change Lives'. My first thoughts have been about the core mission of providing a center of spirituality for our lives and a congregation that is caring and nurturing. This mission has been so important during the last 18 months when we have had to curtail many of our normal activities and have been more isolated from our friends and extended families. The small group meetings outside, zoom calls, the informal meetings with friends, and the many caring visits and rides to doctor's appointments have seemed more impactful this year. It is not an exaggeration to say that our Church has enhanced our lives during this unusual and difficult time.

Our Church also provides opportunities to 'Change Lives' as we engage in missions that benefit the local communities and missions that reach around the globe through the UCC. From the Food Pantry and the

Holiday Food Boxes; the 40+ Easter Baskets, School Backpacks, and Christmas Gifts; the Rebuild New Britain projects; to the more informal collections for things like white socks for the homeless, our Church has an important impact.

Please join us this year as we celebrate the Season of Generosity and express our gratitude for our congregation and the many opportunities to 'Change Lives' together, and to thank the many people who have been working so hard to make a difference this year.

Beth Anderson – member of the Generosity Team



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### NEWS ABOUT REOPENING

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#### The ReOpening Team

The ReOpening Team works to determine safety guidelines, precautions, and procedures in response to the COVID19 virus. The work of the ReOpening Team is guided by recommendations from the Southern New England Conference, UCC, and guidelines from the State of Connecticut, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Quinnipiac Valley Health District.

The members of the ReOpening Team include:

**Carol Amico** – Physician Assistant in Infectious Diseases, Yale-New Haven Hospital, Deacon, and Choir Member

**Susan Compton** – Research Scientist, Chief of Molecular and Serological Diagnostics, Comparative Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine; Choir Member

**Paula Diehl** – Elderly Housing Management, retired;

**Julie McGarry** – Program Manager, Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, Yale University; experience with data management

**Damon Quinn** – Church Moderator; Technology Education (Shop) Teacher, Dag Hammarskjold Middle School, Wallingford; Church School parent

**Bill Rose** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Columbus Elementary School, Bridgeport; Church School parent

**Scott Morrow** - Pastor

#### In-Person Worship Continues

We are still continuing with in-person worship services on Sunday morning. COVID-19 case levels have been rising for several weeks throughout CT, due to the delta variant. As of Aug. 12, North Haven reported a case level of 16 per 100,000 which puts North Haven in the red 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 pre-register
- 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 and refrain from singing, 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.



Pre-registration for In-Person Worship can be done through the Church website – [northhavenucc.org](http://northhavenucc.org). Click on **Worship Services** at the top of the page; drop down to **In-Person Worship Registration**. If you need assistance or have questions, please call the Church Office.

The State of CT provides a 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> )

### Worship Services Online

Worship services are being live streamed to the NHCC website ([www.northhavenucc.org](http://www.northhavenucc.org)) on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. The services can be watched on a desktop or laptop computer, a tablet or iPad, or a smartphone. We update the congregation on worship details weekly by email. More recently, the services have been recorded. Recordings can also be viewed through the church website. If you **are not able to watch** the service online for any reason, please call the church office and let us know. Worship services are now broadcast on NHTV, the North Haven public access cable channel, on the Sunday following the Sunday of the service, at 6pm.

### Volunteers Needed!

Regular in-person worship and reopening the building offers some opportunities for volunteer assistance with some tasks:

**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 only came every other month. Please contact Scott or Julie.

**LEMONADE HOUR HOSTS** – It would be wonderful 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. Please sign up through the Church website.

**USHERS & GREETERS** – We need assistance from two ushers/greeters on Sunday mornings through the summer. Please sign up through the Church website.

## Mission Team News

### Recording Our Choirs

Moving into the fall of 2021, I have developed some plans for a “hybrid” music program, one that has live musical offerings but also pre-recorded musical offerings, both audio and video.

We will be (respectfully) turning our sanctuary into a recording studio for a few sessions this fall, ideally capturing the audio and video of our choirs for use during (some) Sunday worship services.

It's exciting to imagine getting together in a group and singing our favorite hymns, and recording them in the special space that we are used to singing them in.



The choir of the Myrtle Beach Presbyterian Church spreading out to perform for an online service. Myrtle Beach Presbyterian Church

Our church has a very fine sound system, video camera, and I have collected quite a number of microphones and recording equipment over the last few years that we can use. We can setup the sanctuary to help us make these recordings and use them during worship.

Whether masked or not (still to be determined) it makes sense to have a small group into the church to do some recording. We could conceivably record other places as well, but the sanctuary is the perfect place.

It's exciting to think about a bit more music, both multimedia and live, in our worship!



### Two more custom tabletops for Chime Choir



We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help build more plywood table tops that are custom fit to our church's pews. Having more of these table tops will help with reconstituting our hand chime choir. Practicing in a larger space such as the sanctuary will help us form an ensemble but do so with a bit of extra space between participants. The design of these plywood tabletops seems pretty simple but we would need to measure perfectly. We think just two more would suffice. If you can help with this endeavor please email [Music@NorthHavenUCC.org](mailto:Music@NorthHavenUCC.org) or call the office.



### 2021 Mission Team Update Form:

As part of the Church's planning for 2021 we are asking all Mission Team to fill out the Mission Team Update Form (Budget Request) on the website. If you have any questions, you can contact, Julie at [churchoffice@northhavenucc.org](mailto:churchoffice@northhavenucc.org).

### Clothing Mission Team

The next clothing drive will be in November. If you are doing closet cleaning, please save your gently used clothing for the Clothing Mission Team. We especially need Men's clothing and larger women's clothing. We will be collecting clothing Thursday November 18, sorting on Friday November 19, and Distributing on Saturday November 20. The distribution will take place at the same time as the Thanksgiving Food Box distribution. The families will be able to pick up their "new" clothes and their holiday food at the same time. If you would like to help with this mission please contact one of the members: Julie Schweickert, Darlene Rogers, Carol Mitchell, and Wendy Glynn. Thank you for supporting this important mission.

### 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.

### Food Pantry is Low on Specific items:

When donating to the food pantry please consider Parmalat Milk, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Rice, Potato Mixes, brownie/cake mixes, and Canned Fruit. These items are appreciated by our food clients and we run out often. Thanks for your support.

### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

A great deal of wonderful work has been done in and around the church this summer. We offer our deep thanks to:

**John and Sue Tibor and Nancy Mahoney** have helped regularly with distributions from the Food Pantry, **Gail Fulop** has helped with sorting, and **Darlene Rogers** has shopped regularly to re-supply the Food Pantry. **Priscilla Bradford, Kim Coughlin, and Sue Compton** weeded and worked on landscaping. **Mark Bessette and Paul Powers** worked to convert the Food Pantry Annex with shelves and a dehumidifier, and patched major potholes in the church parking lot. **Cathy Welch and**



**Jeff Hutchins** worked on moving things back into the Choir Room and continued cataloguing the music library. **Patience Benassi** arranged and coordinated the fundraising auction, with help from **Martin Benassi, Martha Butterworth, and Priscilla Bradford**. **Carmen and Melissa DeLuca** took delivery of a new chest freezer for the Holiday Food Drive, and trimmed an aging tree on the northeast corner of the church grounds, as well as hauling away a tree stump by the driveway. Paul Powers, Mark Bessette and Carmen and Melissa DeLuca all helped with installing air conditioners in offices and meeting rooms. **Thank you very much everyone!**

### A GOOD Habitat Work Day

Priscilla Bradford, Sue Compton, Pete Struck and Scott Morrow worked on two houses under construction by Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven on August 14. As we arrived we watched a skilled, professional roofing crew finish laying shingles where there hadn't even been any plywood two days earlier. Then we went to work with four other volunteers and three Habitat staff to work on the framing for a wide front porch and a small back porch for each house. The measuring was complicated and there was lots of bracing and it was HOT! As we gathered tools to put them away, the porch framing was complete. The owner of one of the new homes and his nephew worked with us all day. It was a good day!



*The new home owner, Alvan (left) and his nephew joined in working on the new house. Alvan will share his Habitat home with his wife and two children.*

### Southern New England Conference News

**Charlie Kuchenbrod**, Associate Conference Minister for Endowment Ministries for the historic CT Conference and the Southern New England Conference, retired from his position this summer. A virtual celebration of Charlie's ministry was held on July 22. Charlie was very helpful in responding to questions from our Financial Agent Bryant Munson, our Endowment Committee and our Capital Campaign Committee.

**Emily McKenna** completed her service to the historic CT Conference and the Southern New England Conference. Emily will continue in her work as coordinator for the OASIS Multi-Church Youth Group.

**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!**



### Church Office Resumes Normal Hours

The Church Office is back to normal hours for the program year. The Office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### Weekly Bible Study ZOOM – You're Invited!

We invite all who are interested to a Bible study on Tuesdays evenings. The ZOOM sessions will be about 1 hour, beginning at 6pm.. Please watch the Sunday worship bulletin for details, or sign up for an email from Scott. Contact Scott with any questions.

## 20 Year Memorial Commemoration of 9-11

A special memorial commemoration on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11 will be held on the Town Green on Saturday, September 11, at 9am. The memorial observance will include prayer, testimony of survivors and first responders, music, a tribute to North Haven resident Edward Vanacore who died in the World Trade Center, remarks by town officials and the laying of a wreath.

## Super Saturday is VIRTUAL on October 2

Super Saturday will be virtual once again on Saturday, October 2 with the theme "Building on God's Promises: A Time for Personal Renewal. There will be lively worship, and engaging keynote speaker, and workshops!. Participants will be able to attend 2 90-minute workshops from a very rich list related to various aspects of church life, mission and ministries. A tremendous list of workshops will address worship, community ministry, interfaith relations, faith formation and youth ministry, climate change, leadership, and church websites. Stay tuned for more information. Speak to Scott Morrow or see [www.sneucc.org](http://www.sneucc.org) for more information.



## Fall Cleanup October 23rd 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.



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## Women's Fellowship

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Fall is right around the corner and Women's Fellowship had planned a Military Whist party in October in hopes of raising some money and to have a fun evening together again.

**UNFORTUNATELY, THE MILITARY WHIST PARTY PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> HAD TO BE POSTPONED BECAUSE OF COVID RESTRICTIONS!**

We are, however, hoping to reschedule; date to be determined.

Once restrictions have been lifted, we will hopefully get some activities going again. In the meantime, our donations to the charities we normally give to have stopped! With no money coming in from activities such as Whist, we are unable to increase our bank balance. If you were planning to buy a ticket for Whist and would like to make a donation in place of the \$10 ticket price, Women's Fellowship would be sincerely grateful!

The Executive Board is considering our second Virtual Fair! Additional information will be in the October Window.

Dot Pierce, President  
Cheryl Bogert, Secretary

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## Men's Fellowship

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Men's Fellowship will resume bi-weekly meetings via zoom on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. The group meets on the first and third Saturday of the month. Hope to see you there.

Jim Bennett

Secretary, Men's Fellowship

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## Save These Dates

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**Saturday, Sept. 11** – 20 Year Memorial

Commemoration of 9-11, Town Green 9am.

**Saturday, Oct.24** – Super Saturday ZOOM 9am

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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, Onna & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, Stefan McKosky, Linda Shannon, Betsy Gumbart, and the family of David Bellonio.

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## PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

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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.

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## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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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.





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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.

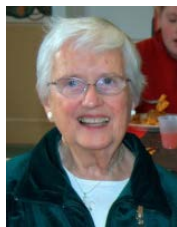
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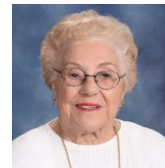


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# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 REGULAR OFFICE HOURS 8:00am - 2:30pm	31	1 10:00 Food Pantry Open 1:30pm Staff Meeting (Library)	2 5:00pm Girl Scouts (Lawn/DBL) 6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)	3 10:00 Food Pantry Open	4 8:00am Mens Fellowship (Zoom)
9:30am Worship - (In-Person & Online)	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 7	8 10:00 Food Pantry Open 1:30pm Staff Meeting (Library) 7:00 MLB (CH)	9 11:00am Endowment (Zoom) 7:00pm Garden Club (CH) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Zoom)	10	11
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**WINDOW DEADLINE**  
**September 22, 2021**

### LECTIONARY READINGS

**September 5<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Psalm 125
Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37

**September 12<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 19
Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-9 or
Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1	
James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38

**September 19<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalm 1
Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 54 or
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22	
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37

**September 26<sup>th</sup> (18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	Psalm 124
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

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