



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

December 2022

FROM THE
PASTOR 

A Hopeful and Peaceful Beginning

The season of Advent is about getting ready. Advent means ‘arrival’, and we are called to get ready for the arrival, the realization of God’s Promise. Our preparation begins with hope and peace and joy.

As with so much in our lives today, though, we are rushed into our getting ready. In the grocery store and the drugstore, the displays are already up. In the mailbox and across the TV screen, on the radio and on the internet, the countdowns and reminders and insistent invitations pile up: Come look! Get this! Hurry up! There’s not much time ...!

All of this clamor is not about Advent, though. Advent is part of another time, running alongside the noisy, hurried time. Advent is part of Kairos, part of God’s time.

Let this season pull you out of the rushing noise to anticipate God’s Promise. Light a candle. Say a quiet prayer. Sing with joy. Watch for the lights, twinkling with hope in the darkness. Let your heart be filled, and re-filled, with peace, and wonder. Step out of the busy stream, step away from the noise and clamor – and prepare the way of the Lord!

There is special excitement and joy in Advent and Christmas this year. After two years of disrupted and displaced worship services, all of our Advent and Christmas worship services will be in-person! We will gather for Advent Night on December 4 to make Christmas ornaments and decorative crafts and enjoy fellowship and refreshments together. On Christmas Eve there will be two services! The Family Service at 4:30 will include this year’s Christmas Pageant. The Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service will be at 10pm. AND ...this is a year when Christmas is on Sunday! So we will have a lovely cozy service on Christmas morning with some carols to sing and a story to listen too. Please come and join in our singing and our prayer!



“For the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in deep darkness—on them light has shined.” Isaiah 9:2

All of the staff of the North Haven Congregational Church wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Scott Morrow



NHCC Endowment

Our Church, the North Haven Congregational Church, is very fortunate to have an Endowment. I will attempt to explain the workings and the purpose of the Endowment.

You may wonder what an Endowment is. One easy to understand definition from Colliers dictionary is: "An endowment is a gift of money that is made to an institution or community in order to provide it with an annual income."

Our Church has established a policy concerning our Endowment part of which states:

- it provides guidance for members and friends of the congregation who wish to make a permanent gift to the Church;
- it delineates how these gifts will be invested, managed, and expended; and
- it assures donors that their gifts will be prudently managed in perpetuity.

The first gift of record to the North Haven Congregational Church Endowment was in 1907. Since there have been two Church fires our records are sketchy until the nineteen forties. Since that time many bequests and gifts have been given to the Endowment. Some are restricted gifts which mean the income from that fund is to be used for a specific purpose in the Church like music, church maintenance, Christian Education, etc. If there is no specific purpose noted it becomes part of the unrestricted funds in the Endowment. We prefer gifts and bequests be made to the unrestricted fund so they will support the entire Church.

Our Church's Endowment attempts to invest so there is a growth of principal while providing income to the Church operating budget. The Endowment funds are managed separately from other Church funds by an Endowment team which meets quarterly. The funds are held at UBS, a large brokerage firm with an office in New Haven. Our current Advisor is Mike Haggerty Jr. Investments are made primarily in mutual funds and bonds. The Financial Agent brings a UBS report to each monthly meeting of the Church MLB.

Income to the Church budget is calculated by using the average of the prior 16 calendar quarters by 4.25%

for restricted funds and by 4.5% for unrestricted funds. This averaging reduces the impact of the market ups and downs as is happening now. Over time it provides greater predictable income to the Church than putting money in a bank account, with no hope of keeping up with inflation.

Please find two Biblical passages which we should think about.

Matthew 2:11b – "Opening their treasures, they offered him gifts..." Read this passage in the third person, then in the first person. Endowment gifts usually come from treasures, our accumulated assets.

Genesis 26:17-25 – "And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father..." Leave something behind which is better than what you found.

I encourage you to make a New Years' resolution to generously include the North Haven Congregational Church in your Will in proportion to the Church's importance in your life, I have. If you have previously included the Church in your Will, thank you.

We have received a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Lorraine Burge. On behalf of the Endowment Team we thank Lorraine for her generosity.

Bryant Munson





Covenant to Care Mission Team Christmas Angels – Deadline 12-16!

Christmas is a time of giving. We give of our time to help persons in need; we give our voices to the carols we sing in church; we give joy to those we meet, with a smile and a “Merry Christmas” greeting. For many years the NHCC has given gifts to children much less fortunate than us. As a result of the lifting of most Covid restrictions, we will be able give real gifts instead of gift cards this year. The Angel Tree with children’s names and “wish lists” will be in Carroll Hall during coffee hour on December 4th. All gifts will need to be in the church office by December 15th. If you would like to participate but will not be in church to select a child, please call the church office. This season may be a challenge for people because of the high cost of living. If needed, two families may give to one child. We all are joyful with the gift of Christ’s birth. Please consider spreading your joy to those in need.

Kathy Harple

Christmas Eve Worship Services and Christmas Morning!

There will be TWO Christmas Eve Worship Services this year and both will be IN-PERSON! The Family Service at 4:30pm, will be the Christmas Pageant. The Candlelight Lessons & Carols service will be at 10pm. Both services will also be streamed online, and the recording will be available for watching right afterwards. This will allow members and friends to view the service whenever it fits conveniently with Christmas Eve plans.

Christmas falls on Sunday this year, and there will be an in-person worship service on Christmas morning at 9:30. It will be a cozy service with hymns and carols and a story. More information about the services will be forthcoming.



Advent Worship Schedule

Let’s Celebrate Advent!!

Sunday , Nov. 27	
Worship	9:30am
Sunday, Dec. 4	
Worship with Communion	9:30am
Advent Night	3-5 pm
Sunday , Dec. 11	
Worship	9:30am
Sunday , Dec. 18	
Worship	9:30am
Christmas Eve	
Family Service – Pageant	4:30pm
Lessons & Carols	10:00 pm
Christmas Morning	
Worship – Carols and a Story	9:30am





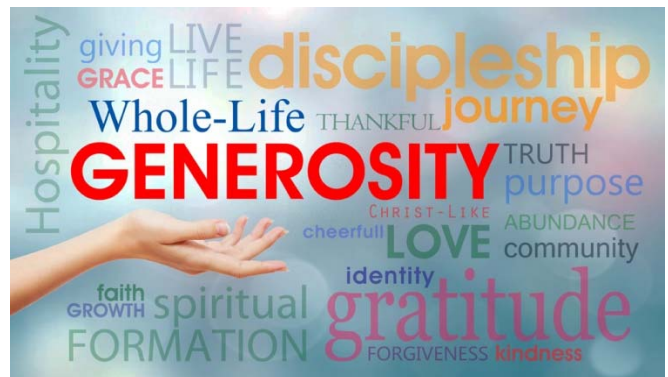
With gratitude, we share the names of those who have pledged to support the annual budget:

Elizabeth Anderson
Joyce Bellonio
Jim & Joan Bennett
Cheryl Bogert
Priscilla Bradford
Elaine Burr
Sandy Carter
Susan Compton
Kim & Tom Coughlin
George & Flo Coulston
Paula Diehl
Jim & Leslie Dockendorff
Ken & Ann Dubar
Doris Ferner
Carl & Lillian Flodquist
Rich & Jody Gallagher
Betsy Gumbart
Nancy Gutowski
Kathy Harple
Eleanor Harple
Susan Beth Higgins
Carla & Michael Hill
Bernie & Elfie Hummel
Robbie & Bruno Juliano
Linda Lacobelli
Suzanne & Nigel Light

Nancy & Ken Mahoney
Ted & Joyce Manzo
John & Rhonda Masnato
Barbara & Richard Massey
Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck
Lorraine Morehouse
Scott Morrow & Carol Amico
Lynne & Rob Nielsen
William Olmstead
Stephen & Mabel Peterson
Dot Pierce
Lynn Reardon
Jane Romans
Bob & Barbara Scheidecker
Adam & Julie Schweickert
Anthony & Cheryl Solecki
Peter & Victoria Struk
John & Sue Tibor
Doris Vigliotto
Cathy Welch as of 11/14/2022

If you have not yet shared your plans for financial support, please complete your pledge card and return it by December 16, or simply fill it out online.

Any questions can be answered by: Priscilla Bradford (203-468-9090) Joan Bennett (203 234-8531), Cheryl Bogert (203-208-4732), Mabel Peterson (203-234-9319) and Julie at the church office 203 239-5691.





Ministry Coordinator for Children

December Church School Calendar

Dec. 4th - *Communion Sunday*; children begin in Chapel then to church school, then return to worship for Communion.

Advent Night celebration; 5-7 pm in Carroll Hall

Dec. 11th - Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to church school

Dec. 18th - Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to church school

Dec. 24th - *Christmas Eve*; Church School Pageant, 4:30 family worship

Dec. 25th - *Christmas Day*; **Family Sunday**, children remain in worship with family

Advent Night - December 4, 5:00-7:00

We look forward to one of our favorite annual events; Advent Night. This year it will be Sunday, December 4th from 5-7 pm, just after the tree lighting on the green. Our entire church family is encouraged to join the Faith Formation team for an enjoyable evening of crafting, comradery, and fellowship.

Craft activities will be from 5-6:00, then we will enjoy a casual supper from 6:00-6:45. We will close with a Vesper Service from 6:45-7:00. During crafts from 5:00-6:00; veggies, fruits and cheese trays will be available as appetizers. Santa will arrive about 5:30. The church will provide pizza and drinks. We ask members of our church family attending the event to provide a free-will offering, and/or veggie trays, fruit trays, and cheese trays, as well as desert to share with everyone. If your last name ends with A-F, please bring a fruit tray; G-L please provide a veggie tray; M-Q please bring a dessert to share; and R-Z, please bring a cheese tray. Thanks!

Members of the Faith Formation Team have planned some crafts: jingle bell shakers, star garland, origami, and various ornaments. However, the more crafts we have, the more fun for all. Therefore, we need additional volunteers to lead other crafting activities such as Perler beads, painted ornaments, gingerbread houses, pinecone bird feeders, etc. The possibilities for other crafts are

endless. If you have a favorite craft you're willing to lead, or an idea for an activity but need help executing it, please let Karlee know.

This is always a great event and we need everyone's help to make it a success. Please contact Karlee Etter at faithformation@northhavenucc.org or call the church and leave a message, she will get back to you ASAP.

The members of the Faith Formation team look forward to seeing you all there!

Church School Pageant – Christmas Eve, 4:30 Family Service

In late October, after much discussion with staff, members of the Faith Formation Team, and parents, it was decided to present the Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve as part of the 4:30 Family Service. For several years now, many of our children were unable to participate because of other commitments on the Sunday before Christmas, the usual date for our pageant. In presenting the pageant on Christmas Eve, every child has the opportunity to participate in this memorable experience of expressing themselves in one of our congregation's most beloved traditions of the church year.

This year's pageant is titled, MARY'S SONG, and is based on the first Christmas story found in Luke 2:1-20. However, as the title suggests, the story, although narrated by several characters including an older Mary, provides Mary's point-of-view (POV) as she recalls the birth of her son, Jesus. Mary serves as the primary narrator, followed by the POV of three other characters: CHRISTIAN, (a Christian), JOEL (a shepherd), and MATTHEW (a traveler who met the Wisemen as they traveled to Bethlehem). As the four narrators tell the story, each of the traditional characters move toward the front of the sanctuary, concluding with a tableau of the living creche.

NHCC annual traditional church school pageant will be an integral part of the Family worship at 4:30 p.m., interwoven with narratives from the Gospel of Luke, prayers, gifts of music, and Christmas hymns. I hope many will join us in the telling of the favorite story of the First Christmas.

Blessings, Karlee

Church Family News



Birthdays Doris Ferner 12/01, Gerard Adinolfi 12/05, Robbie Juliano 12/07, James Studley 12/08, Merrilee Gladkosky 12/11, Linda Silk 12/14, Carol Mitchell 12/15, Cynthia Boerma Campos 12/18, Carol Amico 12/19, Damon Quinn 12/19, Stefan McKosky 12/20, Rich Gallagher 12/22, Saydee Baldino 12/24, Stephen Simonson 12/26, John Tibor 12/27, Raymond Geissler 12/29, Heather Tolisano 12/29 Edward Collett 12/29, Sandy Mayhew 12/29, Elfie Hummel 12/30, Tanner DiVito 12/30, Alec DiVito 12/30, Bill Rose 12/31.

Anniversaries: Karen & David Linsky, Edward & Mary Ellen Collett 12/06, Sally & Anthony Pallatto 12/14, Bill & Robin Rose 12/26.

Deaths: **John Rankin** died on October 24. John was the husband of Linda Rankin, the father of Nancy Rankin, and the grandfather of Izabel Kilian. John and Linda have been long-time devoted members of the Chancel Choir and very regular attenders until the beginning of the pandemic. We give thanks for John's life and ask God's comfort and strength for Linda, Nancy and her husband Steve, and Izabel. The

Rev. Patrick C. Finleon died on November 2. He was 89 years old. Rev. Finleon served as the 24th pastor of North Haven Congregational Church from 1985 to 1991. Prior to his ministry in North Haven, Patrick served churches in East Windsor, CT, and in Dalton and Needham, MA. Most recently, Patrick had lived in West Hartford, CT. We give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Patrick Finleon, and ask God's comfort, strength, and peace for his wife, Jane Finleon, and daughter, Deborah Finleon. The obituary for Patrick can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/nhregister/name/patrick-finleon-obituary?id=37228764>.

Confirmation Will Meet December 11 & 18

The 2022-23 Confirmation Class will meet twice in December – on Sunday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Dec. 18. Confirmands should plan to attend the worship service at 9:30, and to meet with the Class from 10:45-12:30. Please contact Scott Morrow with questions.

OASIS Youth Group Is IN-PERSON in December!

The OASIS Multi-church 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. The Group includes youth from 7th to 12th grade, as well as a middle school group 5th-7th 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. Here is the schedule for December:

All December meetings at **Spring Glen United Church of Christ** unless otherwise noted.

Sun. Dec. 4 Improv Afternoon – 12-2pm

Sun. Dec. 11 Day of Service – Time TBD

Sun. Dec. 18 Christmas Party – 4-6pm at NHCC!

Worship is In-Person and Online

Your attendance is encouraged and welcome at our in-person worship services. Masks are optional, and we are singing in our worship services. Coffee Hour has resumed in Carroll Hall, provided there are volunteers to host.

We will continue to livestream the worship service through the church website for those who cannot attend in-person by choice or circumstance.

If you are not feeling well or you have had a COVID exposure please wear a mask if you must come into the church.

Mission Team News

Interim Organist – Gail DeBoer

We are grateful for our new friend and neighbor, Gail DeBoer, for assisting the church during this interim organist search period. Gail is a friendly and experienced professional organist who will be with us from Sunday November 27th through Christmas Sunday. (She also has a special prelude for The Epiphany if we are still in need around January 6th. This prelude features a pencil. We shall see if we get to hear it!)



Mourning the passing of John Rankin



Members of the North Haven Congregational Church Choir mourn the passing of our fellow chorister, John Rankin. John was a dedicated member of the choir for many years in partnership with his lovely wife, Linda. John sang in the bass section. John's spirit

lives on in our hearts and in our singing. We are grateful for our time with John and with Linda. John's charm, humor, and wit are very memorable. An emotionally powerful funeral service was held in the church on Saturday, November 10. The hymn singing at this service-with many choir members in attendance- was awe-inspiring. It felt great to have the full church singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" with such gusto. We will miss John very much and send our love and condolences to Linda.

Christmas Eve Music

The choir is rehearsing at 7:00pm Thursdays in preparation for a beautiful, traditional, Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service led by the Chancel Choir at 10:00pm. All are welcome!

Pink Envelope - Special Music Collection

We are very grateful to those church folks who have given to our "special music" collections in years' past. This money goes directly toward funding guest professional musicians and extra rehearsals for guest organists and choir. In this transitional period after the retirement of our long time organist, this special music collection is all the more important. We hope to have some beautiful Christmas music this year! We are having two Christmas Eve services and a Christmas Day Service. You are of course welcome and encouraged to donate by cash or check in person/mail, but if you have an interest in donating securely online, you can do so through our church website at this link:

<https://northhavenucc.org/online-giving/>

You can specify "Music Fund" in the drop down menu. In the comment section below that, you can write "Special Music 2022-2023".

A heart-felt "Thank You" to all the angels who have blessed this special music fund over the years. We are

grateful for your support of Music at North Haven Congregational Church, and look forward to the upcoming holidays!

Update From The Organist Search

Committee Gail DeBoer, Daniel Kendzior and Heather Meachen have been our substitute organists in November. We have conducted our first preliminary interview, which was held on Zoom. The candidate we interviewed will come for an audition and a second, more in-depth interview in the coming days. We are working to schedule preliminary interviews with three other candidates. The Search Team is glad to be working on the interview phase of this process, and hopeful a permanent organist will be found among the candidates.

Cathy Welch is the chairperson of the Search Committee, and other members include Martin Benassi, Carol Mitchell, Barbara Massey, and Carla Hill. Jeff Hutchins and Scott Morrow assist the group.

A BIG Church Clean-up! AND A BIG THANK-YOU!!

On Monday, November 7, the leaves on the church grounds were raked and blown and piled, and the flower beds were trimmed and cleaned up by Priscilla Bradford, Bernie Hummel, and Pete Struk. Pete brought his riding mower, and Gerard Adinolfi arranged for Bernie's vacuum mower to come to the church on a trailer. Bryant Munson had trimmed the shrubs earlier. Thank you very, very much!

A Touch-up Church Clean-up

The few leaves that accumulated on the church grounds since the first clean-up on Nov. 7 were raked and blown by volunteers working with the Veteran's Day Project early on Saturday, Nov. 12. Don Clark, who has an office on St. John Street, along with his son and some friends made short work of the leaf-clearing. Thank you very much!

Worship is In-Person and Online

Your attendance is encouraged and welcome at our in-person worship services. Masks are optional, and we are singing in our worship services. Coffee Hour has resumed in Carroll Hall, provided there are volunteers to host.

We will continue to livestream the worship service through the church website for those who cannot attend in-person by choice or circumstance.

If you are not feeling well or you have had a COVID exposure please wear a mask if you must come into the church.

We Are Collecting Food Items On Sunday With The Offering We have resumed collecting donations of non-perishable food items on Sunday mornings. Please bring canned soup or vegetables, juice or shelf-stable milk, tuna fish or canned chicken, tea, coffee, peanut butter or jelly and place them in the basket in the Narthex. We will bring your contributions forward as a generous part of our offering on Sunday morning. Thank you!

The Holiday Food Drive 2022 Is Underway! The 2022 Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive is nearly complete. Most of the pick-ups and deliveries happened on Sat. Nov. 19, with a few remaining to be completed. The Holiday Food Drive provided food for 155 households, responding to greatly increased demand amidst the inflation and higher prices this year. The North Haven Lions Club, the Rotary Club of North Haven, Arnold's Jewelers, and many businesses in town have made donations of food items, turkeys, and money. Julie Schweickert set up online volunteer registration through the NHCC website and confirmed all the recipients. Volunteers from the churches in North Haven, along with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts helped with food collection, sorting, packing and delivery. This is the highest number of household we have ever tried to serve, and we are very glad our neighbors will be able to enjoy a brighter and more delicious Thanksgiving holiday.

The Christmas Food Drive will provide food boxes for pick-up and delivery on Saturday, Dec. 17. There will be volunteer shifts for sorting food donations, packing food boxes, and helping with pickup and delivery. Please sign to volunteer on the church website. You may want to put these dates on your calendar:



Christmas Boxes –
pack on **Thu., Dec. 15, 2-4p.m.** and
Fri., Dec. 16, 3-7p.m.;

deliver on **Sat., Dec. 17, 9a.m. – 1pm.**

Please sign up to volunteer for Christmas on the Church website!



Special Offering for the Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund is a special offering of the United Church of Christ which provides assistance to UCC clergy and lay employees. Many of these individuals retired before a pension was a regular benefit of employment. The Christmas Fund provides pension supplementation and health insurance supplementation to lower-income retired clergy and lay employees, as well as a modest Christmas “thank-you” gift check and emergency assistance grants to a small number of active clergy and lay employees. This offering will be received on Sunday, Dec. 18, and at the services on Christmas Eve. Please give prayerfully and generously! *Scott Morrow*

Abraham’s Tent Plans A Limited Return

For more than 10 years Abraham’s Tent has provided overnight hospitality, dinner and breakfast for 10-12 guests from Columbus House. Before COVID, the group of guests rotated among different houses of worship from mid-December through March, which freed up space in the Columbus House Shelter and the Overflow Shelter.

During the pandemic, congregations were not able to host Abraham’s Tent guests. Now planning is underway for a resumption of hosting by several congregations with a reduced schedule.

We do feel we are able to host Abraham’s Tent at North Haven Congregational Church this year. We know, however, that some of our accustomed volunteers may want to assist other congregations who will be hosting guests in the Greater New Haven area. We know that many church members and friends have donated money and time to support the men of Abraham’s Tent in past years. We will reach out to you in the coming weeks with suggestions about how we might work together this year to offer hospitality, support and encouragement through Abraham’s Tent.

Weekly Bible Study ZOOM on Tuesday Evening. The weekly Bible Study gathers on Tuesday evening at 6pm on ZOOM. We will meet. We have begun a study of the book of the Revelation to John. If you would like to visit, tell Scott or Julie you’re interested and we’ll send you the ZOOM link and information about the study guide for Revelation.

Window Deadline! The deadline for the January WINDOW will be Wednesday, November 16. The December WINDOW will be mailed on Wednesday, December 21. Christmas makes this a tight schedule, thank you for getting your articles and announcements to Julie early!

Annual Meeting and Annual Reports – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, January 29**. **Annual Reports** from Mission Teams and staff are due in the church office on **Tuesday, January 2**.



Women's Fellowship Harvest Fair: Big Success



The Harvest Fair was fun and a great success! What a joy to be together after 2 years of Virtual Fairs! The rooms were beautifully decorated and everyone enjoyed the fellowship. Close to \$3800 was raised. This will allow Women's Fellowship to begin donating to many of the organizations we put on hold during the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who helped!

We will have a potluck Christmas dinner on December 5th. The "tacky grab bag" will add fun to the evening.

Please look for announcements after the holidays for future events. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Blessings,
The Women's Fellowship Executive Board



Men's Fellowship

Seven men attended the Men's Fellowship Breakfast held on November 5th in the church kitchen: Jim Bennett, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Stephen Simonson, and John Tibor.

We heard some encouraging news regarding Tim's brother, Bob, who has been hospitalized in intensive care for a while now being treated for a number of serious symptoms, as a recent twenty-four dialysis treatment seems to have stabilized his condition. We also wished Tim and his Phillies good luck, but our wishes went unrealized, as the Astros clinched the World Series that night with a 4-1 victory.

All of us shared fond memories of our dear friend, John Rankin, who passed away on October 24th. Sadly, COVID-19 had kept John and Linda away for most of the past two years, so most of us were not made aware of his deteriorating health until recently.

And John informed us that he has been invited to make a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Holy Hand in January 2023.

Our next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 am. Won't YOU please consider attending?

Jim Bennett

PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

Hospitals and nursing facilities may be limiting the number of daily visits. Please contact Julie or Scott if you anticipate a trip to the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself hospitalized, so that Scott can respond.

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: Ed Collette, Mabel Peterson, Stephen Simonson, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, and Ellen Robert.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

We are livestreaming our worship services on Sunday mornings. We continue to celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month, encouraging those at home to participate with their own bread and juice.

If you are unable watch the Church service online, we will be happy to celebrate this Sacrament with you either in person or over the telephone. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 to make an appointment that would be convenient for you.

Save These Dates

Friday, December 16th –

Count & pack produce 12pm-2pm;

Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes 12-4pm

Saturday, December 17th –

Christmas Food Distribution 9am – 1pm



CARDS & LETTERS

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

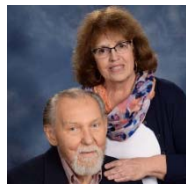
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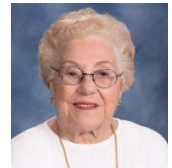
Ellen Robert
The Golden Hill Rehab Pavilion
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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				5:15pm Girl Scout 60151(K) 6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	10:00 Food Pantry Open	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 12:30pm Birthday Party (CH)
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9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)		9:30am Al-Anon (K) 12:30 PLP (Library)	9:30 am Cleaning - Sang 10:00 Food Pantry Open		10:00 Food Pantry Open	
12:00pm OASIS - Improv Afternoon (Spring Glen)	1:00pm Retired Federal Employees (CH) 6:00 WF Christmas Pot Luck (CH)	3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	1:30pm STAFF MEETING	7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR	5:00 Ben Haven (CH)	
5:00pm Advent Night (CH)		6:00 BIBLE STUDY	6:00 Girl Scout 60071(K)	7:00 Garden Club (CH)	7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)		9:30am Al-Anon (K)	9:30 Cleaning - Sang			Christmas Food Distribution
10:45 Confirmation		12:00pm Building & Grounds (Heath) 12:30 PLP (Library)	1:30pm STAFF MEETING			
OASIS - Day of Service		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	7:00 Purl & Praise (L)			
3:30pm Jingle Jam Holiday Concert (DBL)	6:30pm New Haven Camera Club (CH)					
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom) 7:30 Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)	6:45 Al-Anon Dist Family (CH) 7:00 MLB (Library)	5:15 Girl Scout 60151(K) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)		9:30am Al-Anon (K)	WINDOW DEADLINE			
10:45 Confirmation			9:30 Cleaning - Sang			
4:00PM OASIS - Christmas Party (CH)		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	1:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)	5:15 Girl Scout 60151(K)		4:30pm Christmas Pageant
	6:00pm CT Record Club (CH)	6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00 Girl Scout 60071(K)	7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR		10:00 Lessons and Carol Service
	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS DAY	OFFICE CLOSED	9:30am Al-Anon (K)	WINDOW MAILING			
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	9:30 AA (K)	12:30pm PLP (Library)	9:30 Cleaning - Sang		10:00 Food Pantry Open	
	6:30pm New Haven Camera Club (CH)	1:00 Danish Sisterhood (K) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	10:00 Food Pantry Open 1:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)			
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 Purl & Praise (L)	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		

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December 21, 2022

LECTIONARY READINGS

December 4th (Second Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12

December 11th (Third Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

December 18th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

December 25th (Christmas)

Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12) John 1:1-14

December 31st (New Year's Eve)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a Matthew 25:31-46

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