



# North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

# The Window

November 2022



## A Month of Giving Thanks

We have just concluded our Season of Generosity, and we have heard some wonderful testimony. Jim Bennett, Aiden Nottingham, and Tracy Weiss spoke of their appreciation for all that the Church brings to their lives and the commitment they offer in return.

Our worship services reflected on the theme "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving." We were reminded of the many occasions in the scriptures of eating together in fellowship as a sign of God's blessing and an occasion of generosity. Many of us experienced that fellowship in a fresh way as we began to pass communion among the pews again. Generosity is a part of faithful living; a response to God's abundance in creation and a growing edge in our discipleship.

Our thankfulness will surely continue through the month of November. On the first weekend the Women's Fellowship will hold the Holiday Fair, and on Sunday we will give thanks for those church members and family members who have died in the past year as we offer our All Saints litany.

Throughout the month donations of food, turkeys, and cash will arrive at the church as the Churches of North Haven conduct the Holiday Food Drive. Thanksgiving boxes will be packed on Thursday, Nov. 17 and Friday, Nov. 18, and delivered the next day, Sat. Nov. 19.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday on Nov. 20 and the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 24.

This is a tradition that stretches back to our Pilgrim forbears, and their faith continues to flower in our own. They struggled through illness and hardship, and rejoiced to give thanks for God's blessings. We face difficult challenges in our time – conflict and

destruction in Ukraine, worrisome inflation, political polarization, and the struggle to come back and regather after the pandemic. In prayerful reflection we realize that, amid all that is troublesome, there is great blessing.

May your thanks be earnest, your celebration warm, and your travel safe! Give generous praise to our loving God, from whom come all good gifts.

Peace to you,  
Scott Morrow



Please help a North Haven family celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas

**PLEASE DONATE HERE...**

### TURKEYS

Boxed cake mixes/frosting mixes  
Pie fillings/pie crust mixes  
Baking needs (flour, salt, granulated sugar, etc.)  
Muffin/corn bread mixes  
Jell-O/puddings  
Cans of beans (baked, kidney, etc.)  
Cans of broth  
Cans of assorted soups  
Cans of fruit  
Boxed rice

### Pasta entrées

Boxes of macaroni & cheese  
Boxed/canned potatoes  
Canned gravy  
Cans of assorted vegetables  
Olives and pickles  
Cranberry sauce  
Boxes of cereal (hot & cold)  
Canned tuna/other canned fish  
Jars of mayonnaise  
Jars of jelly  
Jars of peanut butter  
Boxes of pasta  
Jars of pasta sauce

Cans of tomato sauce  
Coffee and tea  
Canned juices  
Powdered/canned milk  
Canned meals (chili, Spaghettios, etc.)  
Canned meat (ham, Spam, Treet, sliced meat in gravy, etc.)  
Canned tomatoes  
Canned sweet potatoes  
Bags and boxes of stuffing



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

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### Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself

This is the second of God's greatest commandments to us. God preached to us to be kind and caring and giving to one another. He not only preached it, but he showed us by his many deeds and miracles. Throughout his life, Jesus obeyed his Father's commandments and to teach the Gospel to others. Jesus performed miracles to heal and cure the sick, to tend to the poor, to feed and nurture the hungry, to be kind and to treat each other as my brother and my sister.

As a new member of the Ministry Leadership Board, I pray to God to give me strength and guidance to make good decisions and to help others. In another role as President of the Branford Rotary Club, I ask God to help me to do the same. The object of Rotary is "Service Above Self". Our Church is open and welcomes everyone. Rotary is not a religious organization but is open to anyone who wants to join and serve others.

As a member of our Church and Rotary, I can work with other members to give back to those in need. I am thankful for our Church fellowship, for the volunteers who work at the food pantry, who serve on mission boards and teach our youth. I am thankful for Pastor Scott, the deacons and church staff and all who volunteer their time and share their resources to help maintain and support our Church. Through the generosity of our Church members, we give out "Angel Gifts" to children at Christmas, give backpacks to children for school, give to Habitat for Humanity and build structures for those in need, to share in Abraham's Tent, Neighbors in Need and many more. We are following Jesus 's example of helping and caring for others.

Rotary Clubs throughout the world raise funds and give back to their communities and neighbors all over the world. We give to the local food pantries, gifts to needy children and families at Christmas and Thanksgiving, to the homeless and the elderly and veterans. We help build schools, hospitals, libraries and housing for people in Africa. Recently we packed food boxes and sent them to Haiti. One of our goals is to eradicate Polio in the world. Rotary members

donate their time and resources to help so many others who have so little.

All of us in our Church, Rotary Clubs and other charitable organizations are following Jesus's example and word in caring for our brothers and sisters. Like the words of the song, "Whatsoever you do to the least of your brothers and sisters, so you do unto me", we are all working together and giving to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are following God's commandment and Jesus's example to "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself".

May God Bless Us All.

Sandy Carter  
Ministry Leadership Board

### Ministry Coordinator for Children



### CHURCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### November 6 - Communion Sunday

Children begin in Chapel then to their classrooms, then to worship for Communion with their families.

Scripture: Luke 20:27-38; *The Sadducees*

#### November 13 - Regular Sunday

Children begin in worship, then to their classrooms.

Scripture: 2 Thess 3: 6-13; *Working Together*

#### November 20 - Regular Sunday

Children begin in worship, then to their classrooms.

Scripture: Luke 23: 33-43; *Together in Christ*

#### November 27 – Family Sunday

**(Thanksgiving weekend)** Children remain in worship with their parents.



**Advent Night**  
**Sunday, December 4, at**  
**5:00pm. Fun for all ages.**

**Christmas Pageant**  
**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

As we move towards our Church family's busy season; the Faith Formation Team (FFT) has met to create a proposal for the 2023 FFT budget, discuss plans for our annual Advent Night on December 4, and select a date for this year's Christmas Pageant. The date for the pageant was discussed with the FFT, the staff, Choir members, the Organist, as well as parents. **This year, our Christmas pageant will be presented at the 4:30 Family worship on Christmas Eve. There will be a second service on Christmas Eve at 10:00pm of Lessons and Carols.**

It was suggested back in late September, that we might consider moving the annual Christmas pageant from the Sunday just before Christmas (this year, Dec. 18th) to Christmas Eve. After numerous conversations with parents regarding that possibility, I was pleasantly surprised that every parent I spoke with was enthusiastic about the possibility of a Church school pageant on Christmas Eve. Quite a few of our children are involved in sports up to the week before Christmas, limiting their ability to participate in the pageant. Last year, we didn't have enough children to take all the parts, so instead the adults portrayed the shepherds, as well as Mary and Joseph. Although the adults and children thoroughly enjoyed our multi-age pageant, I would like to provide an opportunity for more children to enjoy the pageant as participants.

Moving the pageant to December 24th, rather than the 18th, removes the difficult decision faced by parents to have to choose between their children participating in Church school activities or sports. If their sports schedules do not conflict with the pageant, more or most of our Church school children can participate in the memorable experience of expressing themselves in one of the most beloved traditions of the church year.

Blessings,  
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

**Save the Dates**

**December 4 - Advent Night** at 5:00pm celebration sponsored by the Faith Formation Team

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Pageant** at 4:30pm

**OASIS Youth Group**  
**Is IN-PERSON in November!**

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](mailto:youth@SpringGlenChurch.org)) Please watch your email for program announcements! If you would like more information contact Scott Morrow.



**Here is the schedule for November:**

All November meetings at Spring Glen United Church of Christ.

Sun. Nov. 6 – Autumn Craft Corner – 12-2pm

Sun. Nov. 13 – Hiking 4-6pm

Sun. Nov. 20 – Friendsgiving Dinner – 4-6pm

**Confirmation Meets on November 6 & 20**

The 2022-23 Confirmation Class will meet for twice in November – on Sunday, Nov. 6 and Sunday, Nov. 20. 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.

**Season of Generosity**

The theme for the Season of Generosity this year



“From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving” invites us to consider how our faith and participation in our church strengthens our financial commitment to our community.

This is the time for all of us to look forward to the coming year and think seriously about how we will contribute to support the mission



of North Haven Congregational Church. How can you share your time and talents? What will you pledge to support the staff, functions, and outreach of our church? We depend on your pledge to financially plan for next year. Make your financial commitment in grateful response to the blessings you have received.

Return the pledge card that has been mailed, fill in the on-line form on the church website, or call the church office with your pledge. With everyone's help we will move forward together.

Your Generosity Team

Joan Bennett, Cheryl Bogert, Priscilla Bradford, Mabel Peterson



### Church Family News

**Birthdays** Dan Lafleur 11/01, Laura Alden 11/02, Cheryl Bogert 11/02, Onna Gott 11/04, Samuel Gott 11/04, Eliza Stewart 11/05, Jason Petrucci 11/05, Bette DeMayo 11/08, Cheryl Solecki 11/08, Peter Hall 11/08, Max Scoppetto 11/09, Annette Grant 11/10, Audrey Tilley 11/12, Theodore Manzo 11/13, Hannah Nottingham 11/17, Ann Dubar 11/18, Michelle McBride 11/18, Nancy Gutowski 11/19, Julianna Wayne 11/19, Bruno Juliano 11/21, Peter Struk 11/21, Rose Royka 11/25, Scott Morrow 11/26, Joan Bennett 11/26, Rob Natoli, Anna Woodruff 11/27, Cheryl Hall 11/27, Sharman Tait 11/30, Charles Woodruff 11/30.

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

**Baptisms:** Cameron Alexander Goldfuss, born July 3, 2020, son of Matthew and Jennifer Goldfuss and grandson of Sal and Diane DePrimo, was baptized on October 9. **Alessia May Mickolyzck**, born May 31, 2022, daughter of Thomas and Brooklyn Mickolyzck and granddaughter of Robert and Kathleen Mickolyzck, was baptized on October 23.

**Deaths:** **Marilyn Odell** died on September 30. Marilyn was the wife of Colin Odell, and the mother of Margaret Schneider. She was the daughter of long-time church members Robert and Mary Cestaro. Marilyn's memorial service was held in the church on October 24. **Sarah Noyes** died on October 10. Sarah was the wife of Jon Noyes, who has played the trumpet in our church for many Easter services. Her children are Jacob and Abigail. Sarah's memorial service was held at the Orange Congregational Church on October 22. **John Rankin** died on early on Monday, October 24. John was the husband of Linda Rankin, the father of Nancy, and grandfather of Izabel. John was a longtime member of the church and choir.

**Burials:** **Larry North** was laid to rest in Milfordside Cemetery in Woodbridge on October 9. Larry was a long-time member and a nephew of Barbara Pearsall. He died on August 22, 2022. **Ed and Ruth Dudley** were buried in Alderbrook Cemetery in Guilford on October 19. Ruth and Ed were long-time members. Ed served as a Deacon and supported the mission programs of the church. Ruth served as the Director of Christian Education for a number of years, and also coordinated the Christian Education department at the CT Conference office. They both sang in the choir. Ed died in September, 2019 and Ruth passed away in October, 2019.

### **Memorial Service for John Rankin**

A Memorial Service for John Rankin will be held in the Church on Saturday, November 12, at noon.

### **Worship is In-Person and Online**

We welcome you to in-person worship services. Masks are optional, and we are singing in our worship services. Windows will be open, weather permitting.

Coffee Hour has resumed in Carroll Hall when we have hosts. Please consider volunteering to host by signing up online or calling the church office.

We ask everyone to be considerate of others. 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 will continue to livestream the worship service through the church website for those who cannot

attend in-person by choice or circumstance. Our goal is to provide high-quality livestream and recordings for those who choose to use them.

### Mission Team News



**The Chancel choir is excited to be singing again** The chancel choir is currently rehearsing every Thursday at 7:00pm. We anticipate singing more regularly in Sunday worship and are looking forward to practicing for Advent and Christmas. The Chancel Choir will be singing the Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve (the late service). We anticipate some lovely music this year and we welcome you to join us. Our choir has a good number of altos but only a few sopranos, tenors, and basses. If you have an interest in learning where your voice “sits” naturally please be in contact with Jeff and consider joining up!

The choir just sang a very big anthem called Harvest Hymn on October 23. It was a beautiful treatment of the familiar hymn tune DIX (usually associated with the traditional hymn, “For the Beauty of the Earth”). It was accompanied by our new friend and occasional guest organist, Jurg Oggenfuss.

As we approach Halloween, All Saints, All Souls, and the season of Advent, the below musical poem gave some great inspiration recently. It was presented on the last page of the bulletin for the memorial service of highly renowned “basso profundo” Van Carter Hale (1933-2021), husband of equally renowned music educator, June Hale. Van’s memorial service was held at Saint Peter’s Episcopal Church in Cheshire this past Saturday evening. Musical participants included the Elm City/United Girls’ Choir who are now rehearsing in our church on a weekly basis. This poem by George Eliot offers much to ponder.

### *May I Join the Choir Invisible*

*George Eliot (1819-1890)*

*O may I join the choir invisible  
Of those immortal dead who live again  
In minds made better by their presence: live  
In pulses stirr’d to generosity,  
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn  
For miserable aims that end with self,  
In thoughts sublime that  
pierce the night like stars,  
and with their mild persistence  
urge man’s search  
To vaster issues,  
So to live is heaven:  
To make undying music in the world.  
So shall I join the choir invisible  
Whose music is the gladness of the world.*

### **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 term organist, this special music collection is all the more important. We have yet to officially “book” our Christmas organist (thought we have some leads) and we will need to be sure Christmas Day (Sunday) is covered as well. We hope to have some beautiful Christmas music this year!

You are of course welcome and encouraged to donate by cash or check in person, but if you have an interest or desire to donate 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 holy days!

### Neighbors In Need Offering

The Neighbors In Need special offering was received on Sunday, October 2. The Neighbors In Need offering is an all-church special offering across the United Church of Christ. It is dedicated to programs of community building and engagement and social justice around the United States. The offering raised \$365, to be shared with the Council for American Indian Ministries for community building and engagement and social justice efforts, and with Justice and Witness Ministries for service projects, and advocacy efforts. Thank you for your generosity!

### We Celebrated Bible Sunday on October

**23** – We usually celebrate Bible Sunday annually on Reformation Sunday, but this year we celebrated a week early on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We presented Bibles to Gabriella DeLuca and Noah Jones. Congratulations!

### Update From The Organist Search

**Committee** Gail DeBoer and Jurg Oggenfuss have been our substitute organists in October. We have a several candidates for the permanent organist position and we have begun to schedule preliminary interviews.

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

### Holiday Food Drive 2022 is Underway!

Contributions of non-perishable food items arrive daily, and collection boxes are in place in shops and businesses throughout North Haven. The North

Haven Rotary Club, in partnership with Liberty Bank, will provide a generous 25% match for all money donations received through November 12.

Our goal for this year is to serve 160 households. We set this goal by measuring all of the tables in the church to see how many boxes they could hold – this is our maximum possible! The distribution of food from the Food Pantry has increased by a range of 25% to 88% this year. We expect an increased need for the Holiday Food Drive as well, and we are ready! John Tibor has led the effort to become a partner food pantry with Connecticut Food Share allowing us to shop for the Food Pantry at greatly reduced prices.

Procedures for food collection and sorting, packing and pick-up/delivery of food boxes will allow for safe distancing. Volunteers will work in small groups, and the hours for sorting, packing, and pick-up/delivery will be extended. Please watch the church website to sign up to volunteer. You can help with packing the boxes on Thursday, Nov. 17, between 2 and 4pm, and on Friday, Nov. 18 between 3 and 7pm. You can also help with deliveries on Saturday morning, Nov. 19, between 9am and 1pm.

You may want to put these dates on your calendar: Thanksgiving Boxes –

Pack on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4p.m. and

Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 3-7 p.m.;

Deliver on Sat., Nov. 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Christmas Boxes –

Pack on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-4p.m. and

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-7p.m.;

Deliver on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 9a.m. – 1pm.

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

### Bring Non-Perishable Food Items on

**Sunday** 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!



## Threshold Event Looks to the Future

The conversation over bagels and coffee on Saturday morning, Sept. 17, focused on Mission Teams, the impact of the COVID19 pandemic, and the way forward as we come back together. We talked about ways to improve communication and awareness of Mission Teams, reaching out to make personal invitations to join a Mission Team as well as building and supporting shared leadership among the congregation. COMMUNICATION was the topic that received the most comments. Our follow-up will focus on broadening our channels of communication – more use of social media, a shorter weekly update by email - what would draw YOUR attention best? Let the Pastoral Relations Mission Team know – email Scott or Julie.

## The Annual Meeting of the New Haven East Consociation

was held in-person at the First Congregational Church of Branford on Sunday evening, October 23, at 6pm. The Consociation is a group of 10 churches in our area. Doris Ferner and Kerry Stewart represented us as delegates, along with John Tibor who serves as the Treasurer and Scott who serves as the chairperson of the Church & Ministry Committee. The program was offered by Karen Ziel, the Assistant Director of the Center for Transformational Leadership of the Southern New England Conference. Karen described the work of the Center, and the resources they offer for pastors and lay leaders. We also thanked the Rev. Dr. Michael Ciba for his service with our Consociation as Area Conference Minister for the last two years. Michael will retire at the end of this year. Next year's Consociation Annual Meeting will be held on October 22, 2023 at the North Guilford Congregational Church.



## Change Your Clocks!!

Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night, November 5. Remember to turn your clocks back, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep! The worship service on Sunday, Nov. 6 will be at 9:30 a.m., Eastern **Standard** Time!



## Come Join us!

After a long pause due to Covid — we are pleased to be starting back up! We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Purl and Praise (artwork) 7 to 8:30 pm  
Wednesday, November 2 and November 16  
Meeting in the church library

A craft group open to all members and friends of the North Haven Congregational Church. Whatever project you are working on, come and enjoy some time together, See you there!

## Scouting for Food

The Boy Scouts of Connecticut Yankee Council will conduct a food drive throughout our area Nov. 5-12. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will distribute plastic bags on Saturday, Nov 5. The bags should be filled with non-perishable food items (a list is printed on the bag). Scouts will return to pick up the bags on Saturday, Nov. 12. Please hang your bagged donation on your mailbox, front door, or leave on the front porch on by 9am Saturday, Nov. 12.

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

## All Saints Observance

We will observe All Saints Sunday during our worship service on **November 6<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.

## Weekly Bible Study ZOOM on Tuesday Evening.

The weekly Bible Study gathers on Tuesday evening at 6pm on ZOOM. 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.

## 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.



**New Date: Fall Cleanup  
November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00  
a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Come join us on **Saturday  
morning, November 12<sup>th</sup>** to

help with our **Annual Fall Cleanup**. Bring whatever tools you may have around the house - leaf blowers, trimmers and rakes.



### Women's Fellowship

Our October 9th Pink Sunday was well received, with many members of the congregation showing support by wearing something pink. Thank you to the many bakers who provided "delicious pinkness" to our coffee hour and goodwill bake table. We raised \$179.50 for After the Storm. The Women's Fellowship plans to have at least one more "Fun Fundraiser" to benefit this cause. Watch for details in 2023!

On October 13, a group of 9 women gathered in the church kitchen and Carroll Hall to make apple pies. Thanks to the efforts of Kathy Harple, Doris Ferner, Cheryl Bogert, Barbara Massey, Cathy Welch, Sara Munson, Beth Anderson, Sue Tibor, and Carol Mitchell—and after much peeling, cutting, measuring, mixing, filling, and crimping—31 apple pies were made as part of our Fair. Many helping hands made for a fun afternoon. As of this writing there are 5 frozen pies left. They will be available for sale on November 5th at the Fair.

### Women's Fellowship New England Fair— November 5, 2022

It's that time again! Preparations are being finished; decorating and setup of the rooms to be used are in process. We are ready for the Fair—all we need now is you! Remember the Fair! Join us on Saturday, November 5th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Here are some of the things you will find: handcrafted items, baked delicacies, the Cookie Walk, RADA knives, treasures in Grandma's Attic and the Christmas Room, and bargains in the Nearly New Room. Come and do some early Christmas shopping. You may find just what you've been looking for! See you at the Fair!

December will be here all too soon! We are planning a Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on December 5th beginning at 6 p.m. There will be announcements with details coming soon and a sign-up sheet for what to bring (salad or main dish). A part of this get-together is our Tacky Grab Bag. Start looking now for that perfect under \$5, gently used or new grab bag gift that will add to the fun of the evening. Use your sense of humor to come up with an idea! Remember that all women members of the church are considered members of the Women's Fellowship. We hope you will enjoy this evening with us!

The Women's Fellowship Team

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### Men's Fellowship

Six men attended the Men's Fellowship Breakfast held on October 1st in the church kitchen: Larry Ballantyne, Jim Bennett, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, and John Tibor.



Three subjects dominated our conversations: Hurricane Ian; the Boston Red Sox; and Post-COVID-19, what's happened with our Men's Fellowship Group. Most everyone present this morning knew of someone, familial or not, who was impacted by Hurricane Ian, but no one reported any serious property damage or personal injury, very good news indeed. With regard to the Red Sox, writing off 2022 as just one bad year will not be a problem to those of us who waited eighty-six years for our first World Series victory since 1918. Regarding the elephant in the room, Men's Fellowship was in pretty decent shape pre-COVID, as we maintained a twice-a-month breakfast schedule with consistent attendance in the mid to high teens. Post-COVID has been an entirely different story. We have adjusted our gatherings to just one breakfast a month but have attracted as few as three and a high of just eight over the past several months. We also had to cancel our October 15th Comedy Night fundraiser due to a lack of support.

The men also held a gathering off-site on October 7th at J. Roo's Restaurant, celebrating Rob Nielsen's birthday. Seven church members (Jim Bennett, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Bryant Munson, Rob Nielsen, Herb Schneider, and Peter Struk) attended, along with three others who walk the Farmington Canal with Rob on a weekly basis.

Our next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th, beginning at 7:30 am. Might we see YOU there, please?

Jim Bennett  
Secretary, Men's Fellowship

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### PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

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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.

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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:** Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, and Ellen Robert.

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### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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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.

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### Save These Dates

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**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** –

Harvest Fair, 9:00am – 2:00pm

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** –

All Saints Sunday during worship service

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** –

Fall Clean-up, 8:00am

Memorial Service for John Rankin, 12pm

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** –

Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes 2-4pm

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** –

Count & pack produce 12pm-2pm;

Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes 3-7pm

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** –

Thanksgiving Food Distribution, 9am–1pm

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** –

Count & pack produce 12pm-2pm;

Pack Holiday Food Drive Boxes 12-4pm

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** –

Christmas Food Distribution 9am – 1pm

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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.

**Meg Adams**

67 Sackett Point Rd.,  
Apt. 408  
North Haven, CT 06473



**Marlene Bellonio**

West Haven Center For Nursing & Rehab  
310 Terrace Ave, W146D  
West Haven CT 06516



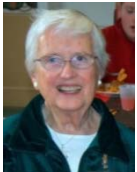
**Merrilee & George Gladkosky**

145 N. Ridgeland Road  
Wallingford CT 06492



**Betsy Gumbart**

150 Cook Hill Rd. Unit 7311  
Cheshire, CT 06410



**Ellie Harple**

176 Pool Road  
North Haven, CT 06473



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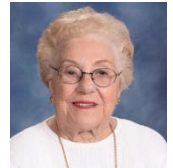
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### LECTIONARY READINGS

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

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

**November 6<sup>th</sup> (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Haggai 1:15b

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

**November 13<sup>th</sup> (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)**

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

**November 20<sup>th</sup> (Reign of Christ)**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

**November 24<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Day)**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35

**November 27<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday of Advent (Year A))**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matt 24:36-44

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