



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

April 2023



The Assurance of Things Hoped For ...

There is a wonderful passage in the Letter to the Hebrews: “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

So often, what we see limits our hopes. The challenges we face may narrow our vision and block our view of the horizon. Climate change is difficult to understand and measure, and it seems overwhelming. Recovery efforts and emergency assistance with food and temporary shelter in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey continue. The economy is faltering and household expenses are up. In the face of such adversity our vision is constricted and our strength wanes.

In the season of Lent we are encouraged to reflect prayerfully on our relationship with God and Jesus Christ, and our lives of discipleship. Hurts we have endured, mistakes we have made, and wrong paths we’ve taken may convince us that we are far from God’s loving presence and unworthy of the grace and mercy of Jesus.

In the book of Genesis, the Lord offers a promise at Abraham’s tent. When Sarah laughs at the promise of a son, the Lord asks “Is anything too wonderful for God?”

In the gospel according to Luke, the angel Gabriel announces God’s promise to Mary. When Mary questions how she will be the mother of the Lord, Gabriel assures her of the power of the Holy Spirit, “for nothing will be impossible with God.”

Both of these divine promises came in times when there was good reason, and plenty of momentum, for skepticism. God seemed far away from Abraham and Sarah. They were old! Oppression and suffering filled

Mary’s world and made God seem far away, and Mary was so young! Yet even in those times when God seemed distant or absent, God was present and loving and active.

The betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus seem such a bitter human failure and rejection. Yet God does not give up on us or abandon us to our loneliness and suffering.

The hope of the resurrection is powerful. It is comforting and inspiring. It reminds us that things are not as bad as they may look. It dares us to live in secure anticipation of God’s loving presence, and Christ’s abundant grace.

Peace, Scott Morrow

Glorious Easter Sunday

This calendar year both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are in the month of April.

It is a busy time preparing for the final week of Lent and then celebrating Jesus’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. There are many different traditions of baking and cooking special foods and family gatherings. I remember my grandmother bringing hard boiled eggs to her Church for blessings. My family still bakes Easter Bread and Ham Pies to eat on Easter morning. The food was made on Good Friday, but not to be eaten until Easter morning.

April is a month of renewal and rebirth. The days are longer and warmer. There are leaves and blossoms on the trees and we see tulips, hyacinths, daffodils and Easter lilies showing their bright colors. After the cold and darkness of winter, Lent and Good Friday, we see bright days and the sun shining upon us again. Jesus is our Light. We celebrate Easter and the renewal of our Faith.

There is excitement and anticipation as we attend our Easter service. There is a flowered covered cross standing out front and flower wreaths hanging on the front doors. Inside the church there are Easter Lily Plants everywhere. There is a feeling of celebration. Gone is the palm we received symbolizing Jesus’s journey into Jerusalem and the agony and death he endured for our sins. He is now in Heaven with his Father.

By Jesus rising from the dead, he has given to us eternal life with him in Heaven, to his followers who believe in his death and resurrection. I believe that Easter is the most important holiday of our faith, followed by Christmas and Good Friday. Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, was born on Christmas Day and died on Good Friday. The foundation of our faith is based on the life and death and resurrection of Jesus.

As we reflect on this glorious celebration of life, we become refreshed and renewed in ourselves. Through our faith we have the ability to follow Jesus’s teachings, to help one another, to be kind and caring, to keep God’s commandments and to love him and our brothers and sisters.

It is a time to re-establish our closeness to Jesus and open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to all that God has given to us on this earth. We can look all around us to see the beauty in nature, our family, our friends, our pets and our well-being. We give thanks for all he has given to us and for guidance and strength to give back and to hear his words as we pray.

Spring is a new beginning and Easter Sunday is a time for us to rejoice and appreciate both life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. Jesus has shown us the way, we need only to follow him.

PSALM 23: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Sandy Carter, MLB



Ministry Coordinator for Children

April Church School Calendar

- April 2** PALM Sunday; children begin in worship then to church school, then return to worship for Communion with their families
- April 9** EASTER Sunday; Family Sunday (no Noisy Offering), no Church School
- April 16** Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to Church School
- April 23** Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to Church School
- April 30** Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to Church School



SAVE THE DATE: Youth Sunday, May 21st

The theme for this year's Youth Sunday is the seasons of the Church Year, or Liturgical Year. The Church Year is a plan to remind us that Christ is present in our lives every day of the year. It follows the birth, teaching, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. The six seasons of the year express our personal faith, journey and moods as well as the events recounted in the Bible. Each of the Seasons of the Son (or church seasons) have a specific length/duration, focus, selection of specific Bible verses, liturgical colors, symbols, hymns and prayers.

In preparation for leading worship on May 21, a special curriculum will be used to provide the children with opportunities to experience God's promises from Advent to Epiphany. Through biblical scriptures and stories, Christian symbols and special crafts or projects specific to each church season, the children will better understand the church year and the significance of each season in relation to Jesus' life and ministry. Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 2 will learn about Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost; while Grades 3 through 7 will be learn about Advent, Epiphany and Lent.

Karlee Etter
Ministry Coordinator for Children



Church Family News

Birthdays

Anthony Solecki 04/03, Sandy Carter 04/04, Tanner Dubail 04/04, Deborah McKosky 04/05, Gloria Santamauro 04/07, Donald Adams II 04/15, Betsy Gumbart 04/17, Carla Hill 04/17, Lauren Campos 04/22, Larry Ballantyne 04/22, Paula Diehl 04/26, Danielle Powers 04/29.

Anniversaries Rich & Sandy Mayhew 04/11, Ann & Herb Schneider 04/12, Drew & Heather Mastracchio 04/15, Martin & Patience Benassi 04/16, Merrilee & George Gladkosky 04/19, Bryant & Sara Munson 04/23, Tony & Cheryl Solecki 04/24, Kevin & Cheryl Studley 04/30.

Births: Colby Cameron Collins, son of Kristofer and Carrie Collins, was born on March 3, 2023. Kinsey Collins is Colby’s big sister. Robert and Susan Beth Higgins are proud and excited grandparents, and Richard and Helen Gherlone are happy great-grandparents. Joy!

Deaths: Kristiana DePrimo died suddenly on February 19, 2023. Kristi was the daughter of Sal DePrimo, and step-sister of Thomas, Michelle, Michael, Matthew, Jennifer and Brianne Goldfuss, and Joseph DePrimo. Kristi’s mother passed away in December 2021, and Kristi struggled with her loss. She lived in Texas, and visits between the families were few and very precious. Brianne and Kristi were quite close, being very close in age. We give thanks for the precious life of Kristiana and ask God’s comfort for Sal and Brianne and all the family.

Confirmation Class The Confirmation Class will be visiting different communities of worship in our area during April and May, and concluding our classes for this year. We will schedule in the coming weeks. Please watch your email!



OASIS Youth Group News

The OASIS Multi-church Youth Group meets weekly and we encourage NHCC youth 7th to 9th grade to join the fun! 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 April:

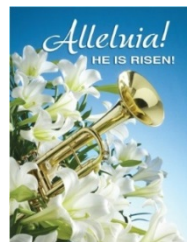
All April meetings at **Spring Glen United Church of Christ** unless otherwise noted.
Sun. Apr 2 – Hike Planning Session – 12-2pm
Fri. Apr 7 – Good Friday Hike – 12-2pm
No meeting Easter Sunday
Sun. Apr 16 – Environmental Justice Night – 4-6pm
No meeting Apr 23
Fri -Sun. Apr 28-30 – Spring Retreat 5pm Fri- 1pm Sun

Mission Team News

Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday

We are happy to announce that on Easter Sunday this year we will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus as part of our celebration! The Music Mission Team and Chancel Choir are inviting any members of the congregation who have familiarity with this classic piece to join in singing! You are welcome to come up front and sing as part of the “choral postlude” (after the closing hymn.) Scores will be provided if you don’t have one. We hope to see you there! Please contact Jeff if you wish to rehearse in advance or just to let him know you’re coming to sing!

Inter-generational gifts of music on Palm Sunday and Easter



Jeff, Karlee, and Church School teachers have been working with the youth on songs for Palm Sunday and Easter. We are planning two gifts of music that include ALL AGES. On Palm Sunday, “Hosanna!” By Michael W. Smith (Arranged for SATB choir by Michael Barrett) and on Easter a very fun and upbeat tune “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”, with verses added from Psalm 150, the most celebratory psalm of them all. Please be in touch with Jeff about these two special gifts of music. We want to have everyone seen and heard on both days.



Special Music Collection: Easter

We encourage ALL of

you to give to the Special Music Fund. You may do this using the pink Music Offering in the pew and writing “special music” in the memo line of your check or by giving online through the church website.

The Chancel Choir is very pleased to be singing in-person in worship. They have been rehearsing on Thursday evenings and preparing several pieces for Palm Sunday and Easter. Gail DeBoer, substitute organist, has been helping in the rehearsals. We are delighted to have trumpet players Reginald Mayo III and Eric Wolff joining us for Easter. We expect at least one additional, big, rehearsal in the run-up to Easter. We like to pay professional musicians at proper rates.

Your contributions support Music Director Jeff Hutchins and the Chancel and Children’s Choirs and enable the expanding creativity of the church music program. Thank you!

A sincere thanks to those who give toward these “supplemental” church music-related causes .

We hope to “raise the roof” in celebration on Easter Sunday! Thank you for your support, both in singing LOUDLY that day and monetarily in advance!

Jeffrey Hutchins,
Director of Music

Easter Lilies Offering

With the arrival of spring and its early signs of emergence of flowers and shrubs, we remind you of the Easter Lily Special offering that has been a part of our Easter tradition for many years. As most of you know, the lilies allow us to give a memorial to our family members and beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. They are distributed to our shut-ins and ill members after the service. **We invite your contribution toward the purchase of Easter Lilies for the sanctuary. The best way to make a contribution is online through the website, or by email. Please note to whom the Lilies are dedicated. If you send your contribution by regular**



mail, please call the Church Office with your dedication, so we know it is coming. Your support is appreciated.

Worship is In-Person and Online

We are glad to continue our in-person worship services and masks are optional. We are enjoying Coffee Hour following worship, and we encourage volunteers to sign up 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, consider staying at home. Please wear a mask if you must come into the church.

Deacons, Readers, Greeters and Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

We want to expand the pool of volunteers helping on Sunday mornings. Many hands make light work! Help expand the warm welcome, hospitality, and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Nancy Mahoney.

Update From The Organist Search Committee

The Organist Search Committee is pleased to announce that we are in the final stages of our Search process. We have focused in on a candidate and are finalizing the contract documents. It is our fervent hope to introduce our new organist sometime in late April. We are extremely grateful to Gail DeBoer for sharing her talents on the organ and keyboard with us all and for her willingness to rehearse with the choir. We look forward to sharing some lovely Easter music as we all celebrate the risen Christ.

Food Pantry

A great deal of attention is always given to the Holiday Food Drives for Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the need for food support continues all year long. While the Holiday Drives served more than 150 families this past year on each of the holidays, we have settled into what appears to be about 50 families who depend on the Food Pantry for continued support each month since the new year began. These families typically arrive on a monthly basis where we provide two boxes containing an assortment of soups, canned vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and just about

anything else that we have available to offer. The primary source of these items is through donations, supplemented by items that we purchase. We appreciate the supply of donated bread that we have on a regular basis. Donations have been fairly steady from a number of sources. On Sunday, March 19 we received a significant donation from the Parish of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity. For many years the Parish has conducted food drives within their churches, and on a very consistent schedule has delivered food to the pantry four times a year.

Last October we applied for and were approved to participate as an agency of the CT Foodshare program. Since November we have been able to obtain nearly 3,000 pounds of food through this source. Until it is time to reserve our freezer space for turkeys for the next Holiday Food Drive, we plan to utilize our freezer space to safely store frozen meat products as they become available from CT Foodshare. This will add another important choice that we can offer to our clients. When available we plan to also include an option for hearty produce items.

At the present time the Pantry meets clients on an appointment basis on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Appointments may be made on-line or by phone calls to the office. The staff who meets these clients includes Gail Fulop, Robbie Juliano, Nancy Mahoney, Rob Nielsen, Martha Perrotti, and John Tibor. John also coordinates the ordering and pickup of products from CT Foodshare. Rob Nielsen is the most recent person to join the team and has also completed training for placing orders with CT Foodshare. Additional support for this program is provided by Julie Schweickert who coordinates the scheduling of all clients, and Todd Swarney who assists in receiving donations, transporting the food boxes in preparation for distribution, and any other tasks that develop.

Our continued success to serve the needs of our clients is dependent upon the support that we receive from all the members of our church, our partner churches, and all those in our wider community. Specific items for which we always seem to have a need are mayonnaise, coffee, juice, cake mixes or brownie mixes, crackers, and canned fruit. We thank you for the continued support of this important program.

From The Buildings & Grounds Mission

Team An interior painting project including the downstairs hallway from Carroll Hall around past the Food Pantry to the entry by the stairs, the Koinonia Room, the elevator entryway, and the chapel, as well as the transom above the exit door by the Women's Fellowship closets (outside), has been completed. The labor was donated by KMorgan Company, and Frankie, Ricardo and 'Rich did an excellent job. We contracted with the KMorgan painters to have all of the window lintels on the outside of the church painted. In preparation for the indoor painting, Pete Struk moved the thermostat in the downstairs hallway. Pete also replaced the light fixture in the "dungeon" storage room under the front steps. Surplus Food Drive boxes have been moved to the shed, and there are plans to run electrical power to the shed for indoor lighting.

Sexton's Hours To Change

Todd Swarney does an excellent job as our sexton. He is very attentive to detail and cheerful in his assistance with community groups and Food Pantry clients. After nine years of working nights, Todd has accepted a position on the grounds keeping crew at SCSU and he will be working days. We are very happy that Todd has the opportunity to make this change and move away from working nights. He would like to continue his work at NHCC, and we have agreed that Todd will work at the church in the afternoon following his daytime hours at Southern. This change will take effect on Friday, March 26th.

Donate Food Items On Sunday With The Offering

We gladly receive 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!

Review of Church Membership Records

The Worship Team is conducting a review of the church membership records. According to the church bylaws, active church membership includes regular participation in worship, sharing in the work of the church and of its Mission Teams, care for each other,

& financial support for the church. Participation in any of these responsibilities constitutes active membership.

A group of members listed as inactive since the last review will be dropped from the rolls in the coming weeks. Another group identified as currently inactive will be contacted in writing. Members may be listed as inactive for one year. Those who remain inactive after one year will be dropped from the membership rolls. Homebound members will not be dropped from the rolls.

It is important that the membership records are accurate and transparent. Active church membership determines the number of representatives the church may send to meetings of the Consociation and Conference. It also determines the financial support the church is obligated to provide to the Consociation. If you have questions about the Membership Review or your membership status, please speak with Scott Morrow, Doris Ferner, Nancy Mahoney, or Julie Schweickert.

Considering a 2023 On-Line Fundraising

Auction At our January annual meeting, our church members voted in a 2023 church budget that included budgeting \$5,000 income through fundraising. The 2022 budget included \$3,600 for funds raised via fundraisers, and \$2,600 was actually raised, \$2,000 was from the 2022 (3rd annual) On-Line Fundraising Auction.

The first On-Line Fundraising Auction for our church was in 2020 in the beginning of the pandemic as a way to raise funds when in-person activities could not be held. We raised \$2,000 in that auction and in 2021, also over \$2,000 was raised for our church.

Two question for you. Would you like to see us hold another On-Line Fundraising Auction? What might you donate to an auction that would do well in the on-line auction format? Please provide your feedback to a member of the Auction B Team, Priscilla B., Patience B., Martin B., or Martha B. Or provide your feedback to a member of the MLB Ministry Leadership Board. Items donated by church members that drew a lot of bids in our 2020, 2021 and 2022 auctions included a power lift chair, Karastan rugs, Old Town canoe, Thule car top carrier, fly rods, full length white fox coat, Lenox china, full length racoon coat, antique

wagon, Pyrex with sought after design, sterling silver, gold jewelry and Beatles albums. The past auctions have benefited the church, drew interest from within and outside Connecticut, and often people remarked that it helped with things no longer used or needed in the home. A successful auction would need to include a few of the items as described above, but also smaller items. The smaller items help with the large items, and the large items help with the smaller items, in that if a bidder has an eye on something, they will often then bid on multiple items. Let us know your feedback.

2023 Summer at Silver Lake Conferences Registration Is Open!

They are offering five (5) 1-week sessions (Sunday-Saturday) this summer, running from July 2 through August 5. Each grade (entering 4-12th) has at least one program available during each week, and some weeks have more than one program for some grades to choose from.

Additionally, there are two half-week family camp programs for all ages (Jul 16-19 and Jul 26-29 and one week of day camp for campers entering grades 1-3 (M-F 8:45-4:45 Jul 10-14).

2023 Standard Program* Tiered Pricing: \$745 / \$670 / \$595 *Some programs may have slightly different pricing, or an additional program fee. Tier 1 is the actual cost of camp; Tier 2 is the middle rate, partially subsidized by donations to the Silver Lake Scholarship Fund; Tier 3 is the lowest price, subsidized by donations to the Silver Lake Scholarship Fund.

Rev. David Camphouse has been hired as the new Director of Silver Lake Conference and Retreat Center. An Open House will be held on Sunday, May 21 from 1-5pm. Register through the website. Learn more about Rev. Camphouse, summer camp registration, and explore options for summer employment or volunteering at the website www.silverlakect.org, or talk with Karlee Etter or Scott Morrow.

Silver Lake is Hiring for Summer 2023

Silver Lake Conference Center has summer positions for both youth a (Jr. Staff age 16-17, Sr. Staff age 17+) and adults (age 20+). There are also volunteer positions for youth and adults for a week at a time. For more information and a link to the application, go to the website

www.silverlakect.org/summeremployment .



Opportunities In Lent And Holy Week

Sunday, April 2nd: **Palm Sunday Service** ;
 In-Person and Online Worship 9:30am
Mon-Fri, Apr 3 – Apr 7: **Prayer in Holy Week**;
 In-Person & Online 12 Noon
Thurs., April 6th: **Maundy Thursday Service**
 with Tenebrae; In-Person & Online 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 9th: **Easter Sunrise Service**;
 In-Person, Town Green, 6:00am
Easter Sunday Service;
 In-Person and Online Worship 9:30am

Palm Sunday Worship

Our worship service on Palm Sunday (Apr 2) will begin at 9:30am outside the front doors of the sanctuary. We will ask God’s blessing on the palms and offer a litany prayer and then process into the sanctuary. We will distribute palms and the order for the blessing and processional hymn to all in the sanctuary. You may stand or remain seated during the procession, or join in once the group is inside the church. The service will continue as customary after the opening procession. Palm Sunday is a communion Sunday! The children will return from their Sunday School classes and join the congregation for communion.

Noon Prayer During Holy Week

There will be a 30-minute prayer service at noon each day Monday-Friday, April 3-7. This quiet and contemplative service will be in-person and livestreamed. Please join us for this brief service of prayer and reflection.

Maundy Thursday Service With Tenebrae

We will have a traditional service in-person on Maundy Thursday (Apr 6) at 7pm. The service, both in-person and livestreamed, will include communion and readings from the Passion story. Tenebrae is the Latin word for “darkness”. The readers for this service will extinguish a candle at the conclusion of their reading, and the sanctuary lights will be dimmed as well. The service will conclude with silence in near darkness.

Help Decorate the Easter Cross!

We will have the cross up in front of the church from Palm Sunday afternoon through Easter. You are invited to bring cut flowers to decorate the cross for Easter beginning Saturday at noon. Take a picture and send it to the churchoffice@northhavenucc.org. We’d love to have a collection of Easter flower pictures to share.



Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Please note there will be **ONLY ONE worship service on Easter morning (April 9)**. The service will be at 9:30 a.m.



Easter Sunrise Service

There will be an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at the gazebo on the Town Green at 6am. The service is sponsored jointly by Faith United Methodist Church and our Church. Come enjoy this in-person worship service with Scott and the Rev. James Midgley, pastor at Faith United Methodist!

Weekly Bible Study ZOOM on Tuesday Evening The weekly Bible Study gathers on Tuesday evening at 6pm on ZOOM. We will be reading from the prophets Joel and Amos in April – part of our reading journey through the minor prophets. If you would like to visit, tell Scott or Julie you’re interested and we’ll send you the ZOOM link!

Endowment Team Meeting

Thurs, April 13 at 10:30
 Members and friends with an in interest in the Church’s Endowment are welcome to attend. The meeting will be in the Heath room.

Spring Cleanup April 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Rain date: April 22nd)

Come join us on **Saturday morning, April 15th** to help with our **Annual Spring Cleanup**. Bring whatever tools you may have around the house - leaf blowers, trimmers, wheel barrels, shovels and rakes. We plan on cleaning out, edging, and mulching the flower beds, trimming the trees, and picking up sticks.



A Community Christian Prayer Breakfast

will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 7:30am at JRoo’s Restaurant, 243 State Street, North Haven. This event is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer through a collaboration of the churches of North Haven. There is no cost to attend. All are welcome!



To register for this event, scan the code below. You will receive an email confirmation. Questions? Call 203-234-7328 or email office@hopeag.com.

Women’s Fellowship

Women’s Fellowship hosted our first St Patrick’s Dinner since March 2020, and we were all a little apprehensive of what the outcome would be. Well, I am happy to tell you that it was once again a big success! It took planning and teamwork to have it turn out so well. There were so many people who helped—too many to name individually. So thank you to everyone who helped out. Carroll Hall was beautifully decorated and the food was delicious. Thank you Chef Ken Mahoney for the wonderful meal you prepared! Thanks also to Tim Peiffer and Ed and MaryEllen Collett for your help with the food preparation. Thank you to all who attended and supported Women’s Fellowship!



Our next fundraiser will be “a ladies night out” on Wednesday April 19th at 6 p.m. We will be meeting at Words on Wood in Wallingford for a fun-filled night of wine, snacks, and creating “words on wood”! All the information you need can be found on the website: wordsonwood.com. Go to “Find an Event” scroll down until you see 4/19/23 North Haven Congregational Church. Click on that and you will see all the different designs to choose from. Continue down to pick your style, size, and customize. Once you have made your choice, the amount will show and you can make your choice of payment. Conveniently, this is all done online directly through Words on Wood! However, please sign up during coffee hour or by emailing Cheryl Bogert at ca.bogert48@gmail.com because we will need to know how many will be attending. Please come and enjoy a fun night—the more the merrier!

May 19th is Military Whist night, so please save the date! More info to follow.

Happy Spring!
Dot Pierce President, Women’s Fellowship

Men’s Fellowship

We continued with our twice a month breakfast schedule in March, congregating both on March 4th and 18th. Eleven men (Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Bernie Hummel, Victor Maldonado, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Stephen Simonson, Peter Struk, and John Tibor) were present at our first get-together; and our numbers grew to thirteen for our second one, with Peter Hall’s neighbor, Mark Vandenberg, Paul Powers, and Victor Maldonado’s neighbor, Brad Schonagel, added to the mix while losing Martin.

At our March 4th breakfast, we were saddened to learn that Vern Carlson, a semi-regular breakfast attendee for the past two years, lost his wife of sixty-five years, Beverly, suddenly on February 27th. We grieved for Vern, his four children (Vern, Tracy, Brett, and TJ) and his five grandchildren and extended to him and them our deepest condolences. We also heard some rave reviews expressed of the high school's "Newsies" performance, by Bernie and others, with several men noting that John T.'s granddaughter, Viviana, was one the musical's true stars. And some of us discussed some of baseball's several rules changes, with some of them receiving near unanimous approval, while others receiving a "wait and see" attitude.

On March 18th, Scott reported on the very successful St. Patrick's Day Dinner held on March 12th, mentioning that the afternoon's festivities were enhanced by Gary Snowbeck's bagpipe playing. And the men voted in favor of having the church participate in this year's Memorial Day Parade (on May 27th).

The men will next meet for breakfast on Saturday, April 1st, at 7:30 am. All men are welcome, be they members of the church or not.

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: Merrilee & George Gladkosky, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, and The DePrimo & Goldfuss Families.

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.

PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

In general, COVID restrictions have been lifted and pastoral visits in hospitals or nursing and rehabilitation facilities are possible. However, hospitals and nursing facilities may be limiting the number of daily visits and visitors with individual patients. Please contact Julie or Scott if you anticipate a trip to the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself hospitalized, so that Scott can respond.

Save The Date

Saturday, Apr 15 – Church Clean-up Day with Quinnipiac U volunteers, 10am

Thursday, May 4 – Community Christian Prayer Breakfast, JRoos, 7:30am

Friday – Sunday, May 19-21 – Counselor Retreat at Silver Lake

Saturday, May 20 – Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Thomas Stiers, First Congregational Church of Greenwich, 11am.

Sunday, May 21 – Open House at Silver Lake Conference Center, 1-5pm

Window Deadline! The deadline for the May WINDOW will be Wednesday, April 19. The May WINDOW will be mailed on Wednesday, April 26. Thank you for getting your articles and announcements to Julie promptly.

Students wanted: beginner flute or piano players or just learn how to read music.

Cleveland Institute of Music flute performance major to offer beginner flute lessons by virtual learning mode. Learning how to read music is also offered. Lessons are conducted via zoom and are 30 -45 minutes in length. \$20 per lesson. Contact Joshua H. Peiffer at joshuahyuk213@att.net to book your lessons.

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.

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



Lorraine Morehouse
65 Masonic Ave. Apt. 206
Wallingford, CT 06492



Linda Rankin
22 Masonic Ave, Room 502a
Wallingford, CT 06492

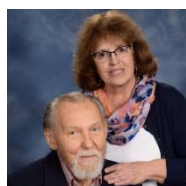


Marlene Bellonio
West Haven Center For Nursing & Rehab
310 Terrace Ave, W146D
West Haven CT 06516

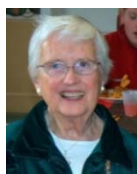
Ellen Robert
The Golden Hill Rehab Pavilion
2028 Bridgeport Ave., Room 202
Milford, CT 06460



Merrilee & George Gladkosky
145 N. Ridgeland Road
Wallingford CT 06492

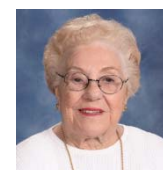


Shirley Ryan
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LECTIONARY READINGS

April 2nd (Sixth Sunday in Lent)

Liturgy of the Palms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

Liturgy of the Passion

Isa 50:4-9a

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Phil 2:5-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

April 6th (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Cor 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 7th (Good Friday)

Isa 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Heb 10:16-25 or 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

April 8th (Holy Saturday)

Job 14:1-14 or Lam 3:1-9, 19-24

Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

1 Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

April 9th (Easter)

Acts 10:34-43 or Jer 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Col 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 16th (Second Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

April 23rd (Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 30th (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

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