



*North Haven Congregational Church, UCC*  
**The Window**

May 2023

*FROM THE*  
*PASTOR* 

**The Joyful and Energetic Anticipation of Spring**

There are wonderful and powerful signs of spring everywhere we look! The flowers outside the church are beautiful –the daffodils outside the front door and alongside the parking lot have been brilliant. Now there are tulips and hyacinths blooming, and lilies are coming! The work that so many did on Clean-Up Day shows the benefit of trimming shrubs and trees, edging the sidewalks and flowerbeds, and mulching the flowerbeds.

There are more people coming to church! There were 34 at the 7pm service on Maundy Thursday, and 99 at the service Easter morning! We needed to print more bulletins before those services began! Customary NHCC attendance at the Easter Sunrise service has been 2 or 3; this year there were 7 of us!

So there is blossoming and exciting energy outside the church and inside as well! **That is a good feeling!**

The process of coming back from the disruption of the pandemic has been challenging and uneven and tiring. It's understandable to feel frustrated that attendance on Sunday morning is increasingly slowly and steadily instead of by leaps and bounds; that there continues to be a need for more volunteers to help with greeting, running the livestream camera, serving as the Sunday Deacon, or hosting Coffee Hour Fellowship. AND YET – there are beautiful flowers blooming and birds singing and nesting – and there are more people coming to church.

Let's be sure to pay attention to the joy and excitement that spring is bringing outside the church, and INSIDE too! Let us be grateful and give thanks to God. God is working alongside us! Our prayer and our singing and our hosting and greeting and cleaning and weeding will be much more joyful and satisfying if we pay attention to what God is doing and respond with gratitude.

(Shhhh. There is a robin nesting above the downspout to the right of the elevator entrance, right by the elevator machine room. Look – but not too close!)

Peace, Scott Morrow



**Spring has sprung!**

Birds are singing, peepers are peeping and Christians around the world have just celebrated the most holy day of the year. The cross of flowers in front of the church was absolutely beautiful. It was so full from everyone adding their own touch. Inside the church there were lilies everywhere. The sound of trumpets accompanying the choir and above all else, a much larger number of seats being occupied by parishioners and guests. A sign of things to come? Looking for new (or old) faces to act as greeters, readers and hosts for the fellowship get together after church. Come join the growing number of members that have come back to our caring and giving congregation. I personally feel so much more satisfaction being present in the church service compared to the online service we had to endure the past few years.

We look forward to seeing you.

In Christ, Ed Collett, MLB

### NHCC Economics 101

- Step 1: Generosity Mission Team solicits pledges from members.
- Step 2: Ministry Leadership Board (MLB) determines budget.
- Step 3: Members of the congregation vote on budget at annual meeting.

This year, members voted at the annual meeting in January to approve a budget with a \$10,000 deficit.

Men and Women’s Fellowship have reduced the deficit by \$2,500 with additional donations to the church.

Can you help reduce the deficit further?

Ideas:

- 1) Host a fundraiser
- 2) Increase your pledge

Let Nancy Mahoney, Moderator, or any member of MLB know how you will help.

Nancy Mahoney, Moderator Priscilla Bradford, MLB



Ministry Coordinator  
for Children

### May Church School Calendar

- May 7 - Communion Sunday; children begin in chapel, then to church school, then to worship
- May 14 - Regular Church school; children begin in worship; Noisy Offering
- May 21 - Youth Sunday; children will lead the congregation in worship (no church school); Noisy offering
- May 28 - Family Sunday (Memorial Day weekend)

On Easter Sunday, our annual Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by many children of our church members as well as guests. The weather cooperated and approximately fifteen children enjoyed searching for over two hundred eggs which had been stuffed and hidden by members of the Faith Formation Team.



## YOUTH SUNDAY MAY 21

As we approach the end of the school year, our children, during the next five weeks (April 16-May 14) of church school will be preparing to lead the congregation in worship on May 21. As last year, we celebrate our youth and children by providing an opportunity for them to lead the adults in worship. Last year the theme was the LORD'S PRAYER. This year the theme will focus on the church's liturgical calendar, or SEASONS OF THE SON.

## SEASONS OF THE SON, or A RAINBOW OF

SEASONS as Sharon Lee refers to the liturgical year, "The seasons of the church year are special times.

Within them [those special times], Christians prepare, remember, celebrate, and live. Every time holds a promise when one is a child of God...In all times, there is joy and light within the glow of God's rainbow, a visible sign of God's promise."

Special resources and enrichment activities have been gathered, organized and planned for the weeks' church school lessons between April 16 - May 14 to help the children (and adults, too, for that matter) better understand each church season.

The church's six seasons have been divided into three seasons per group. The younger children in Grades PreK-Grade 2 will focus on the meaning, scriptures, hymns, and prayers related to the season of Christmas (April 16 lesson); season of Easter (April 23 lesson), and the season of Pentecost (April 30 lesson). The older children in Grades 3-7, will focus on the meaning, scriptures, hymns, and prayers related to the seasons of Advent, Epiphany and Lent. On May 7th and 14th, all the children will gather together in Carroll Hall to practice for May 21st (similar to rehearsals for the Christmas pageant each year).

It is my hope that as many children as possible can enjoy and actively participate in this special time in worship on May 21. This youth-led Sunday worship will provide leadership to the congregation, through the eyes of the children; to witness and grow in faith, to "actively" be in community, as well as provide affirmation of the joyful support of our congregation.

Blessings,

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

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## Director of Music

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Happy Easter from NHCC Music!

We turned our palm branches into Easter lilies!

The combined choirs of NHCC assembled on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to deliver powerful, prayerful, and energetic anthems to the glory of God. We sang "Hosanna!" on Palm Sunday and then "Halle-Halle-Hallelujah!" on Easter, just one week later.

This "intergenerational choir" is something we should continue! Special thanks to all of the families, teachers, choir members, and friends who have been supporting it!

There is so much talent among all ages and I am extremely grateful to be with you. North Haven is blessed to have this church at the center.

As we count these Easter blessings, let us not forget to appreciate the gift of music itself. Music is essentially "organized sound that is charged with the Holy Spirit!"

Music has the ability to bring joy, comfort, camaraderie (teamwork!), and hope to all our lives.

We remain grateful to organist Gail DeBoer for offering us her musical gifts during a year of great transition.

We are grateful and excited for our new collaborative organist/accompanist, Heather.

"Please feel welcome and wanted here", and sing from the heart! Let us continue to use these gifts to inspire and uplift one another in our church and in our community.

Jeff Hutchins  
Director of Music



### Church Family News

#### Birthdays

Rhonda Masnato 5/01, Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05, Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09, Andrew Butterworth 05/13, Jack Corcoran 05/15, Drew Mastracchio 05/16, Todd Shea 05/17, Shirley Ryan 05/19, Jody Gallagher 5/22, Dorothy Pierce 05/22, George Gladkosky 05/22, Martha Butterworth 05/31.

**Anniversaries** Carla & Michael Hill 05/01, Heather & Michael Tolisano 05/24, Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 05/25.

**Deaths:** James J. Lianos died on February 10. Jimmy was the son of the late George and Eleanor Lianos, and the brother of Joann Slocombe, Thomas Lianos Jacqueline Smith and Richard Lianos. We give thanks for the precious life of James and ask God's comfort and strength for the family.

### Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class is scheduling visits to a Roman Catholic Mass and a Jewish Shabbat service, as well as a visit to a mosque in May. Confirmation Sunday is June 4.



### OASIS Youth Group News

Emily McKenna (youth@SpringGlenChurch.org) is Coordinator of the OASIS Multi-church Youth Group. OASIS meets weekly and

we encourage NHCC youth 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade to join the fun! **Please watch your email for program announcements!** If you would like more information contact Scott Morrow.

Here is the schedule for May:

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

**Sun. May 7** – Day of Service – Time TBD

**Sun. May 14** – Ice Cream Social 4-6pm

**Sun. May 21** – Youth Sunday Planning 4-6pm

**Sun. May 28** – Miniature Golf 4-6pm

### Mission Team News

#### Thank you to all who participated in the annual spring cleanup



On Saturday, April 15 a group of hard working people gathered to improve the looks of the grounds. We were very glad that the heat wave of the week before was behind us. Three volunteers from Quinnipiac and Tracey and Aaron Weiss spread 66 bags of mulch in the gardens. Quinnipiac volunteers are part of the Big Event which sends students and faculty into the community. Before Saturday, Tony Solecki had brought the mulch to the church. Other jobs completed

before Saturday were removal of the bushes on the north side by Peter and Vicky Struck and Bryant Munson. On Saturday, Bernie Hummel came with his truck of wonderful equipment and volunteers, Bernie, Sue Compton, Steve Simonson, Beth Anderson, Martin Benassi, Tom Glynn, and Scott Morrow edged the gardens, trimmed trees, planted lilies and raked up sticks. Thank you everyone for your help. Now we can watch our gardens grow.

Priscilla Bradford

### **Update From The Organist Search Committee**

We have good news from the Organist Search Committee: We have found an organist and she has agreed to take the job!

Our new organist is Heather Meachen. She has been one of our substitute organists this winter. Heather is married, with one teenage daughter and several fur babies. She enjoys dancing, reading, games, and puzzles. Heather has been a musician since an early age and studied Music Education for her undergraduate and graduate degrees, putting them to work for a 24 year career as a music teacher in Madison and New Haven Public Schools. In addition, she has sung in church choirs and been assistant and musical directors at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Madison and Zion Episcopal Church in North Branford. She comes to us highly recommended by both these Churches. With her keyboard skills and years of experience working with both Youth and Adult Choirs, we look forward to Heather's participation with our Director of Music Jeff Hutchins to "Sing to the Lord a new song" (Ps 96:1) and maybe even to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Ps 98:4).



We welcomed Heather to the bench on Sunday April 16th when she accompanied the Chancel Choir in the anthem "The Triumph of Our King" by Angela Birkhead-Flight, a composer who Jeff Hutchins has been collaborating with in recent months.

We are pleased to have Heather sharing her talents on both the organ and keyboard/piano and look forward to even more beautiful music.

Finding our new collaborative organist/accompanist has been a long and arduous process and I thank Barbara Massey, Carla Hill, Carol Mitchell, Cheryl Bogert and Martin Benassi for the many hours they put in as members of the Search Committee. We could not have done this without the help and direction of our Director of Music, Jeff Hutchins and of Pastor Scott. Both not only attended almost every meeting we had either in person or by Zoom, but also worked on documents starting with the Job Description through the final Contract, and were essential in posting the job and in working with our guest organists.

We are especially grateful to Gail DeBoer who served longest as our guest organist providing beautiful and spiritual Worship Service music at times in the summer of 2022, to Rally Day, through Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Holy Week. Gail rehearsed regularly with both Jeff and the choir, offering her special musical arrangements, supporting special Worship services, and culminating in the joyous music on Easter morning.

Last, but definitely not least, we thank the Holy Spirit for the guidance that led us to Heather, who is an experienced, musical, and versatile church musician.

To quote George Frideric Handel "Hallelujah!"

Organist Search Committee  
Cathy Welch, Chair

### **Review of Church Membership Records**

The first step in the Church Membership Review being conducted by the Worship Team has been completed. A group of members (88) who have remained inactive since being contacted in 2019 have been dropped from membership. Several others from that group will receive a follow-up letter.

The next part of the process will be a fresh review of the current list of active members to identify those who have not been active recently. Those members identified as inactive will be contacted. These members will be invited and encouraged to resume active participation. Should they choose, these members can request to be listed as inactive members for one year.

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, and financial support for the church. Participation in any of these responsibilities constitutes active membership. Inactive membership is limited to one year, in the absence of extenuating circumstances.

We want our church membership records to be 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.

### **Easter Baskets for the community**



Thank you to all who contributed to the Easter basket project. We provided 19 baskets to children of all ages who might not have had an Easter gift. Thank you to the members and friends for their continuous support to this covenant.

In the late summer we will have our annual "backpack project" which provides school supplies for disadvantaged children. Watch for notices in the Window and bulletin! Please keep our Connecticut children in your prayers that they may have a happy and safe summer vacation.

Kathy Harple

### **In person Focus for Meetings and Services**

All of our worship services and almost all of our church activities take place in-person now. The exceptions are some programs and meetings where the ZOOM option is most convenient – such as the weekly Bible Study, Pastoral Relations Committee meetings and some staff meetings. We will continue to livestream the worship service through the church website for those who cannot attend in-person by choice or circumstance.

### **Volunteer on Sunday Morning**

We want to expand the pool of Deacons, Readers, Greeters and Coffee Hour Hosts helping on Sunday mornings. Please consider helping to offer a warm welcome, hospitality, and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Nancy Mahoney.

### **Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!!**

A wonderful thank-you to all the people who helped with our worship services for Holy Week and Easter. Sue and John Tibor arranged the palms. Sue and John also arranged the Easter lilies and picked up flowers from Forget-Me Not for the cross outside. Several members gathered for the Easter Sunrise Service on the Green. Priscilla Noriega and Victor Maldonado, Jim and Joan Bennett, Sue Compton, Heather Mastracchio, Nancy Mahoney, and Tim Peiffer were the readers for the Maundy Thursday service. Gail DeBoer and Jeff Hutchins and members of the Chancel Choir played and sang for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, accompanied by Reggie May III and Eric Wolff on trumpet. Karlee coordinated the Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the worship service. Thanks to all!

### **Considering a 2023 On-Line Fundraising Auction**

In response to previous communications about possibly holding an on-line fundraising auction, church members have advised they would donate an electronic keyboard, small vintage furniture item, stemmed glassware set, earthy pottery-like dish set and an etched glass pitcher. One of the donors stated "I hope the auction is a go" as they would rather donate their no longer needed items to the church than other options, and free their home of unused items. More items are needed to proceed with this possible fundraiser. See Patience B, Priscilla B. Martha B or Martin B if you have items to donate.

#### **Background and More Information:**

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 raccoon 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.

### **Food Pantry support from the Community**

It takes a lot of resources to fulfill the needs of our 50 or so monthly food clients. This month we focus on some of the “behind the scenes” activities that you may not be aware of. While most of the food that we distribute comes from regular sources such as food collections brought to the Pantry by our church partners, or food obtained at no cost or low cost from CT Foodshare, or retail purchases, there are a number of other sources that we have come to depend upon.

For several years Paul Powers has organized and arranged for us to receive donations of bread from a

Pepperidge Farm distribution warehouse. There is an assortment of breads such as white bread, Italian bread, various sweet breads like cinnamon swirl or raisin bread, and several types of sandwich rolls, all of which are made available to our clients.

Crumbl Cookies has offered to provide end of day stock to our clients. An assortment of cookies is available, we never know what it will be, but we are sure these are enjoyed by the food clients. It’s a really tasty treat. In case you are tempted to try them, Crumbl Cookies is located on Universal Drive.

Recently a truck driver called to ask if we could accept a donation of corned beef. The delivery was refused by the customer and the distributor did not want to take them back. We have been able to offer these to our clients. Nearly everyone to whom we offer these will accept them. These opportunities are rare, but when they arise we are happy to accept on behalf of our clients.

On two occasions since the beginning of the year we have received food donations from the Girl Scouts. The Scouts are very familiar with the operation of the Food Pantry as they have been helping during the Holiday Food Drives for a number of years. They were looking for additional ways to help and came up with a really valuable idea. The Scouts are given a budget and they shop for items for the Pantry. They are familiar with the items that are most needed, so they know they are purchasing the most desirable items. Upon completing the tasks, the Scouts are awarded a Merit Badge.

A local business, SFC KOENIG LLC, is currently holding their own food drive and will be delivering the food to us in June, along with a cash donation. The same company held a very successful drive last year and we look forward to seeing them again.

This is just a glance of the many activities that go on outside of the Pantry that helps to fill the needs of our clients. Each of these activities is very well appreciated.

### **2023 Summer at Silver Lake Conferences Registration Is Open!**

Silver Lake summer camp registration has opened! They are offering five (5) 1-week sessions (Sunday-Saturday) this summer, running from July 2

through August 5. Additionally, there are two half-week family camp programs for all ages (Jul 16-19 and Jul 26-29). Prices for a week-long camp session range from \$595-\$745. Some scholarship assistance may be available.

**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.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.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 (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.silverlakeect.org/summeremployment](http://www.silverlakeect.org/summeremployment).



### **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 Amos and Obadiah in May as we continue reading through the minor prophets. All are welcome! Please tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link!

### **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 2032-234-7328 or email [office@hopeag.com](mailto:office@hopeag.com).



**The 2023 Memorial Day Parade** for the Town of North Haven is scheduled for Saturday, May 27 at 10:30 a.m. The Men's Fellowship is arranging for the NHCC float to participate. If you are interested in helping to organize NHCC participation in the parade, or riding on/walking alongside the float, please contact Jim Bennett or Tim Peiffer

### **Heritage Sunday on June 11**

During our worship service on Sunday, June 11 we will recognize those who have been members of our church for 50 years or more, as has been our tradition. We will send an invitation to all Heritage Members. If you are a Heritage Member (or if you're not sure), please call the Church Office and speak with Julie.

### **Choir Appreciation on June 11**

We will celebrate the talent and dedication of the members of the Chancel Choir on Sunday, June 11, in our worship service. We will also recognize and honor the gifts of Director of Music Jeffrey Hutchins and new Organist, Heather Meachen. We invite you to join us for worship and this celebration.

### **Fourth Annual Meeting of Southern New England Conference UCC – June 17**

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference will be held in-person on Saturday, June 17 at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA from 8am – 6pm. The keynote speaker for the event will be the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, the nominee for General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. The meeting will include an exhibit from the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry. Please see the Conference website for more information (<https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/16428435>) or speak with Scott Morrow.

### **Consociation Annual Meeting**

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the New Haven East Consociation will again be held in October. This year the meeting will be on Sunday, October 22, at 6pm. We will identify delegates for this meeting in the fall.





## Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is hosting a Military Whist Card Game on Friday May 19. Doors open a 6:00 p.m. Games begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and MUST be purchased in advance! Please see Carol Mitchell or call her at 203 668-0608, or call the church office. Checks should be made payable to Women's Fellowship/Whist. Tickets must be purchased before May 14 and will NOT be sold at the door. Men and women are both invited to attend. If you aren't familiar with the game, instructions are given before the games start. It is a fun and exciting evening. There will be snacks and drinks available along with raffle gifts and a 50/50 raffle. Come and join the fun!

June 2, 3, and 4 at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Nancy Mahoney, Carol Mitchell, and I (Dot Pierce) will be participating on the team at a women's retreat hosted by Footsteps in the Sand. This is a wonderful, relaxing, fun, refreshing weekend, led by women just like you and me. There are two ministers also on the weekend to lead in prayers and communion. It is a chance to strengthen your faith or maybe just to take a good look at where you are on your Christian walk! Any questions, please speak to Nancy, Carol, or me. We would love to see you there!

Is God calling you? "Here I am Lord, send me"—  
Isaiah 6:8

Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside on the church lawn. Bring your own table and chairs. Set up begins at 7:30 am. There is ample parking in the church parking lot. Morning Coffee will be available. The cost for a space is \$30.00 prepaid, non-refundable. No rain date. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 for information and to reserve a space. Spaces will go fast so make your reservation soon!

Dot Pierce, President Women's Fellowship

## **Need a Spiritual Boost?**

Did the Lenten Season and Holy Week leave you wanting to deepen your relationship with Christ? Give yourself the gift of a fantastic **Renewal Weekend** from Footsteps in the Sand.

Footsteps in the Sand is a non-denominational community of Christians, from churches in our area, that seek to bring people closer to Christ and help develop leaders for the local church.

**Contact:** Cathy Welch at [kwelch@snet.net](mailto:kwelch@snet.net) or Tim Peiffer at [thepeiffs@yahoo.com](mailto:thepeiffs@yahoo.com) for more information. Consider registering for an upcoming weekend.

**Men's Weekend May 19-21**

**Women's Weekend June 2-4**

Go to our website: [Footsteps-Sand.org](http://Footsteps-Sand.org)

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## **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, David Gould, and Ellen Robert.

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## **Save The Date**

- Thursday, May 4** - North Haven Annual Day of Prayer Breakfast, JRoos, 7:30-9am. Free!
- Fri-Sun, 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** - Youth Sunday at NHCC!  
Open House at Silver Lake 1-5pm
- Saturday, May 27** - North Haven Memorial Day Parade, 10:30am
- Sunday, June 4** - Confirmation Sunday
- Sunday, June 11** - Heritage Sunday and Choir Appreciation Sunday
- Saturday, June 17** - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference, DCU Center, Worcester, MA; 8am – 6pm. See the Conference website for more information or speak with Scott

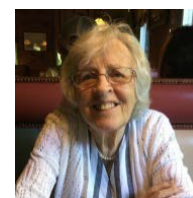
CARDS & LETTERS

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

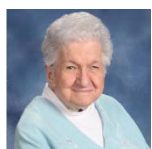


**Lorraine Morehouse**  
65 Masonic Ave. Apt. 206  
Wallingford, CT 06492



**Linda Rankin**  
22 Masonic Ave, Room R504B  
Wallingford, CT 06492

**Joyce Bellonio**  
1103 Ashlar Village  
Wallingford, CT 06492



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



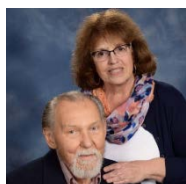
**Marlene Bellonio**  
West Haven Center For Nursing & Rehab  
310 Terrace Ave, W146D  
West Haven CT 06516



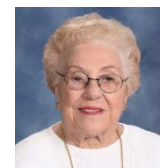
**Shirley Ryan**  
5 Shepard Hill Road  
Hamden CT 06514



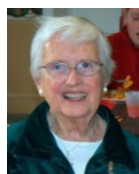
**Merrilee & George Gladkosky**  
145 N. Ridgeland Road  
Wallingford CT 06492



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



**Betsy Gumbart**  
150 Cook Hill Rd. Unit 7311  
Cheshire, CT 06410



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



**Ellie Harple**  
176 Pool Road  
North Haven, CT 06473



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



**Phylliss & Walter Kaercher**  
5 Tennyson Ave.  
North Haven, CT 06473

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



**Betty Martin**  
22 Canterbury Rd.  
Hamden CT 06514



**Jeff Whipple**  
5124 Avalone Haven Drive  
North Haven, CT 0647



# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	9:30am Cleaning - Sang 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 1:00pm Retired Federal Employee (CH)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 BIBLE STUDY	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 5:15pm Girl Scout 60151(K) 6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH) 7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Worship: (In-Person & On-line)	9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 12:00 Building & Grounds (Heath) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:30 Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60071(K) 7:00 AI-Anon District Family (CH) 7:00 MLB (Library)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR 7:00pm Garden Club (CH)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm CT Record Club (K)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 1:00 Danish Sisterhood (K) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 BIBLE STUDY	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 5:15pm Girl Scout 60151(K) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:15pm Military Whist (CH)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30am Worship Youth Sunday (In-Person & On-line)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:30pm New Haven Camera Club (K)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:30 PLP (Library) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	28	29	30	31		
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:30 PLP (Library) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60071(K)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)		

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

### May 7<sup>th</sup> (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

John 14:1-14

### May 14<sup>th</sup> (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

Psalm 66:8-20

John 14:15-21

### May 18<sup>th</sup> (Ascension Day)

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:15-23

Psalm 47 or 93

Luke 24:44-53

### May 21<sup>st</sup> (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

John 17:1-11

### May 28<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday)

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30

1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

John 20:19-23 or 7:37-39

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