



*North Haven Congregational Church, UCC*

# The Window

July/August 2023

## Tubing or Kayaking?

One of the special opportunities summer may bring is a visit to a river or a beach for a floating trip. At the beach it's nice to have a float or a wave board to give the extra buoyancy that enables a nice ride on the waves, or a gentle float.

On a river an inner tube or a kayak are two options. The inner tube will give a nice, gentle float as you drift with the current. There might be room for a cooler in which to bring some snacks and drinks. Tubes can be tied together in an impressive raft. A recent trip on the Salt River in Arizona gave me the chance to see large families and groups of friends, tethered together and listening to music from the speakers they'd brought along.

Another option on the river is to paddle a kayak, which is what Carol and I chose to do on the Salt River. The water was flowing nicely, thanks to lots of snow last winter that melted and pushed the reservoir levels up. There were quiet, gentle spots along the bank that offered a chance to look at birds. We passed a horse cooling off in the river! There were also spots where the riverbed dropped, or narrowed, and the current picked up. Nothing scary, but a strong current.

An inner tube is good for drifting along with the current. It's not easy to steer, and it's difficult to try to move in a particular direction other than the general flow of the river. A kayak, on the other hand, offers a good possibility to steer and to move across, or even against, the current. Paddling lets you do that. If you're drifting, you're going where the river goes. If you want to maneuver, you need to go slower, or faster, than the flow of the river. When you paddle, you can move in and out of the faster water to rest and look at the sights from the still water. Then you can move out and catch the narrow channel of faster water in mid-river, bouncing over the standing waves.

*FROM THE  
PASTOR* 

In life, as in the water, there is a time for drifting and a time for paddling. Drifting is peaceful and restful. Paddling lets you move around between restful pools and eddies, and swifter water. Paddling helps you avoid the rocks and overhanging trees and get to the quiet stretch of water beyond.

I hope your summer brings chances for both drifting and paddling!

Scott Morrow

## From the Desk of the Moderator

I have been a proud member of NHCC for almost 40 years. I currently serve as your Moderator and a Deacon. Last Sunday, we celebrated Heritage Sunday. We honored those who have been members for 50 or more years. I hope someday I can be part of that wonderful group!

I was blessed to be the Weekend Leader for Footsteps in the Sand, a retreat, earlier this month. We witnessed God's love all weekend! "I'm walking with Jesus, oh, oh! You're walking with Jesus, oh, oh! We're talking with Jesus, oh, oh! It feels so good!!" Be happy you didn't hear me sing that, although I have! I wrote it!

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me." Isaiah 6:8. This was the weekend scripture I chose.

Three years ago, during the beginning of the pandemic, our church closed for in person worship. I think we all felt the pandemic was going to end quickly. As we all began feeling a need for contact with friends, I had an idea. I invited a small group of women in our church to bring their lunch, a chair and join me in the church parking lot. We met for the first time on April 20th, 2020. The women I invited, were feeling lonely, separated from loved ones and friends. So was I! One woman's father was in a nursing home, she was used to visiting him every day. He sadly died during the pandemic. Another dear friend was a recent

widow and was feeling great loss. We became known as PLP- Parking Lot Picnic. We average about 7 although we have had as many as 11 meet for lunch. We know that when 2 or more are gathered, God is there among us.

We continued to meet in the winter of 2020-21 dressed in boots, heavy coats, scarves, mittens and with blankets! We were few in number but mighty with God's love. The following summer, a beloved church member, Ellie Harple, turned 90. Ellie couldn't have the party that Kathy had planned. We brought the party to her! We had a parade! We invited church members to join us in the parking lot to decorate cars with signs, streamers and balloons. Scott rode in a car until we were about ¼ mile from Ellie's house. He walked the rest of the way leading our parade in a top hat and sash! What a glorious day!

As the church began to open slowly, we met in Carroll Hall, safely distancing from each other. We sent cards to Shut-ins for Christmas and Valentine's Day. I am thrilled that this group continues to meet three years later! We have held each up in prayer, supporting each other in good times and through difficult times. We meet at noon on Tuesday. Feel free to join us anytime! We will welcome you with open arms!

I am honored to tell you that some members of PLP, Dot Pierce, Carol Mitchell, Cathy Welch and Merrilee Gladkowski, along with Karlee Etter are members of the Footsteps community, I spoke of earlier. I am proud to call them my friends! Dot and Greg Pierce were my sponsors when I attended my first spiritual retreat, a Tres Dias weekend, Nov. 11th-14th, 1999. It motivated me to accept God's calling. If you have questions about Footsteps, feel free to ask me!

Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His hand. Psalm 100:3

You can count on God's love. He is counting on you too! You can work in the Food Pantry, read Scripture on Sunday, be a Greeter, supply flowers to honor a loved one, serve lemonade and ice tea after church this summer or become a Deacon!! These are a few examples of how you can serve our loving God!

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

I wish you all a wonderful summer.

Nancy Mahoney

Ministry Coordinator for Children

### Summer Church School Continues



### Summer Church School Calendar

**July 2, 9** NO Church School; Family Sundays

**July 16, 23, 30** Regular Summer Church School;

Children go directly to Church School classroom

**August 6** Regular Summer Church School;

Children will join the adults in worship for Communion

**August 13, 20, 27** Regular Summer Church School;

Children go directly to Church School classroom

### Church School Missions Projects

After a few years hiatus because of the pandemic, "Noisy Offering" returned in February. The Faith Formation Team also agreed that the children would contribute to the church's yearly budget by collecting and redeeming cans and bottles. So far, the children have collected over \$200.00 in Noisy Offering. The funds from Noisy Offering will be divided in half with fifty percent going the church's Food Pantry and the

other half will be given to an orphan project in Africa. The redemption of cans and bottles has raised over \$260.00. Those funds will be presented to the church in September when the Fall church school year resumes in September.

Church School resumes its traditional school year with RALLY DAY on September 10, 2023. On that day the children will begin in worship with their parents and then go to their respective classrooms. After worship, parents may pick up their children in their classrooms and register each child. It is important for us to have a current record for each child, to be sure we have accurate information such as birthdates, grades and allergies (especially important, if any).

**After Church on RALLY DAY, September 10, 2023** There are preliminary plans for a Back-To-School celebration after church. Whether we have a Bring-Your-Own-Picnic (BYOP) day and/or Ice Cream Social, all look forward to re-connecting with friends and church family, enjoying casual conversation, and family games. The Faith Formation Team will meet in August to finalize plans for Rally Day and do some tentative program planning through December. Once specifics for Rally Day have been determined, the Faith Formation Team will let the congregation know.

In May, a member of the Men's Fellowship suggested the possibility of having a Family-Friendly Movie Night (or afternoon; yet to be determined), in a joint effort with the Faith Formation Team. I thought it was a great idea, although as of this writing, specifics have not yet been determined. It is hoped that we may schedule our first (with more to come?) for September or October. We also agreed that the invitation to such a fun event should be extended to the neighborhood, thereby, perhaps encouraging new families to worship with us. More details will be shared once the Faith Formation Team meets in August.

I hope all of you have a safe, restful, pleasant Summer. I look forward to seeing you all again on September 10, 2023.

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

## **OASIS Youth Group on Summer Break**

The OASIS Multi-Church Youth Group has no activities scheduled for the summer. Meetings and activities will resume in September. Have a wonderful, adventurous and exciting summer!! The news of regathering in late summer will be emailed. Feel free to check with Scott Morrow for details.

## **Confirmation 2023-24**

Next year's Confirmation Program will begin in the fall. We will share information as the program scheduling progresses. The two-year confirmation program will be primarily for 8th and 9th graders, although older youth may participate. There are two confirmands who completed their first year and will return in the fall. We will reach out to potential new confirmands and families with an invitation to join the program. If you are interested in confirmation, or have questions about the new program, please contact Scott.



## Church Family News

**Birthdays:** Robert Tait 07/04, Susan Tibor 07/04, Skye Gallagher 07/06, Karen Linsky 07/06, Karen Silk 07/06, Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Ellen Robert 07/08, Jessica McKosky 07/09, Logan Stewart 07/10, Marlene Bellonio 07/11, Sue Beth Higgins 07/11, Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12, Leslie Dockendorff 07/13, Mary Ellen Collett 07/14, Kristine Powers 07/15, Thomas Jennings 07/15, Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kandrath 07/20, Rich Baldino 07/20, Masako Miller 07/22, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24, Martina Benassi 07/25, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26 James Shea 07/27, Kristin Lynch 07/29.

Caitlin Elizabeth Thalken 08/02, William Adams 08/05, Brie Rose 08/06, Linda Rankin 08/08, Tim Peiffer 08/10, Michele Lynch 08/10, Daniel Kirk 08/11, Priscilla Bradford 08/12, Robert Scheidecker 08/12, Emma Nottingham 08/12, Cole Purcell 08/12, Jeanne Mecca 08/13, Michael Goldfuss 08/13, Mary Ellen Adams 08/15, Eleanor Harple 08/17, Phyllis Kaercher 08/17, Cindy Luedee 08/17, Lucy Mickolyzck 08/18, Philip Cooper 08/18, Adam Schweickert 08/21, Alexis Dubail 08/24, Ella

Tolisano 8/27, Catherine Welch 08/28, Ben Purcell 08/28, Barbara Massey 08/29, Talia Gallagher 08/30.

**Anniversaries:** Denise & Gerard Adinolfi 07/03, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker 07/05, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05, Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Damon & Gressa Quinn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09, Kim & Rob Natoli 07/18, Elaine & Sonny Burr 07/18, Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22, Stephen & September Baraquin 07/23.

Jim & Leslie Dockendorff 08/01, Rebecca & Alan Conley 08/04, Barbara & Richard Massey 08/05, Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12, Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18, John & Sue Tibor 08/19, Walter & Phyllis Kaercher 08/20, Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22.

**Deaths:** Cheryl Bogert's brother-in-law, **Edward Hazen**, died on June 17 after suffering a stroke earlier in the week. We give thanks for Ed's precious life, and ask God's tender comfort and courage for his wife Deb, their children Mike (Amy) and Tara (Rich) and grandson Evan.

Cheryl would like to thank the congregation for your prayers for her brother-in-law Ed Hazen and her sister Debbie and share the special bond their family have.

*Ed died on Saturday, June 17, after suffering a stroke on June 2. Ed was much more than an in-law to me; he was more like my big brother. From the time we were kids, our families have been very close—we spent holidays together and went on vacations together. Ed had been a part of my life for almost 70 years, and I loved him dearly. Ed and Deb got married a week after Deb graduated from high school, when Ed was in his 5th year of college. June 28 would have been their 54th anniversary. Deb and Ed have a son, Michael (wife Amy); a daughter, Tara (husband Rich); and a grandson, Evan. It has been a difficult few weeks, and I thank you for your prayers and support for me. I feel blessed to have you as friends.*

Sincerely, Cheryl Bogert

Cathy Welch's brother, **David William Griffis**, passed away in Amarillo, Texas on June 13th after failing to recover from heart surgeries.

Cathy wants to thank all her NHCC family for your kind expressions of sympathy and for your prayers for her brother David over the last few months. Cathy wanted to share with you a little bit about who he was before his hospitalization.

*David William Griffis (named for his grandfathers David McKenzie Carroll and William Benton Griffis) was born 13 months after me in Tokyo, Japan where my father was serving in the Army. My mother often said that Spooky, the family cocker spaniel, couldn't figure out what had happened because the spot under the high chair that had always been good for scraps with my older sister and me never had any scraps when David was being fed. She swore that she only had to get the spoon close to his mouth and he would suck the food right off! Perhaps that's why by the time he was four and I was five people thought he was my big brother. I would indignantly tell them "He's not my big brother, I'm his big sister!"*

*David loved trains; even if he was asleep when the car drove over railroad crossings he would say "Twain twacks." He kept that love of trains all his life, visiting train museums and small gauge trains wherever he found them. He was a prolific reader and was very interested in genealogy and history, participating in Civil War Re-enactments and able to discuss details of battles from the Civil War through WWII, though his Master's Degree was in Nuclear Engineering. He used that degree in his work for Pantex. There, he played a crucial role in the dismantling of nuclear weapons and the management of the nuclear pits. He devoted his entire professional life to this until his retirement in 2020.*

*He was also actively involved with Masonic organizations, including being part of the Shriners Band. His commitment to Freemasonry was evident in his enthusiastic engagement in various activities within the Otis Kheva Masonic community.*

*David will be deeply missed and forever cherished as a beloved brother, son, and uncle. He is survived by his three sisters: Mary Elizabeth Lynch of Colfax, NC; Catherine Pearl Welch of New Haven, CT; and Laura G. Hoyle of San Antonio, TX. Additionally, he leaves*

*behind nine nieces and nephews who held a special place in his heart.*

*Thank you for allowing me to share,  
Cathy Welch*

**Congratulations to Confirmand Sam Gott!**



We celebrated the Rite of Confirmation On June 4. Sam Gott was confirmed with the enthusiastic support of his mother, Heather, and his sister, Onna, and his two grandmothers! Sam is the son of Christian Gott and Heather Rowe, the grandson of Judy Gott and Susan Rowe, and the great grandson of Lester and Alice Gott, long-time members of NHCC.

A rising senior at North Branford High School, Sam participates in Varsity Track, both indoor and outdoor. Sam holds the school record in the indoor 300 Meter race with a time of 36.04 seconds, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State. Sam works at the Pine Orchard Club in Branford, learning all about restaurant duties, and has just begun to work at Bruce & Johnsons boat yard where he will sharpen his nautical knowledge next week. His late stepfather, David Purcell, and many others are surely smiling over Sam with pride.



**LECTIONARY READINGS**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13 or
Jer 28:5-9	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Rom 6:12-23	Matt 10:40-42

**July 9<sup>th</sup> (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Psalm 45:10--17 or
Song of Sol 2:8-13 or	
Zech 9:9-12	Psalm 145:8-14
Rom 7:15-25a	Matt 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 16<sup>th</sup> (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 25:19-34	Psalm 119:105-112 or
Isa 55:10-13	Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13
Rom 8:1-11	Matt 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 28:10-19a	Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 or
Wisdom of Sol 12:13, 16-19 or	
Isa 44:6-8	Psalm 86:11-17
Rom 8:12-25	Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30<sup>th</sup> (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 29:15-28	Psalm 105:1-11,45b or
	Psalm 128 or
1 Kings 3:5-12	Psalm 119:129-136
Rom 8:26-39	Matt 13:31-33, 44-52

**August 6<sup>th</sup> (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 17:1-7, 15 or
Isa 55:1-5	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Rom 9:1-5	Matt 14:13-21

**August 13<sup>th</sup> (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-18	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b or
1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 85:8-13
Rom 10:5-15	Matt 14:22-33

**August 20<sup>th</sup> (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Genesis 45:1-15	Psalm 133 or
Isa 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67
Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28

**August 27<sup>th</sup> (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Exodus 1:8, 2:10	Psalm 124 or
Isa 51:1-6	Psalm 138
Rom 12:1-8	Matt 16:13-20



First row, L to R: Merrilee Gladkosky, Eleanor Harple, Carol Mitchell, Doris Ferner, Elfie Hummel, Linda Lacobelli. Back row L to R: Betsey Reid, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bernie Hummel, Victoria Struk

**NHCC Celebrates Heritage Sunday**

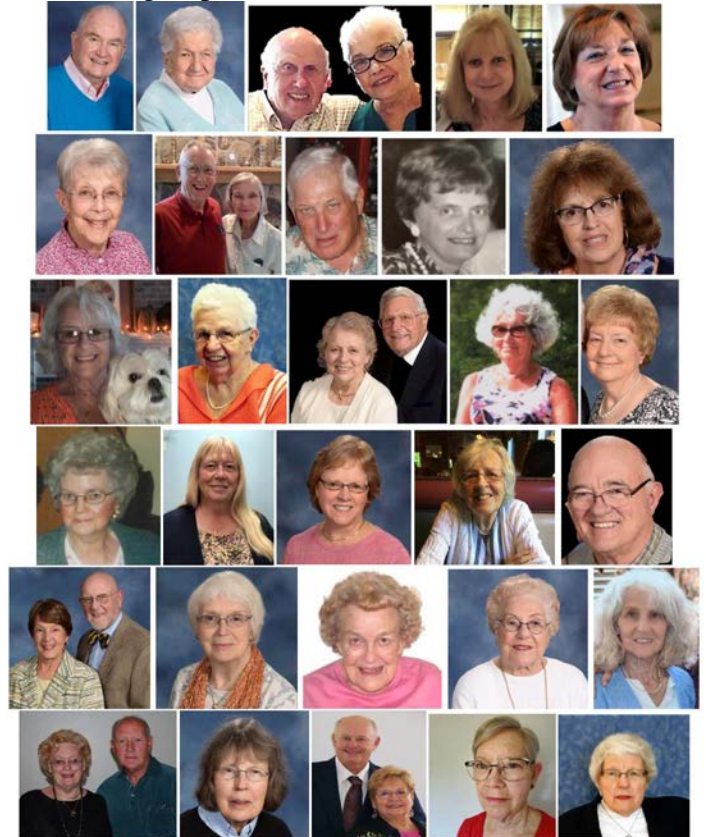
The North Haven Congregational Church recently celebrated Heritage Sunday, a special service that recognizes those who have been members of the church for 50 years or more. There are currently 40 heritage members, and 10 people were present to share in this celebration.

Our church has had a presence in North Haven for over 300 years, having been established in 1716. The current building is the fifth meeting house, which was built in 1944. Rev. Morrow is in his 29th year serving the church.

**Congratulations To Heritage Members!**

We recognized those who have been members of the North Haven Congregational Church for 50 years or more on June 11. Carol Mitchell, Steve & Mabel

Peterson, and Gloria Santamauro are new Heritage Members this year, having joined in 1973. Eleanor Lianos is also a new Heritage Member. Eleanor joined the church in 1954, and we recently became aware that she had not been added to the list of Heritage Members. It is a joy to celebrate and congratulate this wonderful group of members!



- Curtis Andrews, 1948
- Joyce Bellonio, 1946
- George Coulston, 1964
- Flo Coulston, 1964
- Ann Dubar, 1962
- Nancie Estep, 1963
- Doris Ferner, 1965
- Lillian Flodquist, 1965
- Carl Flodquist, 1965
- Richard Gherlone, 1953
- Joy Gillen, 1971
- Merrilee Gladkosky, 1960
- Nancy Gutowski, 1971
- Eleanor Harple, 1960

- Bernard Hummel, 1954
- Elfie Hummel, 1965
- Roberta Juliano, 1971
- Linda Lacobelli, 1956
- Eleanor Lianos, 1954**
- Kathleen Mickolyzck, 1970
- Carol Mitchell, 1973**
- Lorraine Morehouse, 1954
- Bryant Munson, 1956
- Stephen Peterson, 1973**
- Mabel Peterson, 1973**
- Jeanne Reardon, 1969
- Lynn Reardon, 1971
- Betsey Reid, 1971

- Ellen Robert, 1957
- Jane Romans, 1961
- Gloria Santamauro, 1973**
- Ruth Scelzo, 1952
- Robert Scheidecker, 1966
- Barbara Scheidecker, 1966
- Ann Schneider, 1970
- James Shea, 1970
- Charlotte Shea, 1970
- Victoria Struk, 1969
- Audrey Tilley, 1957
- Linda Tosetti, 1970



**Congratulations to Graduates:**

**Amelia and Jaclyn Murphy**, twin daughters of Lori and Michael Murphy, graduated from North Haven High School on June 15. Jaclyn enjoyed her math classes most of all, and her favorite teacher was Mrs. Nolan, a math teacher who came in the middle of Jaclyn’s junior year and was particularly helpful. Both Amelia and Jaclyn think the Senior Outing to Paradise Country Club was a favorite event of Senior Year. Amelia’s favorite class was Culinary Arts – she enjoyed learning cooking techniques and cooking new foods. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Luzzi, who taught history her junior year and business management and marketing her senior year. Amelia will attend TIGI Hairdressing School in Guilford to learn about hair, skin and nails. She wants to work in a salon and eventually have her own space. Jaclyn will attend Rhode Island College where she plans to study social work and stay to get her master’s degree as well. She wants to help people who are being pushed to the curb and not helped enough.

Amelia and Jaclyn are going to Florida next week and will have a graduation party in July.

Jaclyn has orientation at Rhode Island College in early August and starts classes later that month, and Amelia will start classes in September. Congratulations!

Lori Murphy is a graduate also! Lori received her Master’s degree in Health Care Administration from Charter Oak State College. Congratulations!



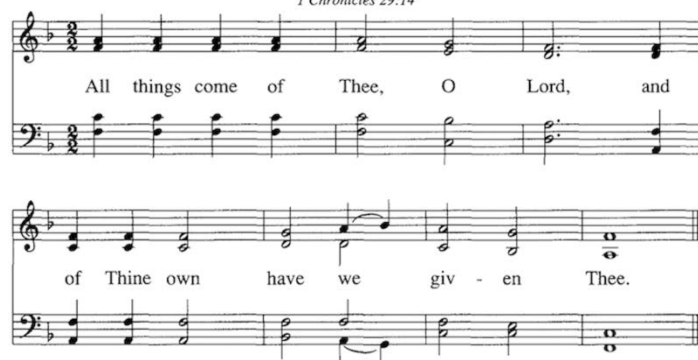
Mission Team News

**Music Mission Team:**

Sacred music has a unique ability to express and enhance the spiritual experience of worship. Sacred music can evoke emotions, create a sense of transcendence, and help us connect with our faith on a deeper level. As choir members, we interact intimately with the melodies, harmonies, rhythms, and lyrics of hymns, psalms, anthems, choral introits, and responses. Still, the truth is that "All things come of Thee"

**ALL THINGS COME OF THEE**

*But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering?  
1 Chronicles 29:14*



Text: 1 Chronicles 29:14  
Music: Attr. to Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

The Chancel Choir offered its final service of the "choir season" on June 18, 2023. We offered a beautiful arrangement of the Pete Seeger/Byrds classic, "Turn! Turn! Turn!" and a choir favorite, "Look at the World" by John Rutter.

"Praise to Thee of Lord for all Creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see: All the gifts we share and every blessing.

All things come of Thee."

I would like to sincerely thank all the ministers of music at North Haven Congregational Church, young and old, who have enhanced our worship services this past year.





### Summertime Service Music

During the summer months our services, in general are lower key. Still, we invite members of the church community to consider sharing their own gifts of sacred music - in consultation with the Music Director, Organist, and Pastor. If you or a younger family member have an interest in sharing a solo, instrumental or vocal, please be in touch with Jeff, Heather, Scott, or any member of the Music Mission Team. We can discuss this gift and help you prepare to offer it in a way that brings you joy. If there are any "hymn requests" from the congregation, we are certainly willing to "entertain" them, especially with advance notice. You can email [Music@NorthHavenUCC.org](mailto:Music@NorthHavenUCC.org), [Organist@NorthHavenUCC.org](mailto:Organist@NorthHavenUCC.org), or call Scott or Julie in the office. In the summer - and throughout the year - Pastor Scott selects the hymns each week... except for certain special occasions like this past Choir Appreciation Sunday!

We look forward to resuming programming in the fall, Choir practice resumes September 7<sup>th</sup> and scheduling benefit concerts to make the rest of 2023 enjoyable and fulfilling, both in and out of worship services.



As our friendly and talented piano technician, Debra Mason, says on her outgoing voicemail message: "Stay Tuned!"

Peace, Jeff Hutchins, Director of Music

### Attention Graduates!!

We don't want to miss anyone!

If you are graduating from vocational school, high school, or college, please let the church office know! We'd like to share your accomplishment with the church in the newsletter. Let us know about your graduation and your plans for this summer and the fall.

**Beginning .....A New Job, New School, New Adventure??** If you are starting a new job, or heading off to college, or beginning your military service, or any other new adventure this summer or this fall, let us know. We'd like to let the church know about it in the newsletter. Call and give us the information and we'll put it in for you. Be sure to let us know how we can keep in touch!

### Come to Summertime Worship IN-PERSON!

As we shift into summer worship our services are a bit simpler. The Chancel Choir will be on break, and there will be fewer activities following the worship service. We do hope to have "Lemonade Hour" after church, outside in the shade. I encourage you to come and worship in-person.

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

### Smile and say Hello, Read, Pour

**Lemonade!** Let's join together to offer a warm and genuine welcome to all who come to worship this summer. That welcome will come through the greeters, the Deacon, the Scripture Reader, and the host or hostess for lemonade outside in the shade. Please consider helping to offer hospitality and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Nancy Mahoney.

**Thanking The Choir!** The dedication and generosity of the Chancel Choir in their singing in the sanctuary is a source of great inspiration and joy in our worship. This has been a particularly joyous part of this spring as we welcome Heather Meachen as our wonderful Organist! We are grateful for the skill and



talent of Jeff Hutchins, Director of Music, in leading the Chancel Choir and the children, and occasionally the whole congregation! We offered deep thanks to the Choir, to Heather, and to Jeff in worship on June 11th, and we say it again here!

### **A Reminder About Summer Pledges**

The Ministry Leadership Board would like to sincerely thank all the Church members and friends for their generous support for our Church this year, and to wish you a wonderful, adventurous, and invigorating summer. For those who provide support regularly each week or month, your continued support over the summer months would be greatly appreciated to facilitate with the cash flow of our Church budget.

**Please try to keep your pledges current!**

### **Safe Conduct Policy Training**

The Safe Conduct Policy of our Church seeks to protect children, adults, employees and authorized ministers in a safe Christian community. This effort extends to rules and procedures regarding hiring staff and supervising staff. The Ministry Leadership Board and Pastor Scott believe that part of keeping the Church safe involved training for staff and volunteers and educating the congregation. The MLB has directed that an online training program for staff and volunteers, focused on be watchful and preventing abuse, sexual abuse, and harassment, be implemented. This online training will be available for staff and volunteers to complete on their own schedule. Church staff and Mission Team members will be enrolled first. Volunteers working with children and youth will be enrolled in the fall. An educational presentation for the congregation will be planned for the fall. If you have questions about this training, or if you want more information about the Safe Conduct Policy and the training, please speak with Scott Morrow.

### **IN-PERSON Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference UCC!**

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ was held Saturday, June 17 Worcester, MA. The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, the nominee for the United Church of Christ General Minister and President, gave an uplifting keynote address. The business of the Meeting included the election of Board members and officers, the transfer of residual

endowment funds from the historical CT, MA and RI conferences to the Southern New England Conference, and a change to the bylaws of SNEUCC regarding the chairpersons of Standing Committees of the Conference Board of Directors.

It was a tremendous joy to be a part of this wonderful gathering of the Conference, and to see many friends for the first time since early 2020!

### **Celebrating North Haven PRIDE Day**



North Haven celebrated it's first PRIDE Day on the Town Green on Saturday, June 17. The event was carefully planned and well-attended. There were lots of child- and family-friendly crafts and vendors. The PRIDE organizers asked if we could open the church and provide a "save space" for anyone attending the event who might have a difficult emotional response. Thanks to

Patience and Martin Benassi, Beth Anderson, Steve Simonson, Sue Compton, Carol Mitchell, and Karlee Etter who volunteered to greet any visitors. We did have a number of visitors, both children and adults, who enjoyed the opportunity to visit the Church and use the facilities. There were many appreciative comments about the PRIDE signs on the church grounds by the sidewalk and the rainbow welcome banner inside.



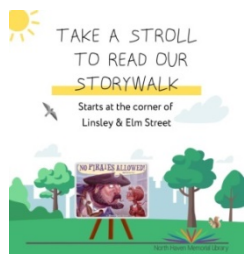
### **THANK YOU for your GENEROSITY!**

Our Church is engaged in cheerful and vital mission in our community. Through the Wider Church, our gifts and mission extend around the world. Your generous gifts provided \$245 for Syria Earthquake Relief, \$585 for the Christmas Fund to aid retired clergy and church workers, and \$1354 for One Great Hour of Sharing to provide disaster relief and community development around the globe. Thank you!

**There are still spaces at Silver Lake Camp for this Summer!**

Silver Lake summer camp registration is still open! Register through the website. [www.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org), or talk with Karlee Etter or Scott Morrow.

**Enjoy the Book Walk on Linsley Street!**



The North Haven Memorial Library has set up a Book Walk along Linsley Street as a celebration of their summer programs. The book is *NO Pirates Allowed! Said Library Lou* by Rhonda Gowler Greene. There are about 12 or 15 pedestals with a

lectern set in the ground along Linsley Street. Starting at the Elm Street end, by the Library, you can stroll up Linsley toward the Green and read the book page-by-page. Take a nice reading walk!



**Two Hours Well Spent!**

Hello Everyone. We are hosting an evening of caring called “Stop the Bleed” and “Hands only CPR”. The goal is to offer basic wound care, the hands only CPR and its relationship to the A.E.D. (Automated External Defibrillator) which many of you have seen in Carroll Hall. If time permits, we hope to cover training of the administering of Narcan also. The date will be Thursday, July 20th from 7pm to 9pm. The class size is limited and will be on a first come first service basis. It is open to all ages 11 and up. The cost is \$5 cash per person payable in cash that night. You must pre-register by July 14th by email to [ecollett54@gmail.com](mailto:ecollett54@gmail.com).



**NHCC Online Fundraising Auction**

Thanks to the generosity of nine NHCC members, we have exciting donations enabling us to move forward

with 4th annual an On-Line Fundraising Auction to help support our church and the fundraising line item on our 2023 budget. Items to be donated and included in the on-line fundraising auction are a digital keyboard, cedar-lined hope chest, sterling silver items, antiques, flutes, outboard motor, furniture, unused sewing machine, carnival glass, fancy flatware, Hochwertiges Bleikristall stemware and more! We could use more items, the more unique the better, we could still use for the auction, if you have to donate: rugs, fancy mirror, Beatles albums, motorized lift chair, for example. If you have something you are no longer using and would like to donate, please contact a member of the B Team. Thank you to our donors who have stepped forward making it possible for us to move ahead with the on-line fundraising auction: Joan Bennett, SueBeth Higgins, Kim Coughlin, Joyce Manzo, Anne Schneider, Sue Tibor, Doris Ferner, Sue Compton and Sarah Munson. Please bring your items to the chapel after worship on Sunday July 9. The items will be photographed and catalogued on July 10 - 12. The auction will go live on-line on July 24<sup>th</sup> and close on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Pick up will be scheduled for Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> (exact time to be scheduled) The B Team, Patience B, Martin B, Martha B, Priscilla B

**Music Under the Stars: (on the Green)**

Monday, July 3	Alex Shillo
Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band	
Tuesday, July 11	Classics
Do Wop Standard & Ballads	
Tuesday, July 18	Beau Bolero
Steely Dan Tribute Band	
Tuesday, July 25	Signature Band
Decades of Dance	
Tuesday, August 1	American Honey
Modern Country	
Tuesday, August 8	Jukebox 45
50's/60's Oldies	
Tuesday, August 15	Raise Your Hands
Bon Jovi Tribute Band	
Tuesday, August 22	Avenue Groove
Rhythm & Blues/Funk	
Tuesday, August 29	Worlds Apart
Journey Tribute Band	
Tuesday, September 5	Primetime
Party Band	



**Go To A Concert To Benefit Homes For Veterans** Hans Hanson plays the bass guitar for Gold Dust with passion and joy. His band will join with several others from the School of Rock to offer

a concert at The Barn in Easton, CT on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 2-7:30pm. All proceeds from Barnstock 2023 will benefit Homes of the Brave, a CT home-shelter program for veterans. Check it out!

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study ZOOM on Summer Pause.** The weekly Bible Study ZOOM gatherings at 6pm will take a summer break in July and August. We have been reading through the minor prophets, and we've read Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Obadiah so far, and we're about to finish Jonah! Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 5. All are welcome! Please tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link!

**Ministry Leadership Board Meetings During Summer**

The MLB will meet on Wednesday, August 9, at 7pm. The MLB will not meet in July.

**Women's Fellowship**



Summer is here and Women's Fellowship celebrated at Gouveia Vineyards for the 10<sup>th</sup> year.

We are already planning for the fall activities. We will be hosting a Military Whist Card Game on Friday, September 22. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. and the game begins at 6:00 p.m. Singles and couples welcome.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. \$12.00 per person. Please call Carol Mitchell 203 668-0608 or email: [cdmitchell60@yahoo.com](mailto:cdmitchell60@yahoo.com). Refreshments will be served and there will be a 50/50 raffle!

It's fun and easy to play! Come join the fun! Bring a friend!!

Looking ahead to The Women's Fellowship New England Harvest Fair of 2023 .....

Fall may seem a long way off but now is the time to begin thinking about how you can help with the Fair which will be held on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

What can be done now? Work on knitting and sewing projects. If you do canning or make jam or jelly, save some for Grandma's Kitchen. Find items to donate to Grandma's Attic or to the Nearly New Room. Work on hand crafted item. Think about what area you would like to help with. There is a need for coordinators for each of the areas at the Fair. It is our hope that there will be many helpers to make the preparation, running, and cleanup of the fair go smoothly. Sign up to help on sign-up sheets that will be circulating through the summer. Watch for dates, in the Sunday Bulletin, of workshops which will be held during July and August.

The Fair is organized by the Women's Fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to participate in whatever way they can. Men, women, and youth are all needed to help make the fair a success. This is one of our biggest fund raisers and the proceeds will allow the Women's Fellowship to continue to support our church's needs and many organizations locally and nationally.

The Fair is an opportunity to work together, share our talents with others, and open our doors to the community. We hope you will be part of this event!

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## Men's Fellowship

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We continued with our twice a month breakfast schedule in June, gathering in Carroll Hall's kitchen on both the 3rd and 17th. Attendance was consistent, with eleven men present at each assembly. Jim Bennett, Mark Bessette, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Paul Powers, Stephen Simonson, Peter Struck, and John Tibor showed up for our June 3rd encounter; while our June 17th breakfast attendees were Martin Benassi, Jim B., Mark B., Peter H., Bernie H., Bryant M., Tim P., Stephen S., Peter S., John T., and Peter's neighbor, Mark Vandenberg.

As I mentioned last month, our format for these breakfast gatherings is very unstructured. Men drift in over the course of thirty or so minutes, greet each other, and migrate to diverse sections of the kitchen to converse in smaller groups or person to person on a whole range of topics. Nothing is off-limits. The morning's cook, be it John or Tim, chases each attendee down (in order of his arrival) at some point to obtain that person's breakfast order, and time is always allowed for Pastor Scott to brief us on church happenings and for Tim to bring us together for an appropriate devotional. That's it for structure, unless I have some North Haven Lions Club (or other Lions) event to plug.

At our June 3rd get-together, Scott shared some photos with everyone that he took during his recent vacation trek to the U.S. Southwest; we were updated on the several significant celebrations being held in church that month (Confirmation, Heritage Sunday, Choir and Music Director Appreciation Sunday); and Jim took the time to recognize and thank those men who helped make the church's participation in the town's May 27th Memorial Day Parade possible: Gerard Adinolfi (who provided the trailer and helped, with one of his employees, load our miniature church on to it); Fran Dutko, Peter Hall, and John Tibor (who also helped load the church and assisted with assembling the side rails and bunting); Paul Powers (who provided his truck); and Tim Peiffer (our volunteer truck driver), plus our several parade marchers (Jim B., Fran D., John T.).

We actually did things a little differently on June 17th, with Tim garnering meal choices from the men as they arrived. Two significant decisions were made on this morning. First, we determined that we would suspend our twice-a-month breakfasts for the months of July and August (but do plan to hold a cookout at some point this summer). Second, we committed to sponsoring a Comedy Night fundraiser to be held sometime this fall (and will need the support of our entire church family to make it a success).

The men will next meet for breakfast on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am. As always, all men are welcome, be they members of the church or not.

Jim Bennett

## SAVE THE DATE!!

**Tuesday, July 4 –**

Holiday, Church Office closed

**Sunday, July 9 –**

Drop off items for Church auction

**Saturday, August 5 –**

Church Auction Pick-up

**Wednesday, Aug 9 –**

MLB Meeting

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## PASTORAL VISITS

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Please call the church office and let us know of your hospitalization, or to request a visit. Pastoral visits can once again be scheduled as COVID polices are revised. Privacy guidelines now make it difficult for the pastor and other non-family members to confirm your presence in the hospital.

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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.

**CARDS & LETTERS**

Below are some of our church members who are not always able to be present for worship on Sunday mornings. 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



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



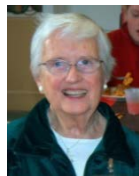
**Marlene Bellonio**  
West Haven Center For Nursing & Rehab  
310 Terrace Ave, W146D  
West Haven CT 06516



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Wallingford CT 06492



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



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



**Phyliss & Walter Kaercher**  
5 Tennyson Ave.  
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22 Canterbury Rd.  
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**Lorraine Morehouse**  
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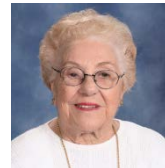
**Linda Rankin**  
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**Ellen Robert**  
The Golden Hill Rehab Pavilion  
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**Bob & Barbara Scheidecker**  
59 Grove Road  
North Haven, CT 06473

**Herb & Ann Schneider**  
56 Country Way  
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5124 Avalone Haven Drive  
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# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30am Worship: (In-Person & On-line)	9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Al-Anon (K) 12:00pm PLP (Library)	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> 10:00 Food Pantry Open		10:00 Food Pantry Open	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
1:00pm Choir Picnic						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30am Worship: (In-Person & On-line)	<b>4th OF JULY (Office Closed)</b> 9:30 Al-Anon (K)	<b>4th OF JULY (Office Closed)</b> 9:30 Al-Anon (K)	10:00 Food Pantry Open 7:00 Lions Club (CH)	6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
Online Auction Dropoff		9:30 Al-Anon (K) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 12:00 Building & Grounds (Heath)	10:00 Food Pantry Open		10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
		7:30 Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)	7:00 MLB (Library)		7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
			9:30 Al-Anon (K) 12:30 PLP (Library)		10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	6:00pm CT Record Club (K)	1:00 Danish Sisterhood (K)		7:00pm Stop the Bleed / AED / Narcain Training (CH)		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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						Online Auction Pickup (Chapel)
			7:00 Lions Club (CH)	6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH)	6:30pm CT Area Al-Anon (CH)	

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	31 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	1 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	2 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	3 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	4 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	5 7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
		9:30 AI-Anon (K) 12:30 PLP (Library)	1000 Food Pantry Open 7:00 Lions Club (CH)	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) Online Auction Pickup (Chapel)
9:30am Worship: (In-Person & On-line)	7 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	8 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	11 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	12 9:30 Music Together (DBL)
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9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	14 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	15 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	16 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	17 9:30am Music Together (DBL)	18 10:00 Food Pantry Open	19 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
		9:30 AI-Anon (K) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 1:00 Danish Sisterhood (K)	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open	10:00 Food Pantry Open	7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	21 6:00pm CT Record Club (K)	22 9:30 AI-Anon (K)	23 <b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b>	24 <b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b>	25 1000 Food Pantry Open	26 1000 Food Pantry Open
		9:30 AI-Anon (K)	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open
9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	28 6:00pm CT Record Club (K)	29 9:30 AI-Anon (K)	30 <b>WINDOW MAILING</b>	31 <b>WINDOW MAILING</b>	1 7:30am MENS FELLOWSHIP	2 7:30am MENS FELLOWSHIP
		12:30 PLP (Library)	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open	1000 Food Pantry Open
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## The Window

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**August 23, 2023**



### **Summer Office Hours**

The church office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm beginning Tuesday, July 3 through Friday, August 25.

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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:** Herb & Ann Schneider, Merrilee & George Gladkosky, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, Eleanor Lianos, and David Gould.

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