

North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

# The Window

January 2024



#### In the New Year, Epiphany

As we move forward into the New Year, the church year moves into the season of Epiphany. Beginning with the story of the arrival of the Three Kings, the Magi who have journeyed to offer gifts and pay homage to the Promised Child born in Bethlehem, the season stretches into February recalling moments of encounter and moments of recognition of God in Jesus Christ.

As nights, though cold, become shorter, the light which is the symbol of Epiphany warms our hearts and spirits. With gathered strength and renewed hope, we take up our discipleship and our vision for this new year.

I invite you to read and reflect selections from a poem, "A New Day's Lyric" by US Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman.

So let us not return to what was normal, But reach toward what is next.

What was cursed, we will cure. What was plagued, we will prove pure. Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree, Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee, Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;

Those moments we missed Are now these moments we make.

The moments we meet,

And our hearts, once all together beaten, Now all together beat.

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Come, look up with kindness yet, For even solace can be sourced from sorrow. We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday, But to take on tomorrow. We heed this old spirit, In a new day's lyric, In our hearts, we hear it: For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne. Be bold, sang Time this year, Be bold, sang Time, For when you honor yesterday, Tomorrow ye will find. Know what we've fought Need not be forgot nor for none. It defines us, binds us as one, Come over, join this day just begun. For wherever we come together, We will forever overcome. Peace, Scott Morrow

#### A note from the Moderator

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on MLB for 4 years. My heart was filled with joy to cautiously reopen the church for in person worship and for groups wishing to rent space this year. Church members needed in person worship, myself included! We welcomed back groups, on a regular basis, including Music for Young Children. There is a possibility we may actually bring in more rental income than what we budgeted for!

North Haven Congregational Church is a vital part of this community. Over 150 Holiday food boxes were packed for families in need. Our Angel Tree, once again provided needed gifts for children, including 4 bikes! Church members and friends were very generous.

NHCC needs your continued financial support. If you have not yet pledged for 2024, I hope you will find it in your heart to do so. If you have pledged support, maybe you would consider increasing your pledge. We began the year with a deficit budget of \$10,000. In the past we have been able to support the church with a little help from Endowment. We need to be fiscally responsible if the church is to continue.

I am stepping down from MLB, after 4 years, the last 2 as Moderator. Thank you to all who acted as a sounding board for ideas or supported me in my roll. I will continue serving God as a Deacon and in the Food Pantry. I wish you all a Happy, healthy 2024!

Blessings, Nancy Mahoney



## With gratitude, we share the names of those who have pledged to support the annual budget as of 1/2/24:

Margaret Adams William & Mary Ellen Adams Beth Anderson Rich & Sue Baldino Larry Ballantyne & Lorraine Scarpello Joyce Bellonio Martin & Patience Benassi Jim & Joan Bennett Mark Bessette Cheryl Bogert Priscilla Bradford Elaine Burr Mark & Martha Butterworth Sandy Carter Wendy & Jerod Civitello Ed & Mary Ellen Collett Susan Compton Kim Coughlin George & Florence Coulston Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski Carment & Melissa Deluca Betty DeMayo James & Leslie Dockendorff Ken & Ann Dubar Doris Ferner Carl & Lillian Flodquist Gail Fulop Jody & Rich Gallagher Sara and Brian Gannon Merrilee & George Gladkosky Tom & Wendy Glynn Susan Guckert Nancy Gutowski Peter & Cheryl Hall Eleanor Harple Kathleen Harple Susan Beth Higgins

Carla & Michael Hill Bernie & Elfie Hummel Barbara Joslyn Robbie & Bruno Juliano Linda Lacobelli Dan & Lynn Lafleur Suzanne & Nigel Light Nancy & Ken Mahoney Ted & Joyce Manzo John & Rhonda Masnato Barbara & Rick Massev Heather & Drew Mastracchio Michelle & Michael McBride Jeanne & William Mecca Kathleen & Robert Mickolyzck Carol Mitchell Carol Amico & Scott Morrow Bryant & Sara Munson Lori & Michael Murphy David Nelson Lynne & Rob Nielsen William Olmstead Sally Pallatto **Timothy Peiffer** Steve & Mabel Peterson **Dot Pierce** Paul & Betsy Powers Damon & Gressa Quinn Jeanne Reardon Lvnn Reardon **Betsy Reid** Jane Romans Gloria Santamauro **Ruth Scelzo Bob & Barbara Scheidecker** Adam & Julie Schweickert George & Linda Silk Stephen & Linda Simonson Tony & Cheryl Solecki Kerry & Eben Stewart Peter & Vicki Struk John & Sue Tibor Audrey Tilley **Doris Vigliotto** Tracy & David Weiss **Catherine Welch** 



#### Ministry Coordinator for Children

#### January Church School Calendar

- January 7<sup>th</sup> *Communion Sunday*; children begin in Chapel then to Church school, then to worship for Communion with their families.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Family Sunday; children remain in worship with families.
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to church school
- January 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to church school, *Noisy Offering* during worship.

#### **Advent Night**

Our annual Advent Night occurred on December 3rd, the first Sunday in Advent in which about 30-35 members of NHCC families gathered to enjoy camaraderie, Advent/Christmas crafts, and pizza. Everyone also had fun making special cards FOR Santa and Mrs. Claus! After all, Santa brings gifts to the world's children, but did you ever wonder if Santa and Mrs. Claus received gifts, too? Well, this year, both of them received lots of handmade Christmas cards from the children of NHCC.







The REAL Santa/St. Nick arrived about 5:30, announcing his arrival with jingling Christmas bells. When he first arrived, Santa spent time mingling with families. Of course, the highlight of the evening was spending one-on-one with Santa and visiting with him face-to-face. Santa read two stories; the first was the most beloved poem, 'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS and then he read THE FIRST CHRISTMAS, to remind us all what Christmas is REALLY all about and how important it is to keep CHRIST in Christmas.

This year, our annual Christmas pageant was presented during morning worship on Christmas Eve day. It was written in child-friendly vocabulary and was entitled, A Ruler of Peace from Bethlehem. It was based on the Book Of Micah, as well as aspects of several of the Gospels from the SPARK Story Bible; the same Bible used in in church school every week.





After the pageant and worship concluded, many members of the congregation remained after worship to help take down our full-size stable and manger, in preparation for the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve worship. Many members also provided assistance in gathering and distributing costumes to the children participating in this year's pageant. THANK YOU ALL for your kindness, support and encouragement! Blessing to all for a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

Karlee Etter

#### **Church Family News**



**Birthdays:** Evan Schweickert 01/01, Genoveive Doyon 01/01, Lily Corcoran 01/02, Kimberly Noel 01/05, Karlee Etter 01/05, Carl

Flodquist 01/06, Bradley Schweickert 01/07, Joyce Bellonio 01/12, Neil Reardon 01/13, Diane Lacobelli 01/15, Joanne Nottingham 01/15, Michael Masnato 01/18, James Dockendorff 01/22, Lillian Flodquist 01/25, Lynn Reardon 01/27, Hazel Jokl 01/27, Samuel Jokl 01/27, Alan Conley 01/31. Anniversaries: Suzanne & Nigel Light 01/18.

Weddings: Carrie Leonard and Chris

**Dockendorff** were married in the Church on December 23. Chris is the son of Jim and Leslie Dockendorff. Congratulations!

**Deaths**: Ellen Robert died on December 8 at the age of 99.. Ellen was married to the late Treffle Robert. Ellen was a Heritage Member of the church, and the mother of John Rosenkrantz, Susan Rosencrantz Cohen, Peter Robert, and the late Treffle Robert, JR. She devoted a great deal of energy to helping her son, Treffle, Jr., have a meaningful and productive role in life. Eleanor Lianos died on Christmas Day at the age of 99. Eleanor was married to the late George Lianos. She was a long-time Heritage Member of the Church, and the mother of Jo-Ann Slocombe, Jacqueline Smith, Thomas Lianos, Richard Lianos, and the late James Lianos. She was member of the Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years, serving as Worthy Matron five times and as Grand Officer for the State of Connecticut.

We give thanks to God for the precious lives of Ellen and Eleanor, and we ask God's comfort and strength for John, Susan, and Peter, and for Jo-Ann, Jackie, Tom, and Richard, and their families.

#### From the Music Director

I would like to thank everyone who has made the autumn of 2023 a musical success! We have had great moments of music-making and plenty of wonderful moments of fellowship and goodwill. The choir has been blessed to have Heather Meachen at more Thursday night rehearsals than was expected of her in her letter of agreement with the church! What a blessing! We have had reliable Chancel Choir participants at Thursday night choir practices. We had a November full of challenging and powerful anthems like "Shine on Me" by Rollo Dilworth, "Harvest Hymn" by Mary McDonald, and "Thank You, Lord" by Mary Ellen Kerrick. We had a stellar Children's Choir offering of "Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me". We have had two uniquely fabulous concerts in the sanctuary. From Mark Platt's special, spiritual, scripturally influenced November 11 concert to the stunning harmonies and pristine intonation of the United Girls' Choir on December 8.

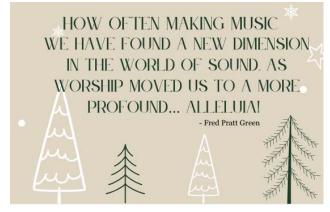
I would also like to thank everyone who has made Christmas music a success. From the Christmas pageant to the Lessons and Carols service, many fine folks have come together to make music and have fun! By the time you read this, you will have heard Joshua Peiffer's soaring flute obbligatos over beautiful, traditional Christmas carols and anthems. We are excited that Joshua has pursued a career in music and performs at such a professional level. We knew him when.... We have a lot to be grateful for. As the handsome bandstand is erected across the street, we see how important music is to the happiness of our town. Let's continue to bring beautiful music to this historic church and forge on into "new dimensions of the world of sound!" to the Glory of God.

#### Save The Dates for Future Concerts: Saturday February 10, 2024: NHHS Choirs

**& Jazz Bands.** This concert is a huge community event that fills the church with supporters and fabulous music of our talented North Haven youth. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

#### Saturday May 4, 2024: United Girls' Choir.

An "encore" springtime performance of members of the United Choir School. A traditional Spring Concert with great music.



**Confirmation Class** Scott will contact potential Confirmands and families and set a schedule for the Confirmation program for the winter and spring. The program will run through May, with Confirmation Sunday likely scheduled for May 19.

#### OASIS Youth Group in the New Year

The OASIS Youth Group brings together youth from three UCC churches: Spring Glen Church, United Church on the Green, and North Haven

Congregational Church, as well as First Presbyterian Church. The Group includes youth from 9th to 12th grade, as well as a middle school group 6th-8th grade. The OASIS program includes chill night gatherings at Spring Glen UCC, and outings and adventures on Sunday afternoons 4-6pm. There is a Wednesday Worship 7-7:30pm (totally virtual) twice a month; and there will be occasional overnights. Please watch your email for program announcements! If you would like more information contact Scott Morrow, or OASIS Coordinator Emily McKenna youth@springglenchurch.org.

Here is the schedule for January: Sun. Jan 7 – Virtual Reality at Xperiment – 4-6pm

Sun. Jan 10 – Worship Wednesday ZOOM; Theme: Inclusion; 7-7:30pm
Sun. Jan 14 – MLK Celebration – Time TBD
Wed. Jan 24 – Worship Wednesday ZOOM; Theme: Sabbath; 7-7:30pm
Fri. Jan 26 – Sun. Jan 28 – Winter Retreat

#### **Mission Team News**

#### Hello? Can you hear me?

There are many ways we communicate with our family, friends and co-workers including cell phone calls, texts, e-mails, "snail" mail, land-line phone calls, VoIP (voice over IP) a technology that allows you to make voice calls using the internet for example RingCentral, websites, Zoom, Skype, social media sites, for example, Facebook and Instagram. And there are so many other ways to communicate, including face to face communications.

Our long-term established church communications have been our wonderful monthly newsletter, The Window, that is chock-full of great information, our verbal announcements made prior to our Worship Services on Sunday morning, information in the Sunday morning bulletin, as well as church e-mail and phone blasts.

A new team has formed looking specifically at communications. Led by Steve Simonson, the team includes Pastor Scott, Karlee Etter, Jeff Hutchins, Jeanne Mecca, Cathy Welch, Cynthia Campos and Patience Benassi. As a result of recommendations from church members who attended the Threshold Saturday program as well as feedback received requesting improved communications, the Communications Team was formed and is expanding communications with a goal to increase and improve communications.

Although we have had a Facebook page before, we are invigorating our Facebook page with improved graphics and content. If you are on social media, please check out our Facebook page. We have added Instagram as another source of communications. If you are on Instagram, please look up our Instagram feed.

These added social media communications are in addition to the Window and other standing communications for our church.

Here's our Communications Team's request for you. Think about what information you'd like to see, what are we missing? What can we improve in our communications? How and where do you like to see information? Contact a team member and let us know. Your feedback is important and appreciated.

In addition, if you are preparing a communication for The Window or for morning announcements, we ask that you ensure your information includes the Who, What, Where, Why and When for your topic. Not everyone is familiar with every activity, so providing all complete information is helpful for inclusive communications.

Can you hear me? If so, let a Communications Team Member know. Goodbye for now!

#### Coffee and Fellowship is a Warm Welcome

It has been wonderful to enjoy coffee, tea, or juice and something tasty along with conversation after worship through Advent. Let's continue that friendly invitation through January, when the temperature will encourage us to have a cup of something warm before heading out!

Greeters, Deacons, Scripture Readers, and Hosts/Hostesses for coffee are the beacons for Sunday morning welcome and worship. Please consider helping to offer hospitality and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Nancy Mahoney.

### You are WELCOME to worship in-person in January!

January brings the New Year and the season of Epiphany. We'll celebrate the journey of the Magi and the power of light amid darkness. Please join us! We will continue to livestream the worship service through the church website for those who cannot attend in-person by choice or circumstance.

#### **Gift for Todd Swarney**

Todd Swarney, Church Sexton since 2019, finished his work on December 20 has resigned from his position at the Church effective December 21. Todd began working at the Church in 2019. We will present Todd with a gift of appreciation in the coming weeks and we invite those members who may wish to contribute to mail or drop off their contributions, marked "Gift for Todd". The busy holiday schedule made it difficult to do this so close to Christmas. We are very grateful for Todd's dedication and we wish him well.

#### **Sexton Search Update**

The search for a new Sexton to succeed Todd Swarney is continuing after a pause for the holidays. Julie has coordinated the process of updating the job description, posting the opening on Indeed, and making an initial assessment of applications. Steve Simonson and Martin Benassi have reviewed the pertinent applications and contacted qualified candidates. Among the candidates identified, one had issues in the background check and several were not available during the day. The search will continue. If you would like to share the job description with a potential candidate, please speak with Julie.

Dave Nelson has graciously offered to act as an Interim-Sexton as we complete the search.

#### Abraham's Tent Returns!

Plans are in development for Abraham's Tent 2024. John Tibor, Steve Peterson, and Scott Morrow attended an initial meeting in November, and there will be a ZOOM Update January 3.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, congregations were not able to host Abraham's Tent guests. This year Abraham's Tent will be hosted for 10 weeks – January 8 - March 17, 2024. The program will be centered at the Wallingford Emergency Shelter for the entire period. Columbus House staff will provide transportation and overnight coverage. Volunteers are needed to provide dinner and a snack, along with companionship in the evening. North Haven Congregational Church will provide meals and companionship for the final week of Abraham's Tent – March 11-17. We will partner with volunteers from St. Elizabeth of the Trinity parish in North Haven for this project.

We need volunteers to coordinate this effort!! Two Co-Coordinators would be wonderful! Please speak to John Tibor or Priscilla Bradford.

We expect to reach out to additional congregations and groups to help with this project. We know that many church members and friends have donated money and time to support the men of Abraham's Tent in past years. We will reach out to you in the coming weeks with suggestions about how we might work together this year to offer hospitality, support and encouragement through Abraham's Tent.

#### **Christmas Food Drive**

The 2023 Christmas Holiday Food Drive is complete. Most of the pick-ups and deliveries happened on Sat. Dec. 17, with a few remaining to be completed the following week. The Holiday Food Drive provided food for almost 160 households. The North Haven Lions Club, the Rotary Club of North Haven, Arnold's Jewelers, and many businesses in town have made donations of food items and money. The North Haven Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Renegade Pigs Motorcycle Club donated a lot of turkeys! This the first year we had more than enough turkeys for the Food Drive, and we did NOT need to request help with shopping for items where contributions were low. We had wonderful and generous help from volunteers. Julie Schweickert set up online volunteer registration through the NHCC website again this year. Volunteers from the churches in North Haven, helped with food collection, sorting, packing and delivery. A group of Girl Scouts taped all 300 boxes together for Thanksgiving, and again at Christmas! We are overjoyed our neighbors will be able to enjoy a more delicious Christmas.

#### We Will Continue To Collect Food Items On Sunday With The Offering

Please bring canned soup or vegetables, juice or shelfstable 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!



**Annual Meeting and Annual Reports** – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 28. Annual Reports from Mission Teams and staff are due in the church office on Tuesday, January 2.

## Interfaith Service Commemorating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr on Fri. Jan. 12

Congregation Mishkan Israel will hold its annual interfaith service to remember and celebrate Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and his legacy. The service will be, led by Rabbi Herbert Brockman and Rabbi Dennis Ross and will be in-person and online. The keynote speaker will be Reginald Dwayne Betts. Reginald Dwayne Betts is an author, lawyer, Professor at Yale Law School, and CEO of Freedom Reads, an initiative to radically transform the access to literature in prisons. He founded Freedom Reads to provide libraries to prisons and has opened 170 such libraries in 31 prisons and juvenile detention facilities across 10 states. As Betts often declares, "Freedom begins with a book."

The service is scheduled for 7-8:30pm Friday, January 12. All are welcome, either in-person or online. For more information and the link to the livestream, go to cmihamden.org/calendar.

**39th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast on Jan.15** – The Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Foundation of Branford, will be held on Monday, January 15, at 8:30am at the First Congregational Church of Branford. This will be an in-person event. The keynote speaker will be Yvonne Renee Davis, addressing "The Impact of Silence." Ms. Davis, an internationally renowned leader in cross-cultural communications, negotiations, strategy and diplomacy, and the CEO of Davis World Training, Ms. Davis has travelled to more than 60 countries, working with communities, organizations, agencies and governments during both the Bush and Obama administrations.

Tickets to the event are \$20 or \$5 for students. Tickets are limited.

For tickets and sponsorship info go to: Facebook.com/MLKBreakfastCommittee, or Email <u>MLKHeritageFoundation@gmail.com</u>.

Weekly Bible Study ZOOM Tuesday at 6pm Resumes on Jan 9. The weekly Bible Study will gathers on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for fellowship and study. After a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays, we will resume on January 9. We meet for an hour for study and prayer through ZOOM! All are welcome! We have been reading our way through the Minor Prophets – in January we'll be reading Zechariah and Malachi. Please come and visit! Tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link.

**Storm Closings:** If church programs or activities should need to be cancelled due to bad weather, this information will be broadcast on WTNH TV channel 8 and WFSB TV channel 3. It will also be listed on our website (www.northhavenucc.org), and on our outgoing telephone message.

It is church policy that afternoon and evening activities for youth are cancelled if school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal.

#### Planning is underway for 2024 Summer Conferences at Silver Lake

The Staff and Board of Directors at Silver Lake Conference Center are busy planning for next summer. They will be hiring summer staff – applications are due Fri. Jan 5. Team Leader positions are age 20+, Support Staff positions are age 17+. For more information and to apply, go to https://www.silverlakect.org/summeremployment . There are also volunteer positions available – go to https://www.silverlakect.org/volunteers . For more information about the Summer Conference Schedule, check out the website www.silverlakect.org, or talk with Karlee Etter or Scott Morrow.

#### Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship held our annual Christmas Party, with a pot luck dinner and our very funny "tacky grab bag." The food was delicious, and the grab bag gifts hilarious! There were 18 women present and everyone had a great time. It is always a nice feeling to be among a group of women who care for each other and can share laughs. Soon afterward, one of the ladies suggested that we put a Christmas tree in the sanctuary. We had a tree donated by Linda Rankin, and we decided to put it together. It was perfect! Added the white lights, donated by another church member, and it looks great. Another suggestion was to add garland to the balcony railing. It was donated by another member and two of the ladies worked to get it just right. It was mentioned that the wreath we hung from the balcony is not centered! We decided it should be hung over the exit sign (which is not centered) rather than center it on the railing, since then it would still be off-center from the exit sign! Anyway, makes for fun conversation.

The wreaths and candles were placed in the windows by Sue and John, and soon the poinsettia plants adorned the altar. The manger was added, and all the figures are now in place. The last thing to do was to add the beautiful candles to the pews and the candelabras to the altar. The Advent Candles had been lit for the first 3 weeks as we all awaited the lighting of the fourth candle and the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. The ladies of PLP (Parking Lot Picnic) sorted all the gifts for Covenant to Care and got them ready to be picked up by the social worker. It turned out to be quite the busy December. Our hope for the New Year is that we see some new faces joining Women's Fellowship, with the hope of coming up with some new ideas!

May you be blessed with a Healthy, Happy New Year! Women's Fellowship Team

#### Men's Fellowship

Nine men gathered for breakfast on December 2nd: Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Fran Dutko, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Stephen Simonson, and John Tibor. As is the usual case, conversations varied all over the lot, from sports (Go Huskies!), to family, to work, to health. On the health front, we learned that Peter Hall's absence this morning was due to his driving to New Hampshire to be with his mom, who was found unresponsive the previous night and rushed to the hospital. (We are pleased to report that she is doing much better now and is back in her own place.) In other news, Tim let everyone know that he would done with his antibiotic treatments this very morning and has finally received a diagnosis for his circulatory issues that can be treated non-invasively; we learned that Herb Schneider was at Masonic rehabbing after a recent fall and were also informed that he and Anne are scheduled to move to Elim Park on December 20th after a sixty-three year residency at 56 Country Way; and we heard that Lynne Nielsen was at home recovering from recent knee replacement surgery (which undoubtedly explained Rob's absence this morning).

Scott also reminded us of the upcoming Advent Night on December 3rd, and he announced the very good news that we already have all the ingredients (food AND turkeys) we need to put together our Christmas Food baskets.

Today's devotional, which Tim delivered, was focused on "How Waiting for God can Strengthen our Faith in God and His Promises." Waiting and faith go hand in hand, and Advent is all about faith and waiting.

The men will next meet for breakfast on Saturday, January 6th at 7:30 am. As always, all men are welcome, be they members of the church or not. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year,

Jim Bennett

#### Save The Date

Sunday, Jan. 29 – NHCC Congregational Annual Meeting Saturday, Feb. 10 – Concert by NHHS Jazz and Vocal Groups Saturday, May 4 – Concert by Elm City Girls Choir

#### **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**

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

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



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

#### **Betsy Gumbart**

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

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

Linda Rankin 22 Masonic Ave, Room R504B



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Shirley Ryan 5 Shepard Hill Road Hamden CT 06514



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

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



Herb & Ann Schneider 56 Country Way North Haven CT 06473

Linda Shannon 165 Clintonville Rd, #122, North Haven, CT 06473





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

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



#### **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: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

#### 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.

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		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	4:00 OASIS - Worship Wednesday (Zoom) - Sabbath	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		
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9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Al-Anon (K)	WINDOW MAILING			
10:45 Annual Meeting		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)			
		10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open			
All Day: UASIS - Winter Retreat		12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)			
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)				
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)				

NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		READINGS	
United Church of Christ An Open & Affirming Congregation	<b>January 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Day)</b> Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Revelation 21:1-6a	Psalm 8 Matthew 25:31-46	
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203-234-1751 (fax) ChurchOffice@NorthHavenUCC.org www.NorthHavenUCC.org	Ephesians 3:1-12Matthew 2:1-12January 7th (The Baptism of Christ)		
OFFICE HOURS 8:00 am to 2:30 pm	Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7	Psalm 29 Mark 1:4-11	
SENIOR PASTOR Rev. Scott Morrow	January 14 <sup>th</sup> (Second Sunday aft 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)		
MINISTRY COORDINATOR FOR CHILDREN Karlee Etter	1 Corinthians 6:12-20 January 21 <sup>st</sup> (Third Sunday after	John 1:43-51	
MUSIC DIRECTOR Jeffrey Hutchins	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Psalm 62:5-12 Mark 1:14-20	
OFFICE MANAGER Julie Schweickert	January 28 <sup>th</sup> (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany) Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111		
INTERIM SEXTON Dave Nelson <u>WINDOW DEADLINE</u>	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28	

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