



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC
The Window

October 2023



Generosity

We will observe the Season of Generosity in October. In our Christian faith and practice, we recognize that generosity begins with God. The rich wonder of God’s creation, the promise of steadfast loving presence, and the persistent invitation into deeper covenant are expressions of God’s generosity toward us.



Our generosity is a response to God. Rooted in gratitude and joy, we are moved to share the blessings we have received. Generosity flows among our congregation in the form of rides to church on Sunday, hot meals delivered, hospitality offered, notes and cards sent and prayers lifted.

The medical equipment closet offers an opportunity for generosity, and people in the community offer walkers and wheelchairs and canes to those who need them. The Church offers hospitality for community groups to use the building, and generosity expands through Girl Scouts and Alanon and the Garden Club, the Record Club and Mothers of Twins. The Tiny Library at the corner of the churchyard is visited frequently throughout the week and generosity enables the exchange of appreciated books.

There are wonderful talents among our congregation! The welcome and listening and teaching and encouragement we share is part of our practice of generosity. Our decisions to share our money and financial resources with the Church is another part of our generosity. The Church budget provides for the operation of the building, the funds for the programs of our shared mission, and the payroll for the staff.

As we celebrate the Season of Generosity this month, I invite your prayers and reflection upon generosity as an expression of faith; as a practice of faith. What is God inviting you to share?

Scott Morrow

It takes a Village

I started my last Window article with “Spring has Sprung” and whoosh, in the blink of an eye, we find ourselves getting ready to rake the Autumn leaves. To me, it’s a welcome change. It is the end of excessive heat and humidity and ridiculous electric bills. Now I can look forward to a comfortable hike with an easy choice to add a sweatshirt if needed. It is so much easier to warm up than it is to cool down. Another great thing about the fall is everyone coming back from vacation and filling more pews at church. I’m sure many of you read Jim Bennett’s article last month hoping to see some of us step up to fill some of the openings currently available. We can all help in some way, whether it is volunteering as a Deacon, greeter, reader, camera operator or coffee hour host. It makes it so much easier when we have a pool of people to choose from rather than putting the responsibility on the same few members week after week. Feel free to talk to any of the above volunteers, Pastor Scott or call the church office for more information. Easy as that! We are always looking for new faces and fresh ideas for activities and fundraising. Remember, it takes every one of us to keep our congregation going. It really does “take a village.”

I am hoping to see everyone at the upcoming fall fair, comedy night, concert and most of all in church.

Ed Collette
Ministry Leadership Board, Building & Grounds



Ministry Coordinator
for Children



CHURCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Oct. 1 - Communion Sunday; children begin in Chapel, then to classrooms, then to worship for Communion

Oct. 8 - Family Sunday; children remain in worship with their families

Oct. 15 - Regular Church school; children begin in worship

Oct. 22 - Regular Church school; children begin in worship

Oct. 29 - Regular Church school; BIBLE SUNDAY; children begin in worship

BIBLE SUNDAY is October 29

The Bible is the central source book for all people of faith. Through the Bible, children come to know God through stories about people of faith, the teachings of Jesus, the history of the Bible, passages for help, comfort, and a guide in times of sorrow. By fourth grade, children recognize the Bible as a building block of faith and thereby recognize its relevance for daily life.

Therefore, as has been the tradition for many years at North Haven Congregational Church, on October 29, each of our fourth-grade children will be receiving their own Gift Bible. This year five children will be awarded gift Bibles during worship.

Back to Church and Church School

The Lord blessed NHCC with A FABULOUS Regathering day (Rally Day) to kick off the Fall season. Although the hot, humid and threatening weather could have had an impact on the fun, it didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits. There were lots of adult folks attending worship as well as most of our children.

After worship we all gathered downstairs for sandwiches, chips, salads and desserts. Thanks to the Faith Formation Team for their hard work in planning and providing plenty of cold cuts, rolls, and condiments. And thanks to all who shared their various salads and desserts. And thanks to our older church school children, and many others for making sure there was plenty of food and goodies for all.

Blessings,

Karlee Etter

Ministry Coordinator for Children

Save the Dates

October 29 Bible Sunday; 4th graders receive their gift bibles during worship.

December 3 Advent Night celebration sponsored by the Faith Formation Team

Christmas Pageant.... December 17th or 24th Date to be determined by Faith Formation Team



OASIS Youth Group To Begin

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 will include 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 October:

All October meetings at Spring Glen United Church of Christ.

Sun. Oct. 1 – Ropes Course, at the Discovery Museum, Bridgeport 12-4pm

Wed. Oct 11– Worship Wednesday ZOOM 7:00pm Theme: Individuality

Sun. Oct. 15 – Silent Disco 4-6pm

Sun. Oct. 22 – Brooksvale Park, Hamden 4-6pm

Wed. Oct. 25 - Worship Wednesday ZOOM 7:00pm – Theme: Fears

Sun. Oct. 29 – Murder Mystery 4-6pm

Confirmation 2023-24 meets on October 1st & 15th !

The In-Person Confirmation Program will begin on Sunday, October 1, at 6:00pm with a gathering of youth and parents. (Parents leave at 6:30, youth finish at 7:30. The two-year confirmation program will be primarily for 8th and 9th graders, although older youth may participate. The program will meet twice a month, with a focus on worship, mission and service, and fellowship. The second meeting in October will be October 15th at 6:30 (after OASIS). Please contact Scott Morrow with questions.



Season of Generosity

This year the theme for the Season of Generosity is “Because of YOU Our Church Changes Lives”. Our faith is more than an idea or an attitude – it is a way of life. Our faith needs to be lived, to be practiced through actions, including giving generously of our time, talents, and treasures. We depend on pledges, fundraisers, endowment contributions, and building rentals to support our mission, staff salaries and building upkeep.

Our Season of Generosity will begin on October 15th and culminate with the dedication of our financial commitment on November 5th. Let us respond to the many blessings we receive as disciples of Jesus with the commitment of our financial support to our faith community.

Your Generosity Team: Joan Bennett, Cheryl Bogert, Priscilla Bradford, Mabel Peterson



Church Family News

Birthdays: Robert Nielsen 10/01, LaVala Rossi 10/03, Linda Nielsen 10/04, Nancie Estep 10/09, Kayla McKosky 10/09, Olivia Scoppetto 10/09, Jeff Whipple 10/11, Barbara Marks 10/16, Gary Czajkowski 10/16, Kerry Stewart 10/17, Kim Natoli 10/18, Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Gracie Kirk 10/24, Mathew DiVito 10/27, Betsey Reid 10/28.

Anniversaries: Cheryl & Dana Andrews 10/05, Ray & Cynthia Geissler 10/14, Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

Mission Team News

Let's Chime!

The church has a nice full set of Malmark Choir Chimes, which are fun and relatively simple to operate. They make such a beautiful sound! I would love to recruit some chime players for a Christmas musical offering and/or assistance with traditional Christmas carols to augment the beauty of our worship. We have Sundays December 10, 17, and 24th as potential services to make this offering. Please contact me if you have an interest in this Christmas ministry. No musical experience necessary but the ability to count to 4 repeatedly! Ringing the chimes to make a beautiful sound is not difficult at all.

In the past, we have rehearsed at 6:00pm on Thursdays.

I would like to have an orientation with these chimes at noon on a Saturday in mid October.

If interested, please reach out to me! It will be fun and fulfilling. Contact me at the church or on my cell - 203-508-2108.

To see a Chime Choir playing "We Gather Together/Amazing Grace" Please see this link!
<https://tinyurl.com/ChoirChimeExample>

Choir for Advent and Christmas

I would love to welcome folks to Chancel Choir for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. We have some fun carols and anthems in store. Our devoted group would love to welcome you (or welcome you back!) Please be in touch with me about doing some vocalizing privately so I can build your confidence in joining! There are some beautiful voices in the congregation! The choir rehearses most Thursday nights at 7:00pm and there are practice material available online as well as personal attention from the director. Advent is a great time to test the waters as we wait patiently for the nativity of the Christ Child. Sunday December 24th is not too far off!

Sincerely yours,

Jeff Hutchins
Director of Music

The Children's Choir, in conjunction with church school, is planning to offer music in worship this fall and Christmas. We will be practicing on many Sundays after regular Sunday school lessons, approximately 10:25am. We anticipate this practice being held in in any of the following rooms: Carroll Hall, Koinonia Room, or Rainbow Room. We will then dismiss the kids to both teachers and families around coffee hour time. We hope to see you and your talented kids there!

Pierpont Concerts: Save the Dates!

The evenings of...

Saturday November 11: Mark Platt, Christian Band

Friday December 8: Elm City Girls' Choir

Saturday February 10: NHHS Choirs & Jazz Bands

Saturday May 4: Elm City Girls' Choir

We are excited to announce some special Pierpont concerts this season. **On November 11**, we will have the accomplished Christian bard, Mark Platt, performing in the sanctuary. Mark is an accomplished musician, singer/songwriter and playwright with a unique style appealing to all ages. With over 100 songs and 5 CD's he has spent years on the road performing across the country; and now concentrates on local venues, special events and concerts. This concert is a re-schedule from the pre-Covid times so it will be very special to give him a well-deserved audience!



We are then delighted to host two concerts from the Elm City Girls' Choir this season. They will be on **FRIDAY December 8th** and we will welcome them back next year on **May the 4th, 2024**.

As always, we are honored to welcome The North Haven Public School choirs and jazz bands for their annual concert. This has always been a packed house with lots of energy. This town-wide concert is a sort of “mutual fundraiser” for the church and for the students’ travel/competition funds. This beloved tradition will be held on **February 10, 2024**. Please stay tuned for tickets and other details of these Pierpont evenings and how you can support and participate. Be sure to save the dates and invite your friends!

Announcing – the Communications Mission Team!

At the Threshold meeting in September 2022, church communication was identified as the top-priority improvement needed. The good news is – we are excited to share we now have a Communications Team led by Steve Simonson in partnership with Cynthia Campos! A first step for this work was provided by Emily Cretella, a church member with broad experience in social media and communications. Emily completed an audit of our current communication channels with a list of suggested improvements and recommendations. The Team will focus on two tiers of communication –internally with church members and externally with the public. The goal is to do a better job of telling our story and encouraging people to get involved. Several church members including Julie Schweickert, Jeff Hutchins, Scott Morrow, Nancy Mahoney, Jeanne Mecca, Karlee Etter, and Patience Benassi are working on this project. If you are interested in helping, please contact Julie or Scott in the Church Office, or Cynthia Campos at cynncampos@gmail.com.

Excitement Picks Up in the Fall!!

We anticipate lots of energy in our worship in October! Fall arrives, Season of Generosity begins, and we look forward to a baptism, the Noisy Offering, and Bible Sunday. The shift to indoor Coffee Hour with hot coffee is coming! I encourage you to come and worship in-person and enjoy the fellowship. We will continue to livestream the worship service through the church website for those who cannot attend in-person by choice or circumstance.

Feel the welcome...Share the welcome

Let’s work together to offer a warm welcome to all who come to worship this fall. Greeters, Deacons, Scripture Readers, and Hosts/Hostesses for lemonade or coffee are the beacons for Sunday morning welcome and worship, and the rest of the congregation follows along. Please consider helping to offer hospitality and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Nancy Mahoney.

Become a CAMERA OPERATOR!

The livestream service is recorded through a camera in the back of the sanctuary. This camera is operated from a desktop computer in the church office (hint: air conditioning!). The process of setting up the livestream and shifting the camera angle during the service is pretty simple. Would you like to learn? Training is available. We need volunteers! Please speak with Scott or Jeff Hutchins.

The Holiday Food Drive 2023 Has Begun!

The Food Drive Council met recently to begin the planning for the 2023 Holiday Food Drive. The Council consists of members of churches and civic groups in North Haven which support the Food Pantry and the Holiday Food Drive. The distribution of food from the Food Pantry has increased by 50% this year. We expect an increased need for the Holiday Food Drive as well, and we are planning for the maximum capacity of assistance once again. Volunteers will work in small groups, and the hours for sorting, packing, and pick-up/delivery will be extended.

Donations of food are down overall, and volunteers shop regularly for items that have run out. Through the leadership of John Tibor, we work in partnership with Connecticut Food Share, which allows us to shop

for the Food Pantry at greatly reduced prices. This is a very important resource since shop so frequently. There is great support from the churches of North Haven. On Sunday, September 24th, the three churches of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity donated over 175 bags of food. We will also resume the collection of non-perishable food on Communion Sundays beginning this month.

Here are the dates for this year's Holiday Food Drive:

THANKSGIVING --

Nov. 16 & 17 - Pack boxes

Nov. 18 Pick-up & Deliver

CHRISTMAS --

Dec. 14 & 15 - Pack boxes

Dec. 16 - Pick-up & Deliver

Signup for shifts will be on the church website in early November.

NHE Consociation Seeks Registrar, Treasurer, and Auditor

The New Haven East Consociation is the next step above our local church in the organization of the United Church of Christ. It is a group of nine Congregational churches in North Haven, East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, North Guilford, Madison, North Madison and Durham. Several volunteer positions in the Consociation will be filled at the Annual Meeting in October. The Registrar keeps track of the authorized ministers, both active and retired, in the Consociation with regard to authorized ministerial standing and mandated training. The Registrar also assists the Church & Ministry Committee with its work supporting individuals seeking authorized ministerial standing, and clergy serving the churches of the Consociation. The Registrar prepared the annual report of the Consociation, schedules the Annual Meeting and other occasional meetings, and communicates with the delegates appointed by each congregation. The Treasurer maintains the financial records of the Consociation, prepares the proposed budget each year, and pays the bills. The Auditor examines the books annually and prepares a report for the Annual Meeting. Jean Green, of North Guilford Congregational Church, has been the Registrar for many years. John Tibor has served as the Treasurer for a number of years, and Melissa DeLuca has served as the Auditor.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions and would like more information, please speak with Scott Morrow or John Tibor.

Building A New Home

Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven celebrated the kickoff of a new house at 264 Russell Street on September 9. Abdullah Wahidi, his wife and their four sons will live in the new home. The construction of the home was sponsored by the shoreline community build group Raise the Roof. Congratulations!



Weekly Bible Study ZOOM Tuesday at 6pm. The weekly Bible Study will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and study. 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 October we'll be reading Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah. Feel curious? If you would like to visit, tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link.

New To The Church? We invite you to a series of Newcomers Discussions sponsored by the Deacons. These gatherings, held after the worship service, will provide an opportunity to meet some leaders from the church to learn about North Haven Congregational Church and the United Church of Christ, and to ask any questions you may have. The dates for the Discussions are Oct. 1, and Oct. 15. These conversations are open to all who are interested. We'll get some coffee after worship and gather in the Library from 10:45 – noon. If you have questions, please speak with Scott Morrow or call the church office.

Bring Non-Perishable Food Items Starting October 1! We will resume collecting donations of non-perishable food items on Sunday mornings beginning October 1. Please bring canned soup or vegetables, juice or shelf-stable milk, tuna fish or canned chicken, tea, coffee, peanut butter or jelly and place them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!



Neighbors In Need Offering set for Oct. 1
On Sunday, October 1st, we will receive the Neighbors In Need Offering for 2023. The Neighbors In Need offering is an all-church special offering across the United Church of Christ. The offering supports the United Church of Christ ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota,

Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S. I encourage you to give prayerfully and generously. You may mail your gifts to the church, marked "Neighbors In Need" or "NIN", or you may make your gift online, either through the church or directly to NIN.

Saturday October 7th: Help Sleeping Giant Build Raise Money For Habitat!! Sleeping Giant Build is a group of churches and organizations that support construction of homes for Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven. NHCC has worked with this group for a number of years. **Their biggest annual fundraiser is staffing the parking for the Head of the Housatonic Regatta – a large rowing competition held on the Housatonic River. This year's Regatta will be held on Saturday, October 7.** Sleeping Giant Build is looking for volunteers for 3-hour shifts: 6-9am, 9am-12n, and 12-3pm. The parking for the Regatta is at the Scinto Parking Garages at 2 Corporate Drive in Shelton, CT. A free shuttle will be available to go to Indian Wells State Park and watch the regatta. To volunteer, sign up on Habitat's online volunteer platform at VolunteerUp – www.volunteerup.com. Once you set up your profile, you'll be all set to volunteer for shifts under the Regatta column with just a couple clicks! For more information, contact Allison Mangles at Habitat – amangles@habitatgnh.org or – 203-785-0794 ext 110.



Sunday, October 15th is "Pink Sunday" - Wear your "pink" to show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness on PINK SUNDAY!



Women's Fellowship

Window Deadline! The deadline for the November WINDOW will be Wednesday, October 18th. The November WINDOW will be mailed on Wednesday, October 25th. Thank you for getting your articles and announcements to Julie early!

The Annual Meeting of the New Haven East Consociation will be held in-person at the Old Stone Church in East Haven on Sunday evening, October 22, at 6pm. The Consociation is a group of 9 churches in our area. There will be reports from the Church & Ministry Committee regarding members-in-discernment preparing for authorized ministry, from Consociation delegates to General Synod last July, and from the Treasurer on Consociation finances. Delegates approve nominations for officers and standing committees.

Celebrating Bible Sunday! – We celebrate Bible Sunday annually on Reformation Sunday, which will be October 29th this year. We will present bibles to church school youth in the fourth grade during worship.

Joining the Church

If you are interested in becoming a member of North Haven Congregational Church, we would like to invite you to do so on Sunday, November 5. We welcome new members during our regular worship service, and then receive Communion together. If you would like to join the church, or have any questions, please speak with Scott or call Julie in the Church Office.

All Saints Observance

We will observe All Saints Sunday during our worship service on November 5th, when we will read the names of church members, and church members' family, who have died in the past year. If you would like someone's name included on All Saints Sunday, please call the church office.



Fall Cleanup November 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come join us on **Saturday morning, November 11th** to help with our **Annual Fall Cleanup**. Bring whatever tools you may have around the house - leaf blowers, trimmers and rakes.

Fall is here and Women's Fellowship is busy getting ready for the Fair on November 4! See below for additional information.

The bus trip scheduled for Dec 6-7 to Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA, to see "The Miracle at Christmas" has been canceled! Unfortunately, there were not enough people signed up. Please see Carol Mitchell, and she will refund your money.

Pink Sunday—October 15

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. We encourage you to wear something pink to church on this Sunday. The Women's Fellowship will have a Pink Bake Sale during Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall on October 15 to support After the Storm, which is an organization with the mission "to assist cancer survivors heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually from the aftermath of their diagnosis and treatment and help restore balance to their lives." Funds are provided to help survivors with the cost of integrative treatments that insurance may not cover. All donations will go to After the Storm. Join us in Carroll Hall, and enjoy the pink baked treats. Thank you for your support!

Women's Fellowship New England Fair:

November 4 It's almost that time again! We have been planning, having workshops, and creating items. There are lots of ways you can help—before, during, and after the Fair. Watch for emails, sign-up sheets, and information in the Sunday Bulletins. It takes many hands to make a successful Fair. All are encouraged to participate in some way. Join us on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You will find a wide variety of items available, including handcrafted items, baked delicacies, the Cookie Walk, treasures in Grandma's Attic, a Christmas Room, RADA Knives, and bargains in the Nearly New Room. Come do some early Christmas shopping. You may find just what you've been looking for! See you at the Fair.

Dot Pierce Carol Mitchell
President Treasurer

Men's Fellowship

Nine men attended the fellowship breakfast held on September 16th: Larry Ballantyne, Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, and Stephen Simonson.

As always, Tim presented a timely devotional, and Pastor Scott shared a number of pastoral concerns with the group, with particular focus given to Bradley Schweickert and the Schweickert family.

Most importantly, our group reconfirmed its commitment to sponsor a Comedy Night fundraiser at the church on Saturday, October 21st and herewith asks the congregation to please support this activity by buying tickets to, and attending this event. The doors to Carroll Hall will open at 6:00 pm so that everyone can enjoy some pizza, subs, snacks, and non-alcoholic refreshments, and purchase tickets for the baskets and 50/50 raffles. The Comedy Show, titled "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me," and featuring comedian Dave Kane, will follow at 7:30 pm.

Tickets, priced at just \$25.00, can be purchased by contacting the undersigned at either 203-909-1079 or at pdgjim98@gmail.com. Our goal is to sell all 100 tickets, so please let me know how many YOU will take.

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

Jim Bennett
find yourself hospitalized, so that Scott can respond.

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, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, Meg Adams, Paul Menillo, David Gould, and Sarah.

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Men's Fellowship at North Haven Congregational Church

Reluctantly presents

JOKES MY IRISH FATHER TOLD ME



Come join in the fun, as comedian Dave Kane brings you a laugh filled presentation of jokes, one liners and stories that celebrate the warmth and resilience of the Irish sense of Humor.

Location
North Haven Congregational church
28 Church St. North Haven CT

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM
SHOW TIME: 7:30PM

\$25
Includes pizza, subs, snacks and soft drinks

For tickets, please contact
Jim Bennett at 203-909-1079
Or pdgjim98@gmail.com

PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

Please contact Julie or Scott if you anticipate a trip to the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself hospitalized, so that Scott can visit if you wish. Hospitals and nursing facilities may be limiting the number of daily visits and visitors with individual patients.

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.

Save These Dates

Saturday, November 4th –

Harvest Fair, 9:00am – 2:00pm

Sunday, November 5th –

9:30am Generosity Sunday

New Members Joining

All Saints Sunday during worship service

6:00pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, November 8th –

7:00pm – 7:30 OASIS: Worship Wednesday –
The Future (Zoom)

Saturday, November 11th –

8:00am – 12:00pm Fall Clean-up,

8:00am – 1:00pm Scouting for Food Drop-off

7:00pm Pierpont Concert: Mark Platt

Sunday, November 12th –

4:00pm-6:00 OASIS: Video Game Night (SGC)

Saturday, November 18th –

9:00am – 12:00pm Thanksgiving Food
Distribution

Sunday, November 19th –

4:00pm-6:00 OASIS: Alt Thanksgiving (SGC)

6:30pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday, November 29th –

7:00pm – 7:30 OASIS: Worship Wednesday –
Gratitude (Zoom)

Footsteps in the Sand

Could you use a spiritual boost? Footsteps in the Sand is a Christian Renewal Weekend crafted to do just that. These Weekends are designed to help you draw closer to Jesus and feel inspired and empowered to come back to our church with renewed energy and enthusiasm to serve our Lord.

Footsteps in the Sand is a community of Christians, from a number of churches in this area, that seeks to bring people closer to Christ. Our mission is to develop leaders for the local church and encourage Christian action. This has been made all the more urgent as churches try to recover from three years of the pandemic.

This non-denominational community has been holding retreats for over 40 years and more than 4,000 people in the Fairfield County area have attended, including people from North Haven Congregational Church, UCC.

Footsteps Weekends are conducted by a team of 21 volunteers including two clergy. This community has produced over 200 weekends, and with that experience they have been able to craft these retreats so that those who attend the Weekend come back feeling renewed and energized to work with their pastor in serving their church.

If you would like to know more about this exciting opportunity to focus on your Christian walk, we invite you to contact Nancy Mahoney nancy.mahoney@snet.net or Cathy Welch kwelch@snet.net or Tim Peiffer thepeiffs@yahoo.com or Pastor Scott here at NHCC. Registration to attend an upcoming Renewal Weekend is now open or go to the website Footsteps-Sand.org.



Give Yourself a Gift This Year!

Men's Retreat

Oct. 27-29

Women's Retreat

Nov. 17-19

"A Footsteps Weekend is a gift to yourself; it's joy-filled, love-filled and highly motivating in your Christian walk!"

-Wendy

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



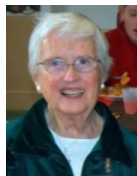
Marlene Bellonio
West Haven Center For Nursing & Rehab
310 Terrace Ave, W146D
West Haven CT 06516



Merrilee & George Gladkosky
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Wallingford CT 06492



Betsy Gumbart
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North Haven, CT 06473



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North Haven, CT 06473

Betty Martin
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Hamden CT 06514



Lorraine Morehouse
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Wallingford, CT 06492



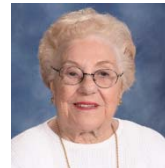
Linda Rankin
22 Masonic Ave, Room R504B
Wallingford, CT 06492

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



Shirley Ryan
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Hamden CT 06514

Gloria Santamauro
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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
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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Worship: (In-Person & On-line) 10:45 Newcomers (L) 12:00pm OASIS: Ropes Course (Discovery Museum)	2 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 1:00pm Retired Federal Employees (CH)	3 9:30am AI-Anon (K) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	4 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60071(K) 7:00 Lions Club (CH)	5 10:00am Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60151(K) 6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	6 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:30pm CT Area AI-Anon (CH)	7 7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
8 9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line)	9 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:30pm New Haven Camera Club (K)	10 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 12:00 Building & Grounds (Heath) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:30 Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)	11 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 7:00pm OASIS: Worship Wednesday (Zoom) Theme: Individuality 7:00 MLB (Library)	12 10:00am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 5:00pm Condo Association (K) 7:00 Garden Club (CH) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	13 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	14 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
15 9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line) Season of Generosity: Kick off 10:45 Newcomers (L) 4:00pm OASIS: Silent Disco (SGC) 6:30 Confirmation Class	16 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm CT Record Club (K)	17 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 12:30pm PLP (Library) 1:00 Danish Sisterhood (K) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	18 WINDOW DEADLINE 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 12:30pm PLP (Library) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60071(K)	19 10:00am Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60151(K) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	20 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	21 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm COMEDY NIGHT (CH)
22 9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line) Season of Generosity: Week 2 4:00pm OASIS: Brooksvale Park	23 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:30pm New Haven Camera Club (K)	24 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 12:30 PLP (Library) 3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) 6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	25 WINDOW MAILING 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 7:00pm OASIS Worship (Zoom)	26 10:00am Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60071(K) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	27 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	28 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
29 9:30am Worship (In-Person & On-line) Season of Generosity: Week 3 4:00pm OASIS: Murder Mystery (SGC)	30 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:30pm New Haven Camera Club (K)	31 9:30 AI-Anon (K) 12:30pm PLP (Library) 6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	1 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 7:00pm OASIS Worship (Zoom)	2 10:00am Music Together (DBL) 6:00pm Girl Scout 60151(K) 6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	3 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	4 7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 8:00 HARVEST FAIR 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)

October

SUNDAY 1ST 12:00-4:00PM

ROPES COURSE AT THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM 

WEDNESDAY 11TH 7:00-7:30PM

Worship Wednesday THEME INDIVIDUALITY

SUNDAY 15TH 4:00-6:00PM

SILENT DISCO 

SUNDAY 22ND 4:00-6:00PM

 **BROOKSVALE PARK**

WEDNESDAY 25TH 7:00-7:30PM

Worship Wednesday THEME FEARS

SUNDAY 29TH 4:00-6:00PM

MURDER MYSTERY 

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LECTIONARY READINGS

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WINDOW DEADLINE

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October 1st (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 17:1-7

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philemon 2:1-13

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 or

Psalms 25:1-9

Matthew 21:23-32

October 8th (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalms 19 or

Psalms 80:7-15

Matthew 21:33-46

October 15th (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 32:1-14

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 or

Psalms 23

Matthew 22:1-14

October 22nd (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 33:12-23

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Psalms 99 or

Psalms 96:1-9, (10-13)

Matthew 22:15-22

October 29th (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 or

Psalms 1

Matthew 22:34-46

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