



*North Haven Congregational Church, UCC*

# The Window

September 2023

## Returning

It is a wonderful feeling to return home. There is deep satisfaction for a journey concluded, with memories of friends and places and sights to treasure. There is also great comfort in coming back to a familiar place, with friends and neighbors and a sense of connection and belonging.

This summer brought the opportunity to worship at the Church of the Red Rocks in Sedona, Arizona while traveling to celebrate a wedding. It is a beautiful church with a window at the front that looks out to the red rock formations across the valley. The choir sang beautifully, augmented by several choral students from a nearby college. The congregation broke into applause at the invitation to the offering!

Just a few weeks ago I worshipped at the Day's Ferry Congregational Church in Woolwich, Maine. Among the congregation was one of my wife Carol's best friends from her Physician Assistant training at Yale. Lucia Jackson, formerly Associate Pastor in our Church and later Pastor in Hartland, Vermont, has been called to the Day's Ferry Church as Designated Pastor. The congregation was filled with young children as the baptism of two young cousins was celebrated, and they sang "God Be With You Til We Meet Again" at the conclusion of the service.

I enjoy worshipping in other churches, visiting friends and meeting new people. The variety of sanctuary design and worship styles brings a sense of the breadth of God's call, Jesus' invitation to us to follow him, and the community's response.

As interesting and exciting as these visits are, it is wonderful to return home. It is refreshing to see our church and so many friendly faces, and to look forward to the energy and excitement that fall brings! I am very grateful that the Church has granted me some extra weeks of vacation this year. I return rested and refreshed with sights and experiences to share and some new ideas to try.

I hope your summer has been restful and invigorating. I look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday!  
Shalom, Scott



## From Church Council To MLB And Mission Teams

Eight plus years ago, our church accepted the bold challenge of abandoning a nearly three hundred year tradition of operating its affairs via a church Council and Committees structure and replacing it with a nine-member Ministry Leadership Board and Mission Teams.

As we prepare to kick off our fall schedule of church events, I think it's important that we look back and assess how our transition from one form of governance to another has worked out.

Certainly we have streamlined our structure at the top. Pre-2015, the church Council's voting members included the Moderator (only to break a tie); Clerk; Treasurer; Chair/Presidents of the following Boards/Committees: Audit, Buildings and Grounds, Christian Ed, Christian Outreach, Deacons, Finance, Memorial Gifts, Men's Fellowship, Music, Nominating, Trustees, and Women's Fellowship, plus the two Congregational Reps. The By-laws also delineated other Committees with no voting privileges at Council, among them: Collections, Floral, Pastoral Relations, Personnel, and Ushers and Greeters.

Also, each of the above-mentioned Board/Committees, those with voting privileges and those without, had specific responsibilities defined in the church's governing document as well as designation of the number of members each was required to have. The Board of Deacons, for example, was to consist of twelve (12) members, four of whom were to be elected each year to serve three-year terms; the Board of Buildings and Grounds was to consist of six (6) members, three of whom were to be elected each year to two-year terms, and so forth.

At the January 2015 Annual Meeting, however, congregants adopted a new form of governance, electing a Ministry Leadership Board to oversee church affairs, consisting of the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Financial Agent, and five at-large members with staggered terms. It was also determined at that meeting that the church's current Boards and

Committees would remain in place until at least May of that year to allow for an orderly transition to the new Mission Teams format.

How have things worked out, you ask? Unfortunately, not as well as expected, I would respond. As our 2015 revised by-laws state: “Except for those duties and activities delegated to the Board (MLB), the programs and ministries of the Congregation are to be carried out by the members and other persons associated with the Congregation through voluntary, self-selecting Mission Teams. These Teams are to be established through, and recognized by, the Board. Mission Teams are expected to communicate their activities and needs to the Board and the Congregation through occasional reports and other informative means. Mission Teams requiring budget support shall be asked to submit budget requests to the Board as it prepares the annual Ministry and Mission Plan.”

Some of our Mission Teams seem to be working as designed, particularly Building and Grounds, Endowment, Memorial Gifts, and Men’s and Women’s Fellowship, but most others are shells of what their former Board/Committee structures used to be. Take the Worship Mission Team for example, perhaps our most significant volunteer group to the church. Even in lean years under the Board of Deacons format, we had at least nine or ten members, so weekly worship and special celebration responsibilities were fairly evenly shared. Fast forward to 2023, and we see that just a handful of people are covering these important tasks. (As I write this article for the Window, a glance at the church’s web page reveals that not one person has signed up to be either a worship leader, a scripture reader, a greeter, or a fellowship hour host after this coming Sunday’s worship on August 27th. That’s what I’m talking about.)

As we move toward fall, and the resumption of a full schedule of church activities, I would kindly ask that each and every congregant please commit to becoming a more involved member of our church. We need your talents, your purse, and your time. Please. And we also need to see you back in the pews.

Jim Bennett  
Church Clerk and MLB Member

Ministry Coordinator  
for Children

**WELCOME BACK ONE and ALL!**



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I hope you all had a wonderful summer full of fun! Church School begins on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Rally Day. *RALLY DAY* marks the official start to the new Church School year. After worship and before the all-church picnic, parents will register each child for church school. The Rally Day picnic, sponsored by the Faith Formation Team, is a celebratory re-gathering of our NHCC church family and friends.

**SO, on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, Come one, come all to the RALLY DAY PICNIC,** to reconnect and catch-up with one another, enjoy some quality family time, and enjoy the comradery.

The church and Faith Formation Team will provide tables and chairs. cold cuts, rolls, condiments, and beverages. *The Faith Formation Team asks each family to contribute the salads, sides and dessert.* The large church refrigerator will provide a cold environment to keep anything to be shared at a safe temperature until after worship.

Those whose last name begins with....

**A-E please bring dessert/fruit.**

**F-Z please bring a salad/side dish.**

**NEW school YEAR!**

Children in grades Pre-K to grade 2 and grade 3 to 7, will meet in their usual classrooms. NHCC will be using lectionary-based church school curriculum, WHIRL. Likewise, Steve Simonson (Grades 3-7) and Sue Baldino (PreK-Grade 2) are looking forward to teaching for another church school year. *THANK YOU, SUE and STEVE!* Through Christian example, both Sue and Steve offer an open, welcoming and enjoyable faith experience to every child, encouraging each child's curiosity and creativity to explore God's world and to better understand how they fit into that world and how they may grow in relationship with God.

**Church School Calendar - September and October 2023**

**Sept. 10 - RALLY DAY.** Regular church school; children begin in worship then go to their classrooms. ALL CHURCH picnic immediately following worship.

**Sept. 17 -** Regular Church school

**Sept. 24 - FAMILY SUNDAY;** children remain in worship with their family

**Oct. 1 - Communion Sunday. CHAPEL SUNDAY.** Children begin in chapel, then to their classrooms, then to worship for Communion.

**Oct. 8 - FAMILY SUNDAY;** children remain in worship with their family

**Oct. 15 -** Regular Church school. Children begin in worship, then to their classrooms.

**Oct. 22 -** Regular Church school

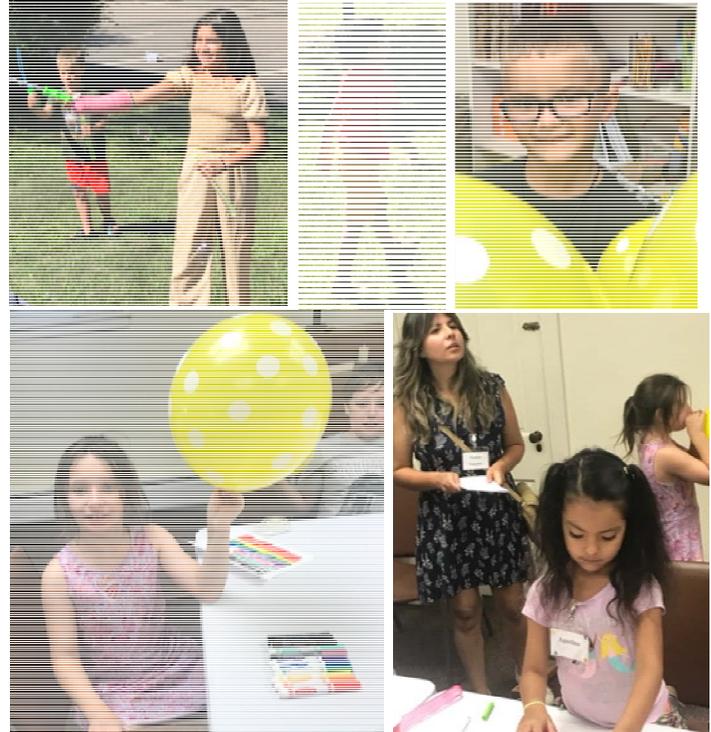
**Oct. 29 -** Regular Church school; BIBLE SUNDAY (4<sup>th</sup> Graders receive their Gift Bibles).

Blessings,

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children



**Summer Sunday School:**



Another Successful year of Summer Sunday School. There were 12 Summer Sunday School Classes, the average attendance was 4+, the fewest was 2 and the most was 8.

Jackie, Thomas, Joseph, Jameson were all in competition for the “Best Attendance”.

The agenda for Summer Sunday School:

- Introductions: round robin; Today I am grateful for....
- Scripture
- Ten Commandments
- Signing (ASL)
- Recycling; Fund Raising; Returnable Cans, Plastic and Glass Bottles

Sometimes we just colored, talked, and played games. We also practiced ASL (American Sign Language) for the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus Loves me and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

Processing the returnable cans, plastic and glass bottles as needed. This project has earned approximately \$300 since May.

I believe the classes were successful and I welcome any adolescent or young adult to join us as fall classes get started.

Stephen Simonson

## Church Family News



**Birthdays:** Martin Benassi 09/06, Linda Lacobelli 09/06, Melissa DeLuca 09/06, Colin Studley 09/06, John Masnato 09/08, Sally Pallatto 09/09, AnnMarie Czajkowski 9/10, Ryan Petrucci 09/11, Aaron Weiss 09/12, Flo Coulston 09/15, Kim Coughlin 09/16, Denise Adinolfi 09/17, Carol Lacobelli 09/21, Greg Brenner 09/22, Patience Benassi 09/23, Jennifer Coulston 09/23, Linda Simonson 09/23, Brooklyn Mastracchio 09/23, Lexie Cooper 09/23, Raj Rose 9/26, Barbara Scheidecker 09/27, Jennifer Russo 09/27, Jillian Russo 09/27, Sarah Struk 09/28, Stephen Baraquin 09/29, Joyce Manzo 09/30.

**Anniversaries:** David & Joanne Nottingham 09/01, Carl & Lillian Flodquist 09/05, David & Nancie Estep 09/06, John & Rhonda Masnato 09/21.

**Births:** Jameson Joseph Mickolyzck was born on June 21 to Ashley and Billy Mickolyzck. Bob and Kathy Mickolyzck are loving grandparents. Olivia Rose LoDolce was born on August 11 to Jessica and Chris LoDolce. Davis James LoDolce, 3, is the big brother. and Leslie and Jim Dockendorff are proud grandparents. Joy!



### OASIS Youth Group To Begin

The OASIS Multi-church Youth Group will resume in September. 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. OASIS is supported by and member churches. The Group includes youth from 7th to 12th grade, as well as a middle school group 5th-7th grade. The OASIS program for 2023-24 will include chill night gatherings at Spring Glen UCC, and outings and adventures on Sunday afternoons 4-6pm. There will also be 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](mailto:youth@springglenchurch.org).

## Confirmation 2023-24 begins on September 10!

An In-Person Confirmation Program will begin on Rally Day with an orientation meeting after the worship service. 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. Please contact Scott Morrow with questions.

## Season of Generosity



As summer winds down and school starts again, our Church will once again begin its regular activities and functions. We will also be looking ahead to our Season of Generosity – when we can think about how our faith and giving intertwine.

Our Church has a history of supporting our church family and the community. The Food Pantry supported by the churches in town and housed in our building continues to support families. The Season of Generosity gives us the chance to acknowledge and celebrate. It will also be a time for us to assess how we can support the Church's mission by our tithes, time and talents.

Please join us in our celebration of the Season of Generosity in the coming months.

Your Generosity Team,

Joan Bennett, Cheryl Bogert, Priscilla Bradford and Mabel Peterson

## Mission Team News



**Dear Church Family,**  
As the beautiful fall weather starts to make its presence known, sonorous musical melodies are calling us together once again! It is time to reunite our voices in harmony, to share the joy of music, and to create something beautiful that resonates within our hearts and within our beautiful, storied sanctuary.

Whether you're a seasoned choir member or considering joining for the first time, members of the Music Mission Team (including our friendly staff members Jeff Hutchins and Heather Meachen!) extend a heartfelt invitation to be a part of the church's music making this fall.

If you have an interest in playing our Malmark Choir Chimes for Christmas, that would be great!

If you have an interest in offering some more contemporary folk music, great!

Jeff and Heather are happy to collaborate with you.

Our most dedicated and regular ensemble, the Chancel Choir, begins practice after Labor Day this year, on Thursday September 7 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. We will also use the choir room.

We are hoping to sing on Sunday September 10 - Draw The Circle Wide by Mark Miller and a fun introit, "You are Salt for the Earth, O People!" by Marty Haugen.

During the fall, we will be helping the church school prepare for a Christmas pageant and sing periodically through the year.

We enjoy "intergenerational" and "all church" songs!

Please spread the word, and let's create something extraordinary together through the power of music, to the Glory of God.

Blessings,  
Jeff Hutchins, Director of Music



## 2023 On-Line Fundraising Auction

The 4th annual On-Line Fundraising Auction to raise funds for our 2023 church budget was completed in early August. For the fourth year in a row, a little over \$2,000 was raised for the church via this fundraiser.

Thank you to church members for their gracious donations that were auctioned this year. They made this fundraiser possible: Kim Coughlin, Doris Ferner, SueBeth and Robert Higgins, Joyce and Ted Manzo, Sarah Munson, Anne Schneider, Susan Guckert, Sue and John Tibor, Joan Bennett, Sue Compton, Patience and Martin Benassi, Barbara Massey, Cheryl Bogart, Nancy Mahoney, Beth Anderson and Heather Meachen.

We would also like to thank Julie for all her coordination on-site and Carol Mitchell's help from Womens Fellowship with item logistics and donations, thank you to Paul Powers for item logistics, as well as Jeff helping with publicity and for the use of the Choir Room and thank you Karlee for the use of the Chapel.

And thank you to B Team committee members, Martin B., Martha B., and Priscilla B. who assisted with item drop off in July and the pick-up in August.

Winning bidders for this year's auction were from as far away as Wyoming, Arizona and Texas, as well as from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York, and of course from Connecticut and a few church members had winning bids as well.

We have already received some feedback on this year's auction to use for next year if we have donations to be able plan to do this again next year. If you have any feedback on this fundraiser, please share with a member of the B Team, Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford or Martha Butterworth.

### 2023 Fundraising Budget Line

To see how this fundraiser fits in with our church's 2023 budget, we share the following information provided by our Treasurer Beth Anderson: In addition to pledges from church members to support the Church budget and expenses financially, incoming funds were budgeted for 2023 from fundraising activities in the amount of \$5,000. This budget was voted on at our annual meeting. So far this calendar year the following funds have been raised via fundraisers: \$500 from the St. Patrick's Day dinner, \$140 from Coffee Hour donations, \$925 from the North Haven School Jazz Concert held in our sanctuary this past February. Adding to that \$2,186 from the auction, \$3,751 in total has been raised out of the \$5,000 budgeted with \$1,249 remaining to be raised. We are hoping for fundraisers in the last four months of the year to possibly include a Pierpont Concert, a concert from another group who rehearses in our building, and funds from Womens Fellowship fair fundraising. When this is accomplished, there is still more work to do. Our treasurer notes that we really need to raise even more funds via member pledges and fundraising due to the fact our 2023 budget voted in was a negative \$10,346 budget. Please consider supplementing your church financial pledge with an additional donation, or discussing an area where you have talent to coordinate another fundraiser, or think of what you might donate to a future on-line fundraising auction in 2024. We have heard from multiple church members that they are so glad to donate items they no longer need or use, and know it is going to someone who wants them while benefitting the church they love. I can tell you that a few items from the auction this year were bid on and won by a

young adult who grew up in the church and I know the donor of items are glad they are being useful in this way. Thank you to all who participated!

### Picnic Tables from the Girl Scouts



There are two new picnic tables on the front lawn of the Church. These tables were built by the members of Girl Scout Troop 60151. The Troop meets at the Church, most often outside. They were glad for the opportunity to meet at the picnic tables, and decided to provide two new tables to the Church as a service project. They are already getting lots of use! Try them out!!



### Recycling Does Wonders

Did you know that there are over 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean and, other millions of plastic in landfills not being recycled? North Haven Congregational Church's Sunday School children have been collecting and recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans for the past 5 months.

The children in Sunday school have been going through trash bins, sorting plastic bottles and aluminum cans into different bags to eventually recycle them. They have raised over \$300 recycling plastic bottles and cans. The National average of plastic scrap, or plastic bottles is up 10% which is 68.22 cents per pound of plastic.

Most plastic from landfills unfortunately enter into the ocean and endanger the marine wildlife including the fish, the sea turtles, and the coral. In fact most of the plastic in the ocean piles up into these big heaps of trash called garbage patches. Found in the Indian Ocean, two in the Pacific, and two in the Atlantic. This is such a problem that scientist's predicted by 2050 there will be more trash than fish in the ocean.

Plastic and trash is piling up by the minute. This is our warning, if people don't help. The plastic waste could increase to 53 million metric tons! Think about global warming. Think about all the wildlife tangled up in this mess. For the community at the North Haven Congregational Church, please do help and recycle. If you do already, thank you!



By: Gabriella Deluca

### **A Sustained And Sincere Thank You!**

A great deal of wonderful work has been done in and around the church this summer. We offer our deep thanks to:

John and Sue Tibor, Nancy Mahoney, and Rob Nielsen have helped regularly with distributions from the Food Pantry, Gail Fulop has helped with sorting and stockng, and Robbie Juliano has helped with packing, and has shopped regularly to re-supply the Food Pantry. Paul Powers Priscilla Bradford and Sue Compton weeded and worked on landscaping. Cathy Welch has continued cataloguing the music library. Patience Benassi arranged and coordinated the fundraising auction, with help from Martin Benassi, Martha Butterworth, and Priscilla Bradford. Paul Powers and Mark Bessette installed air conditioners in offices and meeting rooms and upraded light fixtures in the lower level. Paul Powers, Mark Bessette, Martin Benassi, Ed Collett and Pete Struk worked on replacement and repair of shingles and base plate on the shed at the parsonage, and repaired a blockage in the drainline from the downspouts and sump pump. Thank you very much everyone!

### **Help the Habitat ReStore!**

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Wallingford, 286 South Colony Road, sells home furnishings and fixtures and the proceeds support the construction of homes. The ReStore needs bubble-wrap and the inflated packing material that comes along with the online purchases that arrive at your home. They will use it to ship items to their online customers. Bring your unneeded bubble-wrap and inflated packaging to the church and we'll pass it along to the ReStore!

### **Best Wishes for New Endeavors**

In the coming weeks, Amelia Murphy will begin studies at TIGI Hairdressing School in Guilford, and Jaclyn Murphy will begin classes at Rhode Island College in Providence. We wish them both well in these new ventures!

### **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 Sept. 17, 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.

### **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.

### **Safe Conduct Training**

The Safe Conduct Policy of our Church seeks to protect children, adults, employees and authorized ministers in a save Christian community. The Ministry Leadership Board has directed that church leaders, staff, and volunteers complete online Safe Conduct

training focused on be watchful and preventing abuse, sexual abuse, and harassment. MLB members, staff and Mission Team members are currently working on the training. Volunteers working with children and youth will be enrolled as programs begin in the fall. An educational presentation about the Safe Conduct Policy and its implementation will be offered to the congregation in the coming weeks.

### **Safe Conduct Policy Reminder**

The Sunday School is a vital part of our Church program and we value the active participation of children and youth in our gathered worship.

The Faith Formation Mission Team reminds the congregation that the Safe Conduct Policy of our Church seeks to have two adults, or one adult and one teen, present in Church School classrooms. The Faith Formation Mission Team plans to meet this guideline in recruiting teachers and assistants for Church School in the fall.

### **Excitement Picks Up in the Fall!!**

We look forward with anticipation to worship in September. The Chancel Choir will return, Sunday School will begin, and lots of activities and fellowship opportunities are planned.. We will continue with “Lemonade Hour” outside until the weather cools and we move inside for hot coffee.

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.

### **Feel the welcome...Share the welcome**

The feeling of being welcome is wonderful! Let’s join 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 point people 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.

### **1st Annual Festival and Business Expo on Sept.23**

The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the first Annual Festival and Business Expo on the North Haven Green on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 11am to 4pm. There will be displays by local businesses and craft vendors, as well as food, entertainment, and children’s activities. Stop by and visit!

### **Review of Church Membership Rolls Continues**

The review of the membership rolls of the Church is proceeding. Letters encouraging active attendance at worship, participation in church programs and financial support will be sent to those members who have not been active recently. A special effort to contact young adults who have grown up in the church is being made.

### **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.

### **Cub Scout Pack 803 Returns!**

Cub Scout Pack 803 is one of two Cub Scout Packs in North Haven. Pack 803 was chartered through NHCC for many years. The Pack was deactivated as participation declined during the COVID pandemic. The Pack has been reactivated and they would like to renew their charter through the Church. Most meetings and activities will be held at Ridge Road Elementary School. It is possible that some Pack Meetings and some meetings of the Pack Committee may be held at the Church. **In order to renew the Charter we need a Church volunteer to serve as the Charter Organization Representative.** The responsibilities of the Charter Organization Rep include serving as a liaison with the Pack leadership, and reviewing applications of prospective adult leaders. The Charter Organization Rep needs to complete online training including a one-time training on the CO Rep role, and annual Youth Protection training provided by the Boy Scouts of America. The CO Rep is welcome, though not required, to attend any Pack 803 meetings or activities. If you are interested in helping the Church and Pack 803 in this way, please speak with Scott Morrow.



### **A New Home For September!!**

Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven dedicated a new home at 257 Russell Street on August 19. The owner of the new home will be Natalie Ortiz, and she will share it with her three daughters, Aryannah, Elaynah, and Natalia. The construction of the home was sponsored by Sleeping Giant Build, which NHCC supports. In addition to a rigorous application process, Natalie contributed 400 hours of “sweat equity” to the completion of her new home. Sleeping Giant Build has sponsored a total of 13 projects, three in Hamden and ten in New Haven. They will begin working on project 14 at 129 Main Street Annex, in 2024. Congratulations!



### Notice of Endowment Team Meeting

The meeting will be held in the Heath room Thursday September 14th at 10:30 am. Members and friends with an interest in the Endowment are welcome to attend.

If you would like more information please contact Rev Morrow or Bryant Munson



### Music Together

Music Together classes held at our church. For ages 0-8 and their caregiver  
Mixed Age classes 0-5 \*Rhythm kids classes 4-8  
\*Ukulele classes 6+  
Offered for Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer semesters

Fun. Fabulous. Uplifting. Magical. These are just a few of the ways that parents describe our Music Together. Each week, babies, toddlers, preschoolers, big kids, and the grownups who love them gather in classrooms around the world to make beautiful Music Together as a community. Offered at more than 3,000 locations and 40 countries, our early childhood music classes give families with children a chance to get in touch with their inner musician and connect with other families. Our Music Together classes are on a mission to make the world a better place by making it more musical.

Wiggling, singing, and laughing with your child is so much fun—it's easy to forget how much learning is taking place! Our research-based curriculum not only develops music skills, it nurtures creativity, self-expression, and confidence while also supporting social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. We'll have tons of fun singing, dancing, learning and playing instruments in this Free Music Together demo class. Your family will learn 25 new songs and be immersed in music, learning, and fun each semester. We have a different collection of music (9 collections in total). Wiggling, singing, and laughing with your child is so much fun—it's easy to forget how much learning is taking place!

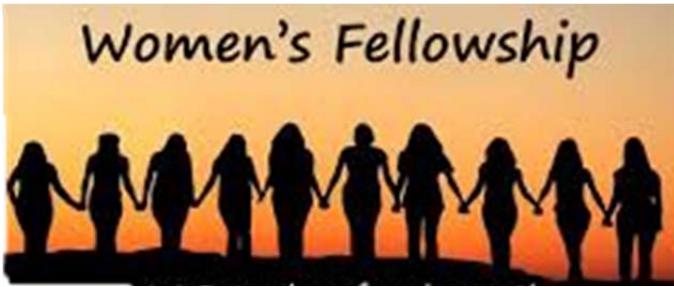
### Church Office Has Resumed Normal Hours

The Church Office is back to normal hours for the program year. The Office is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### Weekly Bible Study ZOOM Begins

**September 5.** The weekly Bible Study will gather again on Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and study. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for an hour for study and prayer through ZOOM! All are welcome!

We have been reading our way through the Minor Prophets – in September we'll begin with the prophet Micah. If you would like to visit, tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link.



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## Women's Fellowship

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### Fair Craft workshops

Help with sewing and handcrafted projects is needed. Fair Workshops will be in the Koinonia Room in September. Materials and instructions for projects for the fair will be available. We hope you will join us!

### Save the date

The Women's Fellowship's Military Whist Card Game will be on Friday, September 22. Tickets are available now (\$12.00 per person) and must be purchased in advance. Singles and couples welcome. Please call Carol Mitchell (203) 668-0608 or email [cdmitchell60@yahoo.com](mailto:cdmitchell60@yahoo.com). Light refreshments will be served. There will be a 50/50 raffle! Our Fundraisers help support Church projects and local organizations.

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. and the game begins at 6:00 p.m.

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

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## Men's Fellowship

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After a two-month summer hiatus, Men's Fellowship restarted its twice-a-month Saturday breakfasts on September 2nd with ten men in attendance: Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Fran Dutko, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Tim Peiffer, Stephen Simonson, Peter Struk, and John Tibor.

Pastor Scott shared a number of pastoral concerns with the group, mentioning Marcia Foulds, David Gould, Linda Rankin, Herb and Ann Schneider, Linda Shannon, and most particularly, Bradley Schweickert,

who was struck with a serious, previously undiagnosed, medical condition recently while in Army Ranger training and rushed to the hospital where he was eventually stabilized. We are pleased to report that Bradley has been released from the hospital to his home base, and we wish him all the best as he faces head-on the lifestyle changes he will need to make to accommodate his new health reality.

We were also reminded of several upcoming church events of note: Rally Day, on Sunday, September 10th, when we welcome back the choir, the children, and (hopefully) a whole bunch of returning congregants; a Women's Fellowship-sponsored Military Whist fundraiser on Friday, September 22nd; a December 6th-7th "Miracle of Christmas" trip to Lancaster County, PA, and, perhaps, a Pierpont Concert or two.

And very importantly, our group recommitted on this day to sponsor a Comedy Night fundraiser at the church on Saturday, October 21st, the details of which are as follows: the doors to Carroll Hall will open at 6:00 pm; the show will start at 7:30 pm; pizzas, subs, snacks, and soft drinks will be available to all attendees, as well as the opportunity to purchase tickets for both a baskets raffle and a 50/50 drawing; and tickets, priced at just \$25.00, can be purchased by contacting the undersigned (Jim Bennett) at either 203-909-1079 or at [pdgjim98@gmail.com](mailto:pdgjim98@gmail.com). Our goal is to sell all 100 tickets, so please let Jim know how many YOU will take.

The men will next meet for breakfast on Saturday, September 16th, at 7:30 am. All men are welcome, be they members of the church or not.

Jim Bennett

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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:** Merrilee & George Gladkosky, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, Meg Adams, Paul Menillo, and David Gould.

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### PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

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

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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.



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### Save These Dates

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- Saturday, Sep 2 – Men’s Fellowship Brkfst 7:30am
- Wednesday, Sep 6 – OASIS Worship 7-7:30pm (virtual) theme: Community
- Sunday, Sep 10 – Rally Day, Confirmation Gathering, and OASIS Kick-off Party 4-6pm Spring Glen UCC
- Saturday, Sep 16 – Men’s Fellowship Brkfst 7:30am;
- Sunday, Sep 17 – OASIS Apple Picking at Blue Hills Orchard 2-4pm
- Friday, Sep 22 – Military Whist – Women’s Fellowship 6pm
- Saturday, Sep 23 – Festival & Business Expo, Town Green 11-4pm;
- OASIS Church Campout 6pm Sat -9am Sun at Spring Glen UCC
- Sunday, Sep 24 – New Haven East Consociation Pulpit Exchange
- Wednesday, Sep 27 – OASIS Worship 7-7:30pm (virtual) theme: Resilience
- Saturday, Oct 21 – Men’s Fellowship Comedy Night
- Sunday, Oct 22 – NHE Consociation Annual Mtng – Old Stone Church EH 6pm

**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  
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**Joyce Bellonio**  
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**Marlene Bellonio**  
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**Betsy Gumbart**  
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Cheshire, CT 06410



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**Herb & Ann Schneider**  
56 Country Way  
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**Linda Shannon**  
165 Clintonville Rd, #214,  
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**Audrey Tilley**  
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# OASIS MUTLI-CHURCH YOUTH GROUP



## September

ON  
ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 6TH **7:00-7:30PM**

**Worship Wednesday** THEME  
**COMMUNITY**

SUNDAY 10TH **4:00-6:00PM**

**KICK OFF PARTY!**



RSVP BY  
9/6

RSVP BY  
9/13

SUNDAY 17TH **2:00-4:00PM**

**APPLE PICKING** AT BLUE HILLS  
ORCHARD

SATURDAY 23RD - SUNDAY 24TH

**6:00PM**

**9:00AM**

**Church Camp Out**



RSVP BY  
9/20

ON  
ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 27TH **7:00-7:30PM**

**Worship Wednesday** THEME  
**RESILIENCE**



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## The Window

### LECTIONARY READINGS

#### September 3<sup>rd</sup> (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 3:1-15                      Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b or  
Jeremiah 15:15-21                Psalm 26:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21                    Matthew 16:21-28

#### September 10<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 12:1-14                    Psalm 149 or  
Ezek 33:7-11                        Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14                    Matthew 18:15-20

#### September 17<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 14:19-31                    Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 or  
Genesis 50:15-21                    Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12                    Matthew 18:21-35

#### September 24<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

Exodus 16:2-15                    Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or  
Jonah 3:10-4:11                    Psalm 26:145:1-8  
Phil 1:21-30                         Matthew 20:1-16

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