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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Teacher Appreciation**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Magnificat: Sesti Toni

Frescobaldi

***OPENING HYMN:** “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” **V344**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: A new world awaits

PEOPLE: Through an open door.

Leader: Welcome into the house of God.

PEOPLE: Discover renewal and new life.

Leader: Find hope and blessing.

PEOPLE: Taste joy and forgiveness.

Leader: A new world awaits.

**ALL: Sing praise to God who beckons us to dwell in the new
community of the redeemed.****

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE** *~unison*

In the name of God, the Compassionate;
Look down upon the whole human family
Take away the divisions and hatreds
which have infected our hearts.
Break down the walls that separate us
Reunite us in bonds of love
So Your purpose may be accomplished...
That all nations and races serve You
in justice, peace and harmony.### Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

Risen Savior, we thank you that in your resurrection we are transformed. We are free from living graveclothes that have bound us – prejudices, fears, anger, self-centeredness, loneliness. We thank you that in your resurrection those dear to us are embraced. In you they have victory over suffering, unknown on earth, and the joy of your presence always. We thank you that in your resurrection we ourselves may hope for the end of pain, grief, tears, weakness, and for everlasting life in the beauty of your spirit. *** Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*trespasses*) Choral Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

TEACHER APPRECIATION Jackie Jennings, Jenn Febroriello

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 4:5-12 Page 1264

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “My Shepherd Is the Living God”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 10:11-18 Page 1248

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Brother James' Air*

Psalm 23 (from the Scottish Psalter, 1650)

Tune by James Leith Macbeth Bain (c1840-1925)

Sung by the Chancel Choir arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

SERMON: “Following the Good Shepherd” Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “The Church’s One Foundation” **V331**

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: No. 1 *Dialogue* Louis Marchand

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Carol Amico. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Phyllis Kaercher, Kathy Harple, Ellie Harple, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Lauren Campos 04/22, Larry Ballantyne 04/22, Paula Diehl 04/26.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bryant & Sara Munson 04/23, Tony & Cheryl Solecki 04/24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Team Spotlight

This week the Mission Team Spotlight is on Women's Fellowship.

Women's Fellowship (WF) has been a part of this church for centuries. I'm not quite sure of exactly how long ago it started, but I have been told the women were called "The Kings Daughters." As time went by, the name of the group was changed to Women's Fellowship, and membership grew. There were many women—some working women, some stay at home moms, women of all ages! To accommodate the women of the church, small groups were formed called "circles." At one point, there were 5 circles that met at various times during the week. Some met during the morning, some in the afternoon, and others in the evening.

Activities of these circles included fellowship, outreach, and fundraising. In the early 60s, I believe it was 1964, Ellie Harple and Ruth Dudley started the first Harvest Fair at this church. With the help of many of the women, this Fair became a yearly event that continues today—60 years later! The strength of women doing God's work.

Over the years, there have been many additions to the activities of Women's Fellowship. We have over the recent years started having holiday dinners, such as the Saint Patrick's Day dinner. We've also had potluck dinners, ladies night out at the winery, tag sales, Military Whist Parties, and craft night to make items for the Harvest Fair. We had monthly meetings to plan for future activities. It was a fun and busy time!

All of that came to an abrupt stop when Covid hit and the world was shut down. The church was, of course, closed and all WF activities were stopped. Some of the women stayed in touch by video chats, and someone had the idea that we should meet in person! So on April 20, 2020, 7 ladies from Women's Fellowship met in the church parking lot for lunch. We each brought a chair and lunch and sat 6 feet apart with masks on. We met every Tuesday, weather permitting, and the group was growing. That group became known as PLP—*Parking Lot Picnic*.

Times have surely changed since Women's Fellowship first began here! No more 5 circles of women meeting weekly. No more monthly evening meetings. Yet the work still gets done! The activities and fundraising continue, and our outreach to the community has increased greatly.

The women who met in the parking lot during Covid were willing to try something different, and it works. All of us are retired, and meeting during the day is more convenient than evening meetings. As you know, Women's Fellowship always has been and always will be open to all women who attend church here, member or not. ALL are welcome! We would love to see more ladies join us any Tuesday at 12:00 noon in the parking lot! Still working? There are many opportunities to get involved and help with fundraisers, the Fair, dinners, or any other activity! We look forward to suggestions and ideas to add to Women's Fellowship. Please see any member of Women's Fellowship Executive Board: President, Dot Pierce; Vice President, Nancy Mahoney; Treasurer, Carol Mitchell; Assistant Treasurer, Kathy Harple; Secretary, Cheryl Bogert.

Thank you and God Bless you!



**Saturday,
April 27**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

DEATakeBack.com



Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs On Saturday, April 27th at Fire Headquarters from 10am – 2pm

The Town of North Haven and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will be teaming up once again to give the public the opportunity to prevent pill misuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Visitors are asked to bring medications for safe disposal to North Haven Fire Headquarters located at 11 Broadway. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. This is the 24th National DEA Takeback Day, with collection events taking place every April and October.

This is a drive through drop-off event. Visitors simply need to pull down the driveway of Fire Headquarters and drive around to the back of the building, where they will be greeted by staff to accept the medications. Visitors will be asked to remain in their vehicles and to hand the medications through the window to the staff. Visitors are discouraged from exiting their vehicles or walking up to the disposal tables.

Vapes and other e-cigarette devices or cartridges are also now being accepted; please remove the batteries before dropping these items off for safe disposal. Items that will not be accepted include syringes, needles or other sharps, inhalers, such as those for asthma, aerosol cans, mercury thermometers, iodine-containing medications and illegal drugs or substances (including marijuana which is still a schedule 1 drug under federal law).

Please leave all medications in their original containers if possible. Cross out the person's name with a black marker to ensure privacy.

For more information, please contact Carla Picard in Community Services at 203-239-5321 x504.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 811 ZITI DINNER APRIL 27 Boy Scout Troop 811 will hold their Annual Ziti Dinner on Saturday, April 27, from 5:00-7:30. The meal will include ziti, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage, coffee and dessert. “To Go” meal will also be available. The meal is restaurant style with table serving by the Scouts.

Tickets will be sold at the door or in advance by calling Scoutmaster Michael Wurm (203) 530-4731. The ticket prices are \$15 adults, \$13 for Seniors, Military and 13 and under; 5 & under and Scouts in uniform are free. Cash, Venmo, or Checks made payable to “Troop 811)

Information



Venmo



A springtime choral music concert featuring the United Girls' Choir On Saturday May 4, at 7:00 pm the North Haven Congregational Church is delighted to host a spring concert featuring the world renowned United Girls' Choir (UGC). This concert is a follow up to UGC's holiday concert offered at NHCC in December. If you missed that concert you won't want to miss this one!

The United Girls' Choir is known for performing complex and advanced musical arrangements with pristine intonation and phrasing. To hear this kind of singing in a spacious and historic church is a real gift.

Over the past two decades, UGC has given thousands of choristers, ages 5-18, the chance to sing for joy, develop confidence and leadership skills, and build lifelong friendships in a safe, supportive environment.

The Pierpont Concert series has been hosted at North Haven Congregational Church since the year 2000. The concert will take place at the North Haven Congregational Church, located at 28 Church Street, North Haven, across from the Town Green. There is ample parking and the church is handicapped accessible. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Student tickets are \$10 and children under age 12 are free admission.

Please call 203-239-5691 to reserve your tickets. Doors open at 6:30pm. Cash, check, and Venmo accepted at the door.

North Haven Congregational Church
presents

UNITED GIRLS' CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

A special program of harmonious choral music.

Songs of the Season • Community • The Joy of Music

May

Saturday | 4 | 2024

7:00PM

Doors open at 6:30PM

NorthHavenUCC.org

Tickets at the door or in advance: 203-239-5691

28 Church Street, North Haven, CT

General admission: \$15

Students: \$10

Children under age 12, free

Elevator access.

TAG SALE MAY 18, 9:00-2:00 p.m.

Spring is here, time to freshen up your home and help Women's Fellowship with our fun raiser! We will be holding our Annual Tag Sale and your help is needed! The more items we have, the more money we will raise for the church.

We are looking for any items that you are ready to get rid of (not junk or clothing) dishes, glasses, kitchen items, pots, pans, anything kitchen. Any tools, towels, lamps, wall hangings, throw pillows, table cloths, napkins or anything decorative, Knick knacks, photo frames, etc. are all acceptable!

Please bring your items to the church before May 6th.

We will also need help pricing, setting up, cleaning up and selling during the tag sale!

Please let Carol Mitchell or Dot Pierce know if you are able to help!!

Women's Fellowship will be donating a portion of the proceeds raised

from the Tag Sale to help a young couple and their two young daughters, from Peru, who are getting settled in North Haven.

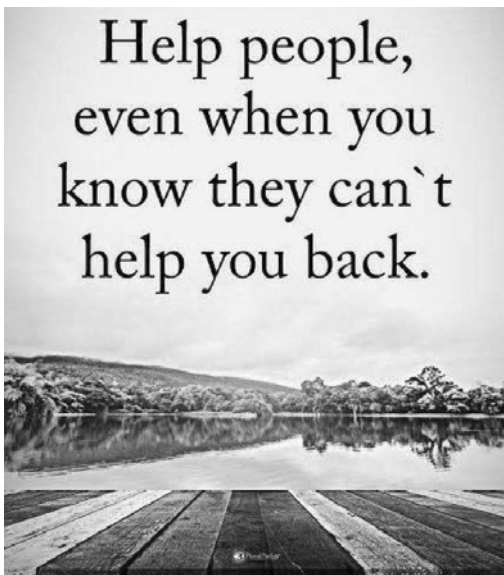
Their needs, currently, are clothing for both girls ages 9 & 7. Women's Fellowship will use the money to purchase some clothing and also give them a gift card to help get started.

We will be accepting monetary donations, checks payable to Women's Fellowship Tag Sale.

Thank you all for helping!

North Haven Day of Prayer Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30am in the Emerald Ballroom at the Best Western Plus North Haven Hotel, 201 Washington Ave., North Haven. This event is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer through a collaboration of the churches of North Haven. There is no cost to attend. All are welcome!

Please register now – seating is limited. To register for this event, scan the code below or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4895z9e8> You will receive an email confirmation. Questions? Call 203-234-7328 or email office@hopeag.com.



Help people,
even when you
know they can't
help you back.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/21	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	4/22	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	4/23	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/24	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:00 p.m.	WINDOW MAILING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Sisterhood (K)
Thursday	4/25	4:30 p.m. 6:00 7:00	Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	4/26	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	4/27	9:30 a.m. 10:30 11:00	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Funeral Reception (CH)
Sunday	4/28	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – YOUTH SUNDAY (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World

The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton

***OPENING HYMN: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" V344**

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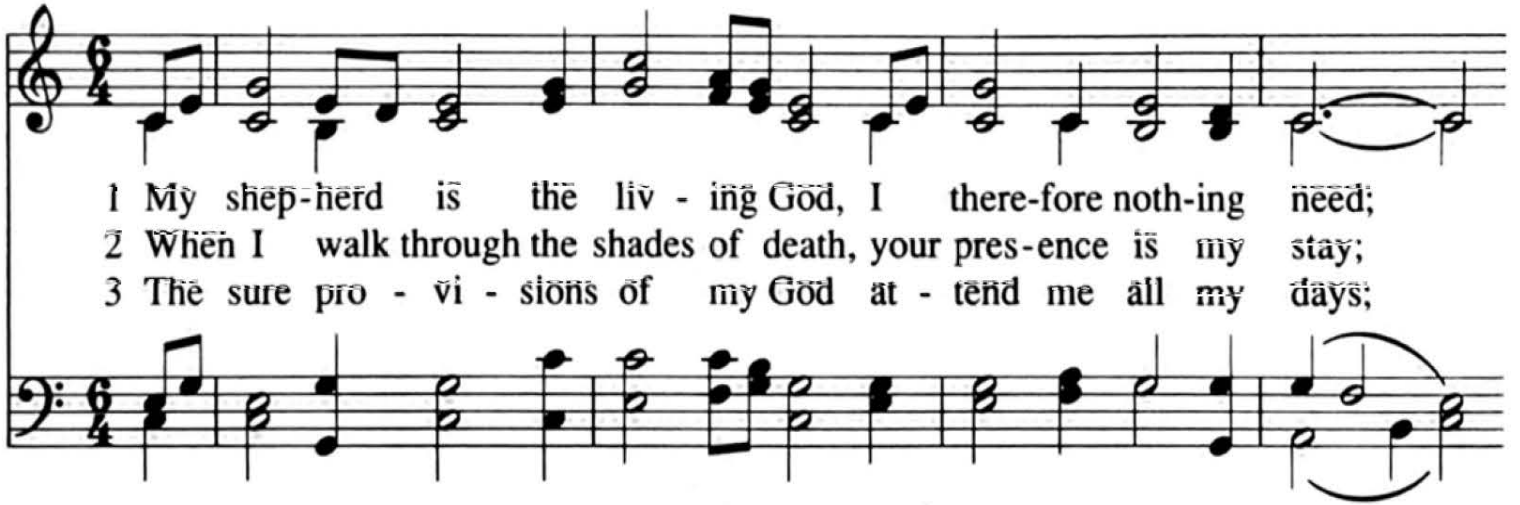
- 1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
- 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
- ♦ 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,
- 4 Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my Pro - phet, Priest, and King,
- 5 The ef - fort of my heart is weak, and cold my warm - est thought;

D G D G D Em A7 Bm D Em D A D

- It soothes the sor - rows, heals the wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
 ♦ my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.
 but when I see you whom I seek, I'll praise you as I ought.

* HYMN: "My Shepherd Is the Living God"

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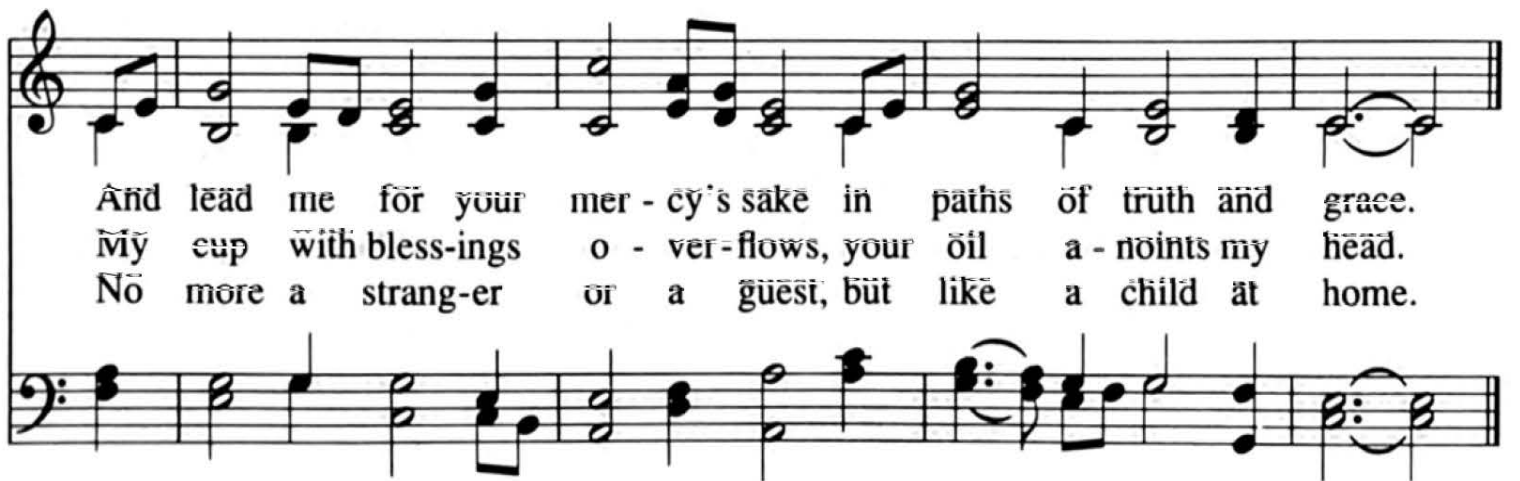
1 My shep-herd is the liv - ing God, I there-fore noth-ing need;
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.
A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan-dering spir - it back when I for-sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers come and go—



And lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o - ver-flows, your oil a - noints my head.
No more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord,
 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
 ♦ 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,

we are his new creation by water and the Word;
 one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 ♦ by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
 and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
 One holy name professing and at one table fed,
 ♦ yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
 Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we

his living servant people, by his own death set free.
 to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
 ♦ But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Dedication of Habitat Home Today at 1:30pm

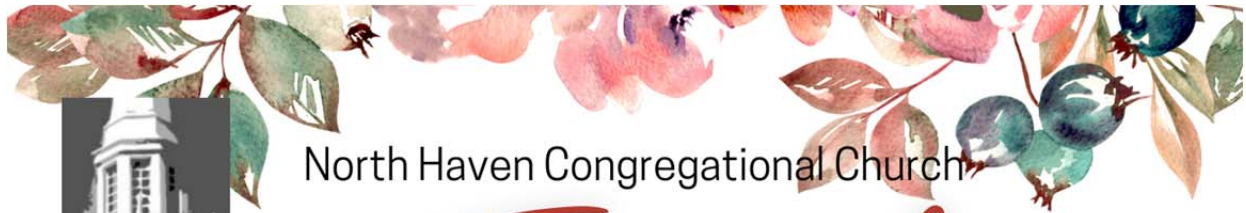


Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven announces the dedication of a new home at 264 Russell Street. This will be the home of the Wahidi family, Abdullah, his wife Roona, and their four sons, Rahmatullah, Assadullah, Esmatullah, and Weedullah.



Come and celebrate with us. No RSVP is required, and the ceremony will be held outdoors. We hope you can attend!

Special thanks to all of the volunteers and donors who made the building of this Habitat home possible.



North Haven Congregational Church

SPRING

Tag Sale



HOSTED BY THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Date: May 18th

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Set up: 7:30 am

Location: North Haven Congregational Church
28 Church St North

Haven, CT 06473 | 203-239-5691



SPACES AVAILABLE:

OUTSIDE ON THE CHURCH LAWN

\$30.00 (BRING YOUR OWN TABLE AND CHAIR)

INSIDE THE CHURCH

\$35.00 (TABLE AND CHAIR PROVIDED)

CALLING ALL VENDORS:

- COMMUNITY VENDORS WELCOME
- CHURCH MEMBERS CAN RESERVE SPACES TOO

DONATE & SELL:

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL HAVE A TABLE AND WELCOMES DONATIONS OF ITEMS TO SELL

LUNCH SPECIAL:

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL COOK UP DELICIOUS HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT:

- LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
- CHURCH PROJECTS AND BUDGET

LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR'S TAG SALE THE BEST ONE YET!

FOR INQUIRIES AND RESERVATIONS, CONTACT
CHURCH OFFICE (203) 239-5691



COME SHOP WITH US

