



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

May 2024

FROM THE
PASTOR 

Come Holy Spirit!

The season of the church year between Easter and Pentecost is called Eastertide. During this season the lectionary offers passages from the gospels that relate accounts of Jesus' appearances to the disciples after the resurrection, and passages from the Acts of the Apostles that describe the early church.

We recognize the astonishment, and particularly, the joy of the empty tomb on Easter morning. For most of us, this year was not our first Easter.

For the disciples, and the other followers of Jesus, though, it was strenuous to accept the reality of Jesus's resurrection and it's power. This is a time of tremendous transformation in the lives of the disciples, from hiding behind closed shutters and doors in fear to proclaiming the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

This month we will celebrate Pentecost - 50 days after Easter. Pentecost marks God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Jesus had promised that God would send the Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen the disciples. The clarity and conviction and peace which the Spirit brought enabled the disciples to take up the mission Jesus had entrusted to them - to proclaim the gospel through all the world.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These are the ways in which the Holy Spirit shapes and guides and changes believers.

Let us anticipate the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as we look forward to Pentecost, May 19! Let us await the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, and be alert and eager for the opportunities to share - to put the fruit to work to brighten the lives of others.

Come Holy Spirit!

Peace, Scott Morrow



What's up with our parking lot?

Anyone who drives to church knows just how much fun it is to try and avoid the potholes in the parking lot. New England winters are tough on asphalt roads and parking lots due to the freeze-thaw cycles where the temperature drops low enough to freeze water trapped in the cracking asphalt, expands and forms a pothole. Building and Grounds (B&G) has been working on getting quotes from contractors for replacing the asphalt and installing drywells to provide proper and required drainage. The cost will be significant. Paul Powers has been spearheading this effort by talking to various contractors and the town engineer to discuss the best design and material for the project. Once we get more definitive numbers a decision can be made as to when and how to proceed. In any event, the cost will be more than we have in our budget so a formal capital campaign will be needed to raise the necessary funds. The Ministry Leadership Board (MLB) will be organizing this effort in the not too distant future. In the meantime, members of the B&G have been making repairs and filling the potholes on an on-going basis. To date, Ed Collett has laid down more than 700 pounds of processed stone (provided gratis by Manafort Brothers Construction) in the potholes in just the last month.

Everyone uses the church owned parking lot - town employees, the Masons next door, people attending the Tuesday summer concerts on the green, people coming to the Saturday evening Pierpont concerts, and of course, all of us on Sunday morning worship.

We need to present our church in a positive and safe manner and a well maintained parking lot makes a good first impression.

Martin Benassi
MLB Member

Ministry Coordinator for Children

May Church School Calendar

- May 5** Communion Sunday; Chapel Sunday. The children begin the morning with me in Chapel, then to their classrooms, then to worship for Communion
- May 12** Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to Church School
- May 19** Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to Church School
- May 26** Family Sunday (Memorial Day Weekend); children remain in worship with their families

June

Every Sunday in June will be Family Sunday, so the children will remain in worship with their families. However, there will be Children's worship bulletins available for the childrens' use.

Summer Church School

This year, Summer Church School will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during July and August: July 14 and 28; August 11 and 25.

Youth Sunday

On April 28th, NHCC celebrated our annual Youth Sunday. This year's theme was caring for God's world and included scripture selections from Genesis 1:1-2:2 and Psalm 8:3-8. Many of the children participated by creating art and reading scripture.

The sermon, entitled "Guardeners of God's Creation" reminded us that we are all part of God's creation; that as human beings we have a special role in caring for

that creation. It is that responsibility that defines our place in God's world. It demands that we closely examine our way of living, our impact on the environment, and our care for the world's creatures and resources.

Youth Sunday, as with each year, is a culmination of the lessons and themes presented throughout the church school year. Throughout the year, the children have actively participated in caring for God's creation by collecting and returning recyclables. The money collected from the thousands of cans, bottles, etc. returned, also contributed to the general budget of NHCC. So, this year, not only did the children learn to better care for God's creation, but they also learned the valuable lesson of stewardship toward their church.

Karlee Etter
Ministry Coordinator for Children





Birthdays Rhonda Masnato 5/01, Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05, Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09, Andrew Butterworth 05/13, Jack Corcoran 05/15, Drew Mastracchio 05/16, Todd Shea 05/17, Shirley Ryan 05/19, Jody Gallagher 5/22, Dorothy Pierce 05/22, George Gladkosky 05/22, Martha Butterworth 05/31.

Anniversaries Carla & Michael Hill 05/01, Heather & Michael Tolisano 05/24, Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 05/25.

Mission Team News



Special thanks to all of our Easter musicians!

We were blessed with an abundance of musical excitement on the day of the resurrection, Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. We sang hymns of praise in many forms, traditional and modern. We had an intergenerational choir featuring our Children's Choir and our Chancel Choir.



Many thanks to the church families for bringing their kids a few minutes early to help us get a run through on "Shout Hallelujah".

Thanks as always to the Chancel Choir for their weekly devotion and musicianship. We were also blessed with the sonorous tones of trumpets and organ, featuring our long time trumpet duo, Jon Noyes and Reggie Mayo III. Jon and Reggie work very well together and complement our Easter sound! We were also delighted to have Heather Meachen at the organ console working along with them on the marvelous prelude, postlude, offertory, and hymns. Lastly, thank you to the congregation of North Haven Congregational Church for singing our Easter hymns and service music so robustly and from the heart! As the beautiful spring days are now upon us, it is very easy to walk out the door, take a deep breath, and say, "Christ is Risen!"



Jeffrey Hutchins
Director of Music
North Haven Congregational Church

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.

A Warm Welcome on Sunday

We want to offer a cheerful greeting and a warm welcome to those who worship with us on Sunday morning! The Greeters, Deacons, Scripture Readers, and Hosts/Hostesses for coffee hour are also beacons of hospitality! Coffee and fellowship after the worship service is a special treat, and a good opportunity to welcome visitors. Experienced coffee brewers are standing by to help those hosting Fellowship Hour! Please consider helping to offer hospitality and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Sandy Carter.

On-Line Fundraising Auction in the planning; Do you have items to donate?

Over the last four years, our annual on-line fundraising auctions raised funds for our church budget. The following items, and many others, were donated making the previous years' auctions a success: full-length white fox coat, LL Bean and Orvis fly rods, full-length raccoon coat, sterling silver items, motorized lift chair, Lenox and Noritake china, piano, Karastan rugs, oil painting, Old Town canoe, antique wagon, ceramic tree, rare pyrex, copier, Thule car carrier, 14 karat gold jewelry, large special dollhouse, hobnail turquoise milk glass, Beatles albums, Technic turntable, antique license plate, turquoise necklace. These graciously donated items drew the largest bids over the last four years for our on-line auction fundraisers.

Should we hold an on-line auction this spring/summer? Do you have items you no longer need or use that you would like to donate that would do well in an on-line auction? The more variety the better, the more unique the better. In addition to the items above, the following items also would do well, musical instruments, teak items, MCM (mid-century modern) items, a kayak, small furniture items, books published

before 1900, Waterford items, antique, vintage or retro items. If so, please contact Patience Benassi or Priscilla Bradford or Martin Benassi or Martha Butterworth (The B team) and let us know. If we will have enough items to be donated, we can proceed to reserve a date for the auction and plan to move forward with our 5th annual on-line fundraising auction for our church's 2024 budget.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

A wonderful thank-you to all the people who helped with our worship services for Holy Week and Easter. Sue and John Tibor arranged the palms. Sue and John also arranged the Easter lilies and picked up flowers from Forget-Me Not for the cross outside. Several members gathered for the Easter Sunrise Service on the Green. Carol Amico, Jim and Joan Bennett, Sue Compton, Victor Maldonado, Heather Mastracchio, Priscilla Noriega, and John Tibor were the readers for the Maundy Thursday service. Heather Meachen and Jeff Hutchins and members of the Chancel Choir played and sang for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, accompanied by Reggie May III and Jon Noyes on trumpet. Karlee coordinated the Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the worship service. Thanks to all!

Successful Church Clean-Up April 13

A church clean-up day was held on Saturday, April 13 to tidy the church grounds. Flower beds and sidewalks were edged, branches, twigs and acorns picked up, window- and stairwells cleaned, and parking lot potholes filled. All of the debris was hauled to recycling center. Special thanks to Pete and Vicky Struk, Bernie Hummel, Martin Benassi, Sue Compton, Kevin and Colin Studley, Ed Collett, and Steve Simonson.

Bring Non-Perishable Food Items On Sunday Morning!

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. We will bring your contributions forward as a generous part of our offering on Sunday morning. Thank you!



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



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The 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.



Community Supper at St. John's Episcopal Church

The North Haven Rotary Club is sponsoring a monthly community supper at St. John's Episcopal Church on the last Friday of the month at 5:30pm. The next Community Supper will be Friday, May 24, at 5:30. Donations are accepted gratefully but not required. Fellowship is the goal of these suppers, as well as providing an affordable meal. Please consider attending this supper for good food and good conversation!

Weekly Bible Study ZOOM on Tuesday at 6pm

Come and visit the weekly Bible Study ZOOM on Tuesday evenings at 6pm. We meet for an hour for study, prayer, and fellowship; All are welcome! We have been comparing the gospel accounts of the Passion story. Tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link.

The 2024 Memorial Day Parade for the Town of North Haven is scheduled for Saturday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. Discussions are underway regarding the participation of the NHCC float. More details to come!

Choir Appreciation Sunday Set For June 2

We will celebrate our choirs – the Chancel Choir, the Children's Choir, and the Chime Choir – and our talented and dedicated music staff – Organist Heather Meachen and Director of Music Jeffrey Hutchins, on Sunday, June 2. This will be our opportunity to thank all of these fine people for their commitment, their generous spirit, and their great work! We have decided NOT to schedule Choir Appreciation and Heritage Sunday on the same Sunday in order to offer full attention to each group. Please join us in celebrating gratefully with the choirs on June 2!

Celebrate Heritage Sunday On June 9

On Heritage Sunday we take the opportunity to celebrate long-time members of the Church. Heritage Members are those who have been members of NHCC for 50 years...or more! Just imagine: with perfect attendance that's at least 2600 Sundays! It is a special occasion to recognize long-time members, and we will do so on Sunday, June 9. We will send letters of invitation to all of the Heritage Members in our church records. We will also recognize those who have been church members in several different churches, for 50 years or more.

If you have a question about whether you, or another family member, are Heritage Members, please call the Church Office. Please plan to join us on Heritage Sunday June 9!

Southern New England Conference UCC Annual Meeting

The 5th Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 21-22 on the campus of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. The Annual Meeting begins on Friday at 4pm and concludes on Saturday at 6pm. See the Conference website (www.sneucc.org) for more information or speak with Scott

Registration Continues for 2024 Summer Conferences at Silver Lake

Registration has opened for 2024 summer conferences at Silver Lake Camp. Family Camp sessions are June 30-July 3 and July 3 – 6. One-week sessions (Sun-Sat) for campers entering grades 4-12 are offered July 7-13, 14-20, 21-27. Tiered pricing is available \$745/\$670/\$595.

A FREE Open House at Silver Lake is scheduled for May 19, 1-5pm.

For more information about the Summer Conference Schedule, check out the website www.silverlakeect.org, or talk with Karlee Etter or Scott Morrow

ATTENTION Silver Lake Alumni! There is a 3-day Camp session for Alumni & Friends Aug. 1-3. Visit the Camp you discovered as a kid – swim in the lake, climb on the ropes course, and have a s'more at the campfire. Session open to those 18+, cost is \$295

More information at

<https://www.silverlakeect.org/campsession/18183659> .

Regional Youth Event at Silver Lake Conference Center July 28-31

The Southern New England Conference UCC will sponsor a Regional Youth Event at Silver Lake Conference Center Sunday – Wednesday, July 28-31. This event will bring together teens from the Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Conferences, as well as SNEUCC. The Regional Youth Event is open to youth entering grades 7-12 in the fall of 2024, as well as 2024 high school grads, and their adult leaders. The cost is \$345 per person, which includes lodging for three nights (Su, M, Tu) and 9 meals beginning with dinner on Sunday evening. Scholarship funds are available on a needs basis to those who fill out an application. For more information, go to

<https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/16013091?month=7&year=2024&day=1&display=m>

Consociation Annual Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the New Haven East Consociation will be held in October. This year the meeting will be on Sunday, October 27, at 6pm, at the North Guilford Congregational Church. We will identify delegates for this meeting in the fall.

Women's Fellowship

Spring is here! Waking up in the morning and hearing the birds singing and chirping is such a wonderful sound. I feel it's God's way of waking me up in the morning.

Spring is a time to clean up and discard unwanted household items. Well, we have some good news! Women's Fellowship is having a church Tag Sale on Saturday May 18 in Carroll Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **WE NEED YOUR STUFF!** If you were thinking about bringing items to Goodwill or donating to another service, please drop those items off at the church instead. We will happily display, price, and sell them. Proceeds will go to help our family from Peru as well as Women's Fellowship. We will also need help setting up, during the tag sale, cleaning up Please let Carol Mitchell or Dot Pierce know if you can help. Thank you in advance for your support!

Women's Fellowship is hosting another fun evening on June 7—**MILITARY WHIST** Game! Doors open at 5:15 p.m., games begin at 6:00 p.m. This is a fun night for everyone. Light snacks will be served. If you haven't played before, instructions are given at the beginning of the game. It's fun and easy to play. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and prizes for the winning and losing tables. Tickets will be available during coffee hour starting May 5; cost is \$12 per person. Or reservations will be accepted by calling the church office. Checks should be made payable to Women's Fellowship.

The last activity for this year will be the annual Girls' Night Out at Gouveia Winery. All women are invited. Bring a snack to share and come and enjoy a beautiful view, lots of laughs, and of course delicious wine! Date has not been determined yet but will be in the bulletin beginning in June.

Enjoy this beautiful spring! Pay attention to the birds chirping and the beautiful flowers and trees blooming! God's amazing signs of new life!

Blessings,
Women's Fellowship
Executive Board

North Haven Congregational Church
presents

UNITED GIRLS' CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

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May
Saturday | 4 | 2024
7:00PM

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28 Church Street, North Haven, CT
General admission: \$15
Students: \$10
Children under age 12, free
Elevator access.



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
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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

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

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

We are livestreaming our worship services on Sunday mornings. We continue to celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month, encouraging those at home to participate with their own bread and juice.

If you are unable watch the Church service online, we will be happy to celebrate this Sacrament with you either in person or over the telephone. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 to make an appointment that would be convenient for you.

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.

Save The Date

- Wednesday, May 1 – North Haven Community Prayer Breakfast, Best Western No. H., 7:30am
- Saturday, May 4 – Elm City Girls Choir Concert 7pm
- Saturday, May 18 – Tag Sale on the Lawn
- Sunday, May 19 – Open House at Silver Lake Conference Center, 1-5pm
- Saturday, May 25 – Memorial Day Parade
- Sunday, June 2 – Choir Appreciation Sunday
- Sunday, June 9 – Heritage Sunday
- Fri-Sat June 21-22 – Southern New England Conference Annual Mtng, Amherst MA

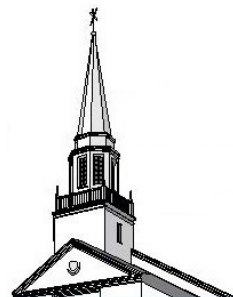
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Website. If you would like more information about the church and what is happening please visit our website.

www.northhavenucc.org



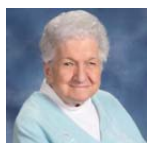
CARDS & LETTERS

Below are some of our church members who are not always able to be present for worship on Sunday mornings. We keep in touch with them through visitation such as home Communion and gifts of holiday flowers. We invite you to send them a card and include them in your prayers.

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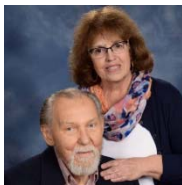
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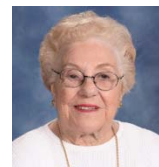
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WINDOW DEADLINE

May 22, 2024

May 5th (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalm 98

John 15:9-17

May 9th (Ascension Day)

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:15-23

Psalm 47 or 93

Luke 24:44-53

May 12th (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

Psalm 1

John 17:6-19

May 19th (Pentecost Sunday)

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezek 37:1-14

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26th (Trinity Sunday)

Isa 6:1-8

Romans 8:12-17

Psalm 29

John 3:1-17

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