



*North Haven Congregational Church, UCC*  
**The Window**

April 2025



**The Gift of Resurrection**

Resurrection is the foundation of the joy of Easter. With our flowers and our prayers and our song, we celebrate the power of God to bring life in the midst of death. It is the central promise of our Christian faith.

Resurrection is also a belief which is very difficult to reconcile with our modern, or post-modern, scientific understanding. I have strong memories of my inability to persuade college friends of the reality and importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For the most part, we rely on the account of witnesses for our information about Jesus' life after death.

Occasions for an encounter with resurrection seem to be rare and complicated. Many of us carry experiences of death and loss and the powerful wish for a resurrection that would take the painful absence away.

Resurrection is about God. It is about the unyielding, irrepressible, and inescapable love of God. It is difficult to imagine, and hard (impossible) to explain. Resurrection may involve surrendering certainty in order to be open to God's possibility; it clearly demands humility about the limits of our knowledge and understanding.

Resurrection is a powerful illustration of the triumph of God's forgiveness and loving kindness.

Resurrection is not found in every experience of death; it may rely totally on the testimony of others .....

"He is not here.....Come, see the place where he lay."

Resurrection is.



Peace and blessings in this holy season.

Scott Morrow

**A Season of Renewal, Involvement and Change**

As we begin the month of April, the days are a bit warmer, we see more budding flowers, the birds are singing louder and we look forward to the glory of Easter Sunday. We feel more energized, we have more hours of daylight. We have the opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to our Church and to the community.

Our Mission Teams have been meeting and we will be hearing highlights from many of the Teams this spring. In March we heard from Jeff Hutchins from the Music Team and Martin Benassi from Building & Grounds Team. We look forward to participating in the Memorial Day Parade again this year. The Covenant to Care Team and Women's Fellowship will be collecting Easter baskets for our social worker to be given to children at Easter. The Food Pantry continues to provide food boxes to families each week and we are thankful for volunteers from all the North Haven Churches. We are also thankful and appreciative to members of our Congregation who give rides to others to go food shopping, to go to doctor's appointments and to bring them to church. Some members send cards, some make phone calls, and some make visitations. One church member has been collecting wheelchairs to be sent to Ukraine. This is all done quietly each week. Thank you to everyone who is giving to others as Jesus has taught us.

In April, the Parking Lot Campaign Committee will begin to advertise and seek donations for the new Church parking lot. This is an important project both to the Church and the community. The Communications Team is compiling a new Church Brochure and assisting the Parking Lot Committee with their brochure. Both Building & Grounds and Church Safety Teams are working together to improve Church Safety within our building. There is much activity happening this spring and many members working together.

There is also a major change happening in our Church. Pastor Scott has announced his retirement effective July 27th. The Ministry Leadership Board and Pastoral Relations Team have been obtaining information from the SNEUCC to form a Church Search Team and to begin writing a Church Profile in search of a new interim pastor. There will also be a call for a meeting of our Church congregation soon. We will be asking Church members for input and we all need to work together as we move forward in this most important process. We will miss Pastor Scott and all he does for our congregation and community.

We know that change can be challenging and a bit frightening, but we are reassured by our faith in Jesus Christ that he will help and guide us in this task. We need to pray for direction each week, we need to continue to do God's work each week and we need to support each other and remain strong as we embrace a new beginning in our Church.

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Sandy Carter

Church Moderator



Ministry Coordinator for  
Children

### April Church School Calendar

**April 6** - Communion and Chapel Sunday; children begin in Chapel, then to Church school, then to worship to celebrate Communion with their families

**April 13** - Palm Sunday; children begin in worship then to Church School; *Noisy Offering*

**April 20** - Easter Sunday; Family Sunday; Children remain in worship with their families; Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**April 27** - YOUTH Sunday (Tentative). *Noisy Offering*; This will be a Family Sunday IF it is also YOUTH Sunday.

### North Haven Congregational Church School Mission Project

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month during the school year, the children collect a special "Noisy" Offering during worship. Each year, this special offering provides funds for the Church School's mission project. During the 2023-2024 school year, thanks to the support and generosity of the congregation and the children, the Church School collected more than \$1,000 for Heifer Project International.

This year as in past years, the Noisy Offering will also support Heifer Project International. During Chapel on October 6, 2024, the children selected three different Heifer gifts for the 2024-2025 school year: Rabbits, Trees/Trees seedlings and Water Pumps. Rabbits are easy to take care of. This high-in-protein, high-yield gift helps Heifer families increase their income and improve upon their health.

Trees are an essential part of our ecosystem and help to keep the Earth together. They purify the air, renew the soil and help create a healthy environment. Water Pumps or Irrigation Pumps provide clean water for impoverished communities. Many homes lack running water and some families do not even have a well nearby. Often children - especially girls - must spend the day fetching water, leaving no time for school. Water and Irrigation Pumps lesson that burden for the girls so they may attend school.

Upcoming Noisy Offering Sundays: April 13 & 27; May 11 & 25

A visual clue for you; when you see NHCC two mascots, the sheep and goat, you will know it is a NOISY Offering Sunday.

Karlee Etter  
Ministry  
Coordinator for  
Children



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## The Window

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**With gratitude, we share the names of those who have pledged to support the annual budget as of 3/26/25:**

Carol Amico & Scott Morrow  
Beth Anderson  
Rich & Susan Baldino  
Larry Ballantyne  
Patience & Martin Benassi  
Jim & Joan Bennett  
Mark & Laurel Bessette  
Cheryl Bogert  
Priscilla Bradford  
Elaine Burr  
Mark & Martha Butterworth  
Sandy Carter  
Sue Cifelli  
Wendy Civitello  
Ed & Mary Ellen Collett  
Susan Compton  
Rebecca & Alan Conley  
Kim & Tom Coughlin  
George & Florence Coulston  
Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski  
Carmen & Melissa DeLuca  
Bette & Bob DeMayo  
James & Leslie Dockendorff  
Ken & Ann Dubar  
Doris Ferner  
Carl & Lillian Flodquist  
Gail Fulop  
Jody & Rich Gallagher  
Sara and Brian Gannon  
Merrilee & George Gladkosky  
Tom & Wendy Glynn  
Susan Guckert  
Betsy Gumbart  
Nancy Gutowski  
Peter & Cheryl Hall  
Eleanor Harple  
Kathleen Harple  
Vivian Harris  
Carla & Michael Hill  
Susan Beth Higgins  
Bernie & Elfie Hummel  
Barbara Joslyn

Robbie & Bruno Juliano  
Linda Lacobelli  
Lynn & Dan Lafleur  
Ross Lanius  
Carol Lasse  
Suzanne & Nigel Light  
Nancy & Ken Mahoney  
John & Rhonda Masnato  
Heather & Drew Mastracchio  
Joyce & Ted Manzo  
Barbara & Rick Massey  
Michelle & Michael McBride  
Jeanne & William Mecca  
Kathleen & Robert Mickolyzck  
Carol Mitchell  
Bryant & Sara Munson  
Kim & Rob Natoli  
David Nelson  
Lynne & Rob Nielsen  
William Olmstead  
Timothy Peiffer  
Steve & Mabel Peterson  
Dot Pierce  
Paul & Elizabeth Powers  
Jeanne Reardon  
Lynn Reardon  
Betsey Reid  
Jane Romans  
Wendy & Richard Russo  
Robert & Ruth Scelzo  
Bob & Barbara Scheidecker  
Ann & Herb Schneider  
Adam & Julie Schweickert  
Stephen & Linda Simonson  
George & Linda Silk  
Tony & Cheryl Solecki  
Kerry & Eben Stewart  
Peter & Vicki Struk  
John & Sue Tibor  
Audrey Tilley  
Tracey & David Weiss  
Catherine Welch



### Church Family News

**Birthdays** Anthony Solecki 04/03, Jeff Hutchins 04/03, Sandy Carter 04/04, Tanner Dubail 04/04, Gloria Santamauro 04/07, Donald Adams II 04/15, Betsy Gumbart 04/17, Carla Hill 04/17, Lauren Campos 04/22, Larry Ballantyne 04/22, Brody Mickolyzck 04/24, Paula Diehl 04/26, Danielle Powers 04/29.

**Anniversaries** Rich & Sandy Mayhew 04/11, Ann & Herb Schneider 04/12, Drew & Heather Mastracchio 04/15, Martin & Patience Benassi 04/16, Merrilee & George Gladkosky 04/19, Bryant & Sara Munson 04/23, Tony & Cheryl Solecki 04/24, Kevin & Cheryl Studley 04/30.

**Births:**  
**Savannah Diane Feather**, born on February 27 to Jonathan and Sarah Feather; Jonathan is Cheryl Hall's son and Peter Halls stepson – their first grandchild!



**Aubree Lynn Nelson** born on March 11, 2025. She was 7 lbs 7 oz and 20.5 long. Aubree is the daughter of Lauren and Ryan Nelson, Great-Niece of Barbara Joslyn, and Grand-Daughter of Dave and Barbara Nelson. Aubree is being held by her cousin Ella Nelson.

**Deaths:**  
**Audrey Reardon Tilley** died on March 10 after a long illness. Audrey was the wife of the late James Reardon and George Tilley. She was the mother of Jeanne Reardon, James Reardon, Jr., Lynn Reardon, and Neil Reardon. Audrey was a Registered Nurse, and worked for many years at Yale-New Haven Hospital and then for the /Regional Visiting Nurse Association. She was a Heritage Member of the Church. We give thanks to God for the precious life of Audrey, and ask God's strength and comfort for all the family.

**Cards and Notes for Tony and Cheryl Solecki** Tony Solecki had been under treatment for brain cancer, and was recently placed under hospice care at the Grimes Center. This will allow the staff to provide care to help him save energy to spend with family. Tony and Cheryl are maintaining a strong and positive outlook together. You are welcome to reach out to them. Please send cards or notes to Tony and Cheryl Solecki, 1472 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven. Your prayers and good wishes are deeply appreciated!

**Celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week, And Easter!**  
We will have worship services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week Noon Prayer, Maundy Thursday and Easter. We invite you to come and join the celebrations! These services will be livestreamed online also. Worship services on Palm Sunday (4/13) and Easter (4/20) will be at 9:30am. The Holy Week Noon Prayer services are 30-minute prayerful and reflective services Monday – Friday 4/14-18 between Palm Sunday and Easter. There will also be an Easter Sunrise Service (4/20) at 6am at the gazebo on the Town Green. The service on Maundy Thursday (4/17) will be at 7pm.



**Easter Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.** Please note there will be ONLY ONE worship service at NHCC on Easter morning (April 20).

**Opportunities In Lent And Holy Week**  
Sunday, Apr. 6, 9:30: Worship with Communion  
10:45: Lenten Study  
Sunday, Apr. 13, 9:30: Palm Sunday Service Worship  
10:45: Lenten Study  
Mon-Fri, Apr. 14-18, 12:00pm: Holy Week Prayer  
Thurs. Apr. 18, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday  
Service with Tenebrae  
Easter Sunday, Apr. 20  
6:00am: Easter Sunrise Service –Town Green  
9:30am: Easter Worship - NHCC



### Easter Lilies Offering

With the arrival of spring and its early signs of emergence of flowers and shrubs, we remind you of the Easter Lily Special offering that has been a part of our Easter tradition for many years. As most of you know, the lilies allow us to give a memorial to our family members and beautify the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. They are distributed to our shut-ins and ill members after the service. **We invite your contribution toward the purchase of Easter Lilies for the sanctuary. The best way to make a contribution is online through the website, or by email. Please note to whom the Lilies are dedicated. If you send your contribution by regular mail, please call the Church Office with your dedication, so we know it is coming. Your support is appreciated.**



### Special Music Collection

We love to encourage our talented NHCC volunteers to bring forth their musical offerings each week, but on Easter, we like to \*augment\* our forces to add some brass to the occasion! Reggie and Jon have been with us for a number of years now and both have accepted the invitation to return again this Easter. They are a rock solid duo and wonderful to work with.

The choir will be singing the first movement of Vivaldi’s Gloria as the ultimate “Song of Praise” for Easter Sunday! It features two trumpets and organ. There will be other festive songs of the season!

We are so grateful to those sustaining members who have made additional musicians and additional hours of practice possible over the years. If anyone else would like to make a small donation toward this musical ministry, it is most welcome. Please use the pink envelopes writing “Special Music” in the relevant fields. You can also use the church website – click on the banner “Special Music Donations”. You can also reach out to Music Director Jeff Hutchins who would love to talk to you about it!

Once again, a most sincere thanks to those church members and their families who have assisted the music ministry over very many years.

In 2025, we plan to Spring forth in Glory. Praise, and Gratitude for the Resurrection of Christ!

## Mission Team News

### A Retirement Reflection

On Ash Wednesday we shifted from Epiphany to Lent. Just like a train on the tracks, we came to the switch and veered off gradually in a new direction. I enjoy the Ash Wednesday service because it is held in the evening. A small gathering, quiet and reflective and soft-spoken. I particularly enjoyed the simple soup supper before the service. Some delicious soups, made by church members, enjoyed with some salad and bread. Such a wonderful sharing of fellowship and gratitude! We hadn’t planned a soup supper in the last several years. It brought a special spirit to the shift into Lent.

I’m paying attention to church events and moments that are happening for the last time for me. I feel that I want to pay particularly close attention and savor the memory of the moments. One of the intentions of Lent is to prepare for the celebration of all the events leading up to the celebration of Easter morning. Palm Sunday comes with joyful cheering, and then quiet noontime prayer through the week. Maundy Thursday is another of our special, beautiful and powerful evening services. Easter Sunday will dawn with beauty and wonder, with a cross gradually dressed in beautiful blooms, and glorious music. I look forward to sharing these moments with you!

**April Easter Welcome** We look forward with excitement to the celebration of Palm Sunday and Easter! Let’s share a warm welcome with those who come to worship with us. On Sunday morning, Greeters, Deacons, Scripture Readers, and Hosts/Hostesses for coffee are the point-persons for our hospitality. Coffee and fellowship after the worship service is a special treat. 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.

### Come worship with us in April

April will bring flowers and birds and warm days! It will also bring Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday. These are joyous occasions – come

worship with us! Enjoy the fellowship and celebrate the promise of resurrection.

We will continue to livestream the worship service through the church website for those who cannot attend in-person.

**Run the Livestream CAMERA on Sunday morning!** The livestream of our worship service is very important to church members who live far away or cannot attend in-person. The camera, in the back of the sanctuary, is controlled from a desktop computer in the church office. The camera operator can shift the camera angle to provide close-ups at various points in the service. It's a pretty simple process to set up the camera and the livestream, and it's lots of FUN! Our most recent camera operators have earned community service credits for school! We're looking for volunteers! Please speak with Scott or Jeff Hutchins.

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

The Food Pantry Focus for April is VEGETABLES and FRUIT!! Please bring canned vegetables and canned fruit 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. Cash donations are also much appreciated – they allow us to purchase exactly the items we need! Thank you!



### **Trinity Solar**

We are working with Trinity Solar, Connecticut's largest residential solar installer, to help support our church, our members, and the environment.

This partnership program is simple:

- Call or text Chris Corcoran at (203) 623-1372 to set up a meeting. Chris will visit your home for an evaluation. He'll answer your questions, show you how much you can save on electricity costs, and describe the \$0 down, \$0 upfront program.
- Trinity will contribute \$100 to the church for each homeowner that meets with Chris for a no-cost home evaluation.
- For each person that moves forward with a solar solution for their home, Trinity will contribute \$1,000 to the church, when the installation is completed.

### **Window Deadline Shifting!**

The WINDOW schedule has shifted one week later each month. The deadline for the May WINDOW will be **Wednesday, April 30 and will be mailed on Wednesday, May 7**. Thank you for getting your articles and announcements to Julie promptly.

Going forward, the deadline will be the fourth Wednesday of the month and the mailing will be the first Wednesday of the month.



**Parking Lot Capital Campaign Kicks Off On April 6th!** Six months of planning culminate on Sunday, April 6th, with the official kickoff of the Parking Lot Capital Campaign. Our current parking lot, last resurfaced more than fifty years ago, has served the church and community well, but all must agree it now needs to be retired.

A Mission Team was formed last October to begin planning for this campaign. Its members include Beth Anderson, Martin and Patience Benassi, Jim Bennett (Chair), Sandy Carter, Sue Compton, Ed and Mary Ellen Collett, Kathy Harple, Rev. Scott Morrow, Paul Powers, and Kevin Studley. This group has been meeting bi-weekly since 1 January to: develop a campaign theme; tie in an appropriate scripture quote; create promotional literature; developing an overall marketing plan; establish a campaign goal and stretch goal; and target some potential lead gift givers for advance commitments.

Most of this important work has now been accomplished, so it is now time to introduce this campaign to the congregation and the North Haven community, so please be in attendance on April 6th to share a special fellowship hour with Parking Lot Campaign Committee members and learn how YOU can play an important role in the campaign's success.

Jim Bennett  
Campaign Chairperson

**Lenten Study Program Continues** – A program of reading and discussion will continue after worship on the final two Sundays in Lent: April 6 and 13. We are reading from the book “We Make the Road by Walking” by Brian McLaren. McLaren is a former college English instructor, an author of over a dozen books, a speaker, and a public theologian. In “We Make the Road by Walking, McLaren suggests “faith is not a destination or a status, but rather a road, a path, a way out of old and destructive patterns into new and creative ones.” The book is loosely organized around the church year, with chapters that are 3-4 pages including some questions for thought and discussion. We’ll look at some of the chapters touching on Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, and some others. Please feel free to join the group in April, even if you didn’t come in March!



**Covenant to Care: Easter Baskets**

Please have your Easter Basket returned to the church by April 13, 2025. Our social worker will pick up the baskets that week and distribute them to the children. Thank you very much for participating in this joyous project.

Kathy Harple

**Spring Cleanup April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Come join us on **Saturday morning, April 19<sup>th</sup>** to help with our **Annual Spring Cleanup**. Bring whatever tools you may have around the house - leaf blowers, trimmers, wheel barrels, shovels & rakes. We plan on cleaning out, edging, & mulching the flower beds, trimming the trees, & picking up sticks. Questions, contact Priscilla Bradford.



**Community Supper at St. John’s Episcopal Church** The North Haven Rotary Club sponsors a monthly community supper at St. John’s Episcopal Church on the last Friday of the month at 5:30 pm. The next Community Supper will be Friday, April 25th at 5pm. 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!

**DEA NATIONAL <sup>Rx</sup> TAKEBACK**

**NORTH HAVEN  
FIRE HEADQUARTERS  
11 BROADWAY**

Turn in unneeded medication  
for safe disposal.

**Saturday, April 26  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.  
Visit [DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com) for a collection site near you.

**Boy Scout Troop 811 Ziti Dinner April 26**  
Boy Scout Troop 811 will hold their Annual Ziti Dinner on Saturday, April 26, from 5:00-7:30pm at Faith United Methodist Church, 81 Clintonville Road in North Hven. 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)

**Annual Prayer Breakfast: May 1st**  
The churches of North Haven are excited to announce that registration is now open for our Annual Prayer breakfast. Our event will be held once again at the now Clarion Inn on Washington Ave, on Thursday May 1, 2025 at 7:30 am. Last year we saw record attendance

and we are anticipating another amazing community prayer gathering.

Prayer has been a foundational principle in the history and culture of our great Nation. In good times and in seasons of distress, pandemics and even in a year when a tragic house explosion rocked our community, we gathered to give thanks and to pray together for God's grace, strength and wisdom to give us strength and resolve to find hope. Our annual prayer breakfast is an opportunity to pray for our elected town officials and for those who serve our community and educate our children, keep our streets safe and clean and to just have a wonderful time to gather as a community to give thanks.

This event is free to our community as our gift to you, however since seats are limited registration is required. <https://onrealm.org/HopeChristianChurch/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=YzQ5YjYxMjQ5YmUyNC00MGI4LWE3ZWmtYjI5NzAxNWE3ZWY5>



TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN  
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North Haven Community Prayer Breakfast  
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025  
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM  
SEATS ARE LIMITED SIGN UP TODAY!

Where: Clarion Inn 201 Washington Ave North Haven CT  
Sponsored by the churches of North Haven.  
For more information call (203) 234-7328  
Sign up today to reserve your spot.



Host Churches include:

- North Haven Congregational Church
- Pond Hill Baptist Church
- St Elizabeth of the Trinity
- St John's Episcopal Church
- Hope Christian Church
- Life Changing Ministries Church
- Vox Church
- Word of Faith Christian Center
- Northford Christian Church
- Faith United Methodist Church

**Pierpont Concert**

We are delighted to host a special upcoming concert featuring young people with an abundance of talent! On Saturday May 3, 2025, 7:00PM, we are delighted to welcome back the United Girls' Choir. Last year's concert was thrilling, with numerous complex arrangements of beautiful choral music.

This concert will have amazing and inspiring music! Children are encouraged to attend and those children, under 12yo, are free admission. Students are \$10. Adults are \$15 and we are very grateful for that support.

**Come Explore the Weekly Bible Study ZOOM Tuesday at 6pm.** The weekly Bible Study will gather on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for fellowship and study. We are reading through the letters of Paul in chronological order. Currently, we're reading Galatians. We meet for an hour for study and prayer through ZOOM! All are welcome!. Please come and visit! Tell Scott or Julie you're interested and we'll send you the ZOOM link.

**SNEUCC Annual Meeting will be Virtual**  
The Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference will be held online on Saturday, June 7, 9am-1pm. The keynote speaker will be Jamar Doyle, who serves as the President and CEO of the Council of Health and Human Service Ministries of the UCC.

The theme of the meeting is "Into the Deep: Living and Leading at the Intersection". **We need two delegates to represent NHCC!** Put this on your calendar. More information can be found at <https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/18362882>.



### Confirmation 2024-25

Confirmation classes will be held on Sundays March 30 and April 6 at 5pm. Confirmation will also meet on Sunday, April 13; time to be determined.

### Registration Open for 2025 Summer Conferences at Silver Lake Camp

Registration has opened for 2025 summer conferences at Silver Lake Camp. The Family Camp session is June 22-25. One-week sessions (Sun-Sat) for campers entering grades 4-12 are offered June 22-28, June 29-July 5, and July 6-12, 13-19, 20-26. Tiered pricing is available \$940/\$850/\$760. There will be an Open House at Silver Lake on Saturday, May 17, 11am-3pm. For more information about the Summer Conference Schedule, check out the website [www.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org), or talk with Karlee Etter or Scott Morrow. New and prospective campers and parents can join a 1-hour informational Zoom on Sunday, April 13 or Tuesday, May 13, both at 6:30-7:30. Summer Staff and Volunteer applications are now open. Go to <https://www.silverlakeect.org/newsdetail/18768450> for more information.

Spring Action Weekend will be April 25-27 for grades 6 – adult. Help get Silver Lake set up and ready for summer. Go to <https://www.silverlakeect.org/campsession/18401220>. Spring Family Weekend will be held May 23-25. Find more information at <https://www.silverlakeect.org/campsession/18399371>.

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### PASTORAL VISITS IN HOSPITAL

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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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### 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.

**In Our Prayers This Month are:** Tony and Cheryl Solecki, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, Sarah, and Melissa.

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### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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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. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 to make an appointment that would be convenient for you.



### SAVE THE DATE!!

- Sunday, Apr 6 - Lenten Study – Koinonia Room 10:45am
- Thursday, May 1 – North Haven Christian Prayer Breakfast. Clarion Hotel, No. H. 7:30am
- Saturday, May 3 – Concert by Elm City Girls Choir 7:00pm Volunteers needed for reception. Please see a member of the Music Mission Team
- Saturday, May 10 – Women's Fellowship Tag Sale on the Lawn, set-up 7:30; 9a-2p
- Saturday, May 24 – North Haven Memorial Day Parade
- Saturday, June 7 – SNEUCC Annual Meeting (virtual) 9a-1p



### Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone who participated in the St Patrick's Day Dinner. To those who attended, we thank you for your support! To those who helped set up and clean up, we thank you for your help! To Mark Besette, John Tibor and Rick Massey we thank you for the wonderful job of prepping and cooking the delicious dinner!

You did an amazing job!! And to Gary Snowbeck for supplying the great bagpipe playing, that just topped off the afternoon!! Women's Fellowship will be donating approximately \$700 to the parking lot paving project!!

**Spring is here** and WF is getting ready for some exciting happenings! The Annual Tag Sale will take place on May 10th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are accepting household items, small appliances (working condition), small pieces of furniture, glassware, home décor, etc. Items may be dropped off in Carroll Hall or the elevator entrance. Please be sure items are clean and in good condition! No clothing! We also will have spaces available if you would like to rent your own space. We will be serving hot dogs, burgers, chips, and soda for a minimal cost. Stop by and find the treasure you've been looking for or just stop by for lunch. Hope to see you there. We need your support!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, June 7th, 6 p.m.**

### BINGO

is coming to NHCC Carroll Hall for an evening filled with great prizes—6 designer handbags or \$100 gift cards. Door prizes, raffle gifts, 50/50 raffle, and lots of fun! All proceeds will be donated to the Parking Lot Paving Project!

Posters are on various bulletin boards around the church. For more information, please see Dot Pierce or

call 203-634-6695. Come and join the fun! Dot Pierce, Women's Fellowship



### Men's Fellowship

The men met twice in February for breakfast and fellowship, on the 1st and 15th, with attendance numbers of eleven and six respectively. Present at one or both get-togethers were Larry Ballantyne, Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Mark Bessette, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Paul Powers, Stephen Simonson, Peter Struk, and John Tibor.

As I mentioned last month, the men intend to really promote bottles and cans recycling this year as an easy but significant way congregants can help support the church budget. Stephen Simonson and the church youth, with just a little help from a few parishioners, were able to raise a little more than \$2,000 last year. With some help from a few more church members (and their friends), we can raise that total exponentially in 2025!

We were blessed to be served a hot breakfast at our March 1st conclave, with John T. manning the spatula, while we had to settle for doughnuts and muffins at our March 15th get-together, thanks to Bryant M.'s generosity.

Much of our conversations revolved around upcoming church events: Ash Wednesday's Simple Soup Dinner and Service; Lenten Studies; Newcomer Classes; the St. Patrick's Day Dinner; and the soon to be officially announced Parking Lot Campaign Kickoff! But other discourses focused on the college portal and sports betting; and the fourteen minute Larry Bird highlight video which Jim encouraged everyone to Google and view.

The men will next get together for breakfast, fellowship, and story-telling on Saturday, April 5th, beginning at 7:30 am, and rumor has it that Peter H. will again be bringing his prepared breakfast casserole to it

Jim Bennett



**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



**Linda Rankin**  
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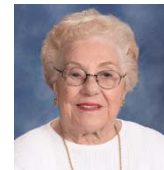


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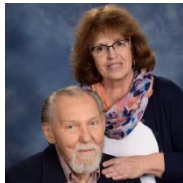


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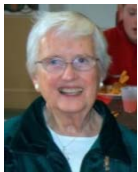
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# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:30am AI-Anon (K)	WINDOW MAILING 10:00 Food Pantry Open 4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)		10:00 Food Pantry Open	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	6:00 Leos Club (CH)	6:30pm Mothers of Twins (CH)		11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
		6:00 BIBLE STUDY	7:00 Lions Club (CH)	7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR		3:00pm Tibetan American (K, CR)
	6	7	8	9	10	11
	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am AI-Anon (K)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
9:30am Worship - Fifth Sunday in Lent	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00am Food Pantry Open		10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Memorial Service (Sanct)
10:45 Lenten Study (K)	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	1:00 Retired Fed Employee (CH)	12:00pm PLP (Library)		5:30 Girl Scout 60151(K)		11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	12:00 Building & Grounds (Heath)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)		5:00pm Party Set-up (CH)	12:00pm Birthday Party (CH)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	7:00 MLB (L)	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	7:00 Danish Brotherhood (K)	3:00 Tibetan American (K, CR)
		5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR)		7:00 Garden Club (CH)		
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)				
	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30am Worship -Palm Sunday	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am AI-Anon (K)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)		7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
		9:30 Music Together (DBL)		10:00 Food Pantry Open		9:30 Music Together (DBL)
10:45 Lenten Study (K)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)		10:30 Music Together (DBL)		10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	12:00pm Holy Week Pray Service	12:00pm PLP (Library)		12:00pm Holy Week Pray Service		11:00 Birthday Party (Kitch)
12:00pm Private Celebration (CH)	1:00 Food Pantry Open	12:00 Holy Week Pray Service	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)		11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 AI-Anon District Family (K)	7:00pm MAUNDRY THURSDAY SERVICE		3:00pm Tibetan American (K, CR)
	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30am Worship - Easter Sunday	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	9:30am AI-Anon (K)			9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
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	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)			3:00pm Tibetan American (K, CR)
	6:00 CT Record Club (CH)	3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	1:00pm Danish Sisterhood (K)			
		5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR)	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)		4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR			
	27	28	29	30		
9:30am Worship - Second Sunday of Easter	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am AI-Anon (K)		WINDOW DEADLINE		
	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)		9:30 Music Together (DBL)		
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)		10:00am Food Pantry Open		
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)			
	6:00 NEW TRAVEL Camera Club	3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)			
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)				

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## LECTIONARY READINGS

### April 6<sup>th</sup> (Fifth Sunday in lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21 & Psalm 126  
Isaiah 43:15-21  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

### April 13<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Isaiah 50:4-9a & Psalm 31:9-16  
Luke 19:28-40  
Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

### April 17<sup>th</sup> (Maundy Thursday)

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### April 18<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
Psalm 22  
John 18:1-19:42

### April 19<sup>th</sup> (Holy Saturday)

Job 14:1-14 or Lam 3:1-9, 19-24  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
Matthew 27:27-66 or  
John 19:38-42

### April 20<sup>th</sup> (Easter)

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

### April 27<sup>th</sup> (Second Sunday of Easter)

Acts 5:27-32  
Revelations 1:4-8  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150  
John 20:19-31

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