



North Haven Congregational Church, NCC

The Window

February 2025



Gratitude in February

February is an in-between month this year. We will have had our Annual Meeting on the last Sunday in January, and Ash Wednesday doesn't come until the first Wednesday in March. The meetings and work of finalizing the proposed budget for 2025 and gathering the reports for 2024, as well as picking up some project that were on hold through the Christmas and New Year's holidays, made January a busy month.

We will begin February with the energy and purpose, as well as the gratitude, that flow from the Annual Meeting. The Annual Report for 2024 describes a lot of devoted work and service in offering hospitality, caring for our building, worship, and caring for our members. It is important to pause and reflect on the gifts and collaboration and inspiration reflected in the Report.

There are goals and plans that propel us into the new year. The Parking Lot Project is well underway, and a fundraising campaign will soon begin to raise the money for paving. We have on our calendar a Pierpont Concert by the NHHS jazz and vocal groups this month, and a concert by the Elm City Girls Choir in May. Training, education and background checks for staff and volunteers are needed to fulfill our Safe Conduct policy. We want to energize our Mission Teams

In this in-between February, let us be thankful for all the gifts shared by the congregation, for the blessing of worshipping and serving others together, and for God's call which pull us into mission together. Soon enough it will be Ash Wednesday, and the tide of the church year will pick up through Lent as we look forward to Easter. Savor the calm of February, and attend to your gratitude. Peace to you.

Scott Morrow

From Bread And Cup To Faith And Giving

As you are reading this, we have just held our 2025 Annual Meeting and (hopefully) approved a new church budget and found a new Financial Agent for the church. I think it is appropriate that we reflect on what has transpired in both our church and personal lives over the past year.

The Generosity Team (Joan Bennett, Priscilla Bradford, Cheryl Bogert, Mabel Peterson, and Scott Morrow) worked overtime last fall to inform church members of the financial needs of the church and were completely honest in their several communications regarding where the money received comes from (more than two-thirds of it is pledge-driven) and how it is distributed (more than two-thirds of it is earmarked for staff salaries and benefits).

Thanks to their efforts, and with the hard work also of many church members and groups, we were able to increase the use of church facilities by outside groups last year, conduct several successful fundraisers, limit discretionary expenses wherever possible, and more, the end result being that we were able to end 2024 with a modest profit of \$9,617.32 that we carry forward to 2024.

As the MLB met to prepare a proposed budget for 2025, it faced the same issues and challenges that made the 2024 budgeting process so difficult, the primary one being the lack of growth in our number of pledgers. Anyone who has attended a service in person this past year surely recognizes that although we are seeing a few more people in the pews, we still need to grow our church membership, and we also need to encourage our current pledgers to give a little more. I also humbly entreat those congregants who currently pledge nothing to please commit to some amount.

Please recognize that pledge dollars fund more than two-thirds (69.5%, to be exact) of our annual operating expenses, and that total has been going down for several years now. From 2020 to 2024, for example, total pledges dropped from \$224,176.34 to

\$208,431.64. I think everyone will agree that expenses did not follow a similar path.

Remarkably, the MLB, with some great input from the Generosity Team and others, was able to present a balanced budget to the congregation on January 26th. Please recognize, however, that in order to do so, it is counting on everyone to fulfill their pledge obligations in full and to reach its targets in all the other income categories (building contributions, fundraisers, unrestricted gifts, loose offerings, and past due pledges), and it has also tapped the church's endowment funds for \$40,000. Continuing this trend (taking from our future to pay for the present) is not a good idea and unsustainable in the long term, but it's become our norm in recent years to bridge the gap between church pledge revenues and expenses with significant endowment contributions.

2025 has the potential to be a very good one for North Haven Congregational Church. We begin the year with a wonderful staff in place, complemented by and a small but dedicated core of church members willing to perform the necessary weekly worship tasks and significant mission team responsibilities and a committed and talented choir.

What will make 2025 an even better year will be YOUR personal involvement in church affairs, be it as a Deacon, Greeter, Coffee Hour Host, Mission Team Member (you pick your interest), or New Member Sponsor. Please try to become more involved this year. NHCC needs you!

Jim Bennett
MLB Member and Clerk of the Church

NHHS – Pierpont Concert:

Saturday, February 22, at 7:00PM, The North Haven High School Jazz and vocal, ensembles grace the sanctuary once again Please come support this major musical fundraiser for the church! This annual Pierpont Concert featuring the North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal Ensembles is always great! It is also a mutual fundraiser for both the North Haven High School music department and the Pierpont Concert Series here at the church. This annual NHHS concert, which has been happening for over a decade now, has always been very high energy and quite amazing! Band Director Susan Oakley and Choir Director Sarah Iadarola are very talented teachers and North Haven is quite blessed to have them. The program is always entertaining and diverse, featuring very old to very new musical works. It's great to see what these talented students are up to as they develop their musicianship and cohesiveness as an ensemble. The youthful musical energy is not to be missed. The church pews fill up fast for this one, so please secure your ticket soon and arrive early, if possible. Doors open at 6:30pm. We have recently raised the ticket price to \$15 general admission. We had been charging only \$10 for all of the Pierpont Concert Series history, 20+ years! Student tickets are still \$10 and if you have any audience members in your family under age 12, it's still free admission for them. Thanks for your support, past and present, in this concert series. In addition to cash and check, ticket sales can also be made through Venmo @NorthHavenCongregationalChurch and the "online giving" portal of the church website. In the "note" section you can specify the name and number of tickets you are reserving.





With gratitude, we share the names of those who have pledged to support the annual budget as of 1/22/25:

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
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
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
Robert & Ruth Scelzo
Bob & Barbara Scheidecker
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



Ministry Coordinator for Children

February Church School Calendar

Feb. 2 - Communion and Chapel Sunday; children begin in Chapel, then to Church school, then to worship to celebrate Communion with their families

Feb. 9 - Regular Sunday; children begin in worship; *Noisy Offering*

Feb. 16 - Family Sunday

Feb. 23 - Regular Sunday; children begin in worship; *Noisy Offering*

April 13 - Palm Sunday (Regular Church School)

April 20 - Easter Sunday (Family Sunday) and Easter Egg Hunt

Noisy Offering is collected by the Church School children during morning worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from October (except December) through May. Each year, during Chapel Sunday in October, from a list of ten gifts, the children select three different gifts of animals, or clean water or tree seedlings, that they believe will best benefit the community or communities to which the Noisy Offering is sent at the end of the school year. So, when you see NHCC's resident goat and sheep mascots attending worship, they are a visual cue to the congregation that it's a Noisy Offering Sunday for Heifer International.

The Noisy offering provides support to Heifer International and has done so ---

"Since 1944 has helped more than 18.5 million families in more than 125 countries move toward greater self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture. The impact of each initial gift is multiplied as recipients agree to Pass on the Gift by giving one or more of their animal's offspring, or the equivalent, to another in need. Heifer also provides opportunities for global education to the many individuals and congregations whose generous gifts make its work possible (excerpt from Heifer International publication, *Animal Crackers*).

Karlee Etter

Ministry Coordinator for Children

Church Family News



Birthdays Sophie Grant 02/04, Walter Kaercher 02/06, Emma Alden 02/08, Tom Glynn 02/09, Daniel Mickolyzck 02/10, Hunter Conley 02/11, Joshua Peiffer 02/13, Richard Gherlone 02/14, Joy Gillen 02/14, Shayna DeLuca 02/14, Jim Bennett 02/16, Aidan Nottingham 02/17, William Mickolyzck 02/18, Victoria Hummel 02/19, Kristin Bengston 02/19, Kathleen Mickolyzck 02/21, Jesse Morrow 02/22, Amy Morrow 02/22, Eben Stewart 02/23, Florence Klemenz 02/24, Rebecca Conley 02/24, Doris Vigliotto 02/27, Mark Butterworth 02/28.

Deaths: **Edward Harris**, husband of Vivian Shipley Harris, died on January 15. Ed was the father of Erik Jokl, Sr., Todd Jokl, and Matthew Jokl. We give thanks to God for Ed's precious life, and ask God's comfort and strength for his family.

Lift Every Voice and Sing!

On Sunday January 19, Jeff invited the congregation to join the Chancel Choir in a special "Gift of Music", *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. The hymn is not in our *Voices United* hymnal © 1996 because *Voices United* is a Canadian hymnal, thus understandably would not include patriotic American texts and tunes.

Lift Every Voice and Sing is a hymn written as a poem in 1900 by NAACP leader and educator/administrator James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938). James's composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), composed the music for the poetry.

In 1900, a huge choir of 500 schoolchildren in Jacksonville Florida, where James Weldon Johnson was an principal, first publicly performed the song in commemoration of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, on February 12.

The hymn's text is stirring, and the tune is VERY grand. It played a role in the civil rights movement of the United States. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came across this song during his great works of the mid 20th century, among other special hymns that fueled the movement spiritually.

Biblically, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” also fits quite well with some of the readings that Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5 and the Gospel of John 2:1-11. Each Sunday of the church year is assigned a set of readings. We only read two of them, but there are others each week, available for study (and can often be found on the last page of *The Window*).

We are blessed to have Yale University and the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library right to our south. The Beinecke is running an amazing *ONLINE* exhibit featuring documents from James Weldon Johnson’s amazing career as a lawyer, educator, and diplomat, and the history of “*Lift Every Voice and Sing*”. The exhibit can be found here: <https://onlineexhibits.library.yale.edu/s/lift-every-voice/>

James Weldon and John Rosamond Johnsons’ collaboration added a wonderful American Gift of Music in 1900. It was recently requested that “LEVAS” be listed as the United States of America’s “National Hymn”.

To me, this song fits perfectly with other nationally recognized songs along the lines of “God Bless America” and “America the Beautiful”. I am grateful that many hymnals (since the 1980s) have chosen to publish it and that it is getting wider press. If Americans (of all political persuasions) do their research, they will see that *Lift Every Voice and Sing* is something for all of us to be proud of, and it articulates poetically a story of our people that needs to be told.



James Weldon Johnson, left, and J. Rosamond Johnson at the piano. Photo: Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Mission Team News

Come and worship together in February

We continue in the season of Epiphany through February. Epiphany celebrates moment of recognition that Jesus is God’s Son, the Light of the World. As the days continue to become longer, we’ll continue celebrating the power of light amid darkness and Jesus’ proclamation that the realm of God has come near! Come and worship with us! Enjoy the fellowship!

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

February Needs a WARM Welcome

The core of our ministry and mission is offering a warm and friendly welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us. Coffee and fellowship following worship are a precious extension of our welcome - particularly on cold winter Sundays!

Greeters, Deacons, Scripture Readers, and Hosts/Hostesses for coffee embody our welcome and worship as visitors and neighbors arrive on Sunday morning. We invite YOU to help with the offering of hospitality and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Sandy Carter. Thank you!

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. Using a camera in the back of the sanctuary operated from a desktop computer in the church office, the camera operator shifts the camera angle to provide close-ups at various points in the service. The process of setting up the livestream and shifting the camera angle during the service is pretty simple, and kind of FUN! Our most recent camera operator mastered the camera very easily, and earned his community service credits for high 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

We are re-building our foodstores after the Christmas Food Drive. Please bring large bottles of juice (64oz), crackers, canned fruit, canned beets, carrots, and mixed vegetables, and cereal. Place them in the basket in the Narthex and we will bring your contributions forward as a generous part of our offering on Sunday morning. Thank you!

Parking Lot Campaign Committee To Meet

The new drainage system in the parking lot has been working very well, and the Campaign to raise the funds for paving is building. The Committee met last week with lots of energy and creative excitement. We have received a total of \$53,435 to date. The drainage work was completed at a cost of \$25,202. An additional project to bypass some problem points in the sewer drainage system will begin in the coming weeks, at a cost of \$17,800. This will fix the recurring problem with sewer back-ups in the downstairs. That leaves \$10,432 on hand. The next step is paving the parking lot! We are seeking three estimates for this work. Our working goal is \$160,000. The Endowment Committee met and made an initial commitment of \$25,000 to help kick off the Campaign. The Parking Lot Campaign Committee has met with a potential consultant in mid-January, seeking experienced assistance with planning and implementing the Campaign. The next meeting is scheduled for the last week of January.

Forward Together Gathering Sparks

Interest A group of church members gathered in Carroll Hall on Saturday, Dec. 7 to reflect on the importance of sharing leadership in our church and consider how to empower and expand shared leadership. The Rev. Sarah Drummond, UCC pastor and Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, spoke to the group about shared leadership as distinctive characteristic of UCC/Congregational churches. We practice our discipleship together, with lay leaders and members alongside the pastor. We celebrate the gifts and abilities members bring to share in ministry. The group remembered when the church was organized around a Church Council and numerous Committees. Communication may have been better in some ways,

with Committee representatives sitting on the Church Council and reporting on their work. The group was too big for easy discussion, the meetings were long, and it was hard to fill the Committees. We moved to the MLB and Mission Team model to streamline the process and encourage members to serve out of interest and passion rather than obligation. The morning concluded with a celebration of all the assets we share as a congregation – our building and location, our gifts and talents, and connections with the community. We have much to be grateful for, and much to share!

Christmas Food Drive The 2024 Christmas Holiday Food Drive is complete. Most of the pick-ups and deliveries happened on Saturday Dec. 21. When Christmas falls in the mid- to late in the week, we need to schedule the pick-up and delivery on the last weekend before Christmas. We are very grateful for the volunteers who helped on Saturday, Dec. 21, and those who helped on Sunday and Monday with late pickups! The Holiday Food Drive provided food for over **160 households**. The North Haven Lions Club, the Rotary Club of North Haven, Arnold's Jewelers, and many businesses in town made donations of food items and money. The North Haven Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Renegade Pigs Motorcycle Club donated a lot of turkeys! This the first year we had **more than enough turkeys** for the Food Drive. Several volunteers helped with shopping for items where contributions were low. We had wonderful and generous help from volunteers. Julie Schweickert set up online volunteer registration through the NHCC website again this year.. Volunteers from the churches in North Haven, helped with food collection, sorting, packing and delivery. A group of Girl Scouts taped all 320 boxes together for Thanksgiving, and again at Christmas! We are overjoyed our neighbors will be able to enjoy a more delicious Christmas.

Storm Closings

If church programs or activities should need to be cancelled due to bad weather, this information will be broadcast on WTNH TV channel 8 and WFSB TV channel 3. It will also be listed on our website (www.northhavenucc.org), and on our outgoing telephone message.

It is church policy that afternoon and evening activities for youth are cancelled if school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal.

Assistance With Snow Removal:

ATTENTION TEENAGERS AND ADULTS!! We haven't had much snow yet – but it's only February! The Board of Building & Grounds asks your help with clearing snow from the entranceways to the church. This is a 7-day per week need in our current situation. Julie and Scott need dependable access to the office during the week 8am – 2:30pm. Food Pantry clients come 1-2pm on Mondays and 10-11am on Wednesdays and Fridays, community groups use our building on most weekdays and Saturdays, and our worship service is on Sunday. The sidewalks and exits need to be clear for the building to be open. Dave Nelson, the Church Sexton will help with snow removal on weekday mornings.

We would like to set up a “call-out list” of people who are willing to clear snow (up to 6”) from the sidewalks and stairwells at the church. The church has a snowblower and an electric shovel which are available for use. The Church will pay for this service.

If you would like to be on the Snow Removal Call-Out List, please contact Julie in the Church Office.

Trinity Solar



North Haven Congregational Church is 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.

You can also call Trinity at 800-655-2500. Mention North Haven Congregational Church and they'll help you set up a meeting with Chris.

Call or text Chris anytime to learn more. Scan the QR Code above for more information.



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, beginning with 1 Thessalonians. 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.

Scout Sunday In February We will observe celebrate the Scouting program for boys and girls on **Sunday, February 9.** We encourage all Scouts, current and former, to attend and be recognized. Scouts, and particularly current Scouts, are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

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 6pm. The next Community Supper will be Friday, February 28th at 6pm. 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!

Confirmation 2024-25! Scott will contact Confirmation families directly to plan a schedule for Confirmation events in the winter and spring. Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, June 8.

Super Saturday On March 8 Super Saturday – a day of worship, fellowship and workshops sponsored by the Southern New England Conference, returns in March. Super Saturday 2025:I

Love to Tell the Story is focused on using the power of stories to tell of living the Christian faith and the power of the work we do as the Church. The keynote speaker is Bishop William Joseph Barber II, known for his leadership of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival. Workshops will address communication and media, innovative collaboration, planned giving and risk management. The event will be held from 9am-4pm at the First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury, MA. The event will be available online as well. Participants will choose three workshops, which will be led by Conference staff and leaders. Lunch will be included. Onsite registration closes February 17th, online registration closes February 24th. Visit www.sneucc.org for more information, or talk with Scott.

Ash Wednesday Simple Soup Supper!

Ash Wednesday falls on March 5 this year. We will have a worship service at 7pm. Members of the Women's Fellowship will coordinate a simple soup supper at 6pm. There will be several soups available, along with bread and salad. **The Chancel Choir is invited to come at 5:30.** Please join us for this opportunity for fellowship and worship as we begin the season of Lent.

Registration Open for 2025 Summer Conferences at Silver Lake

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.

The Staff and Board of Directors at Silver Lake Conference Center are busy planning for next summer. Team Leader positions are age 20+, Support Staff positions are age 17+.

Applications for Camp Staff (18y+) and Junior Staff (16-17) are now being accepted.

Applications for volunteer positions as Deans or bunkhouse counselors are also being accepted.

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

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship would like to thank everyone who participated in making the recent Pancake Breakfast such a huge success! The food was plentiful and delicious. The chefs of the day, Mark Bessette and David Nelson, did an outstanding job! Those who helped with setup, decorating, serving, and cleanup did an awesome job! It was wonderful to see so many together enjoying the food and fellowship. The generosity of all who attended was wonderful, and WF will be donating the proceeds—\$700—to the Parking Lot Paving Project. Well done and THANK YOU ALL!

As we look forward to February, WF will be sending out Valentines to our homebound members. Always a fun project for us as we fondly remember each of them; they have contributed so much to this church over the years.

The spaghetti and meatball dinner that we had hoped to host in February has been postponed to a date sometime in the spring—to be determined.

There is a Pierpont Concert on February 22 in the sanctuary, with a reception to follow. Baked goods will be needed, so please sign up with Carol Mitchell if you can help. Thank you!

WF and Men's Breakfast are planning the annual St Patrick's Day Dinner to be held on Sunday March 16 at 3 p.m. Once again we need your help. We are in need of some men to volunteer to be in charge of the kitchen to prep and prepare the meal. WF will do the decorating, setup, serving, and cleanup; of course we will need bakers to make Irish soda bread. Please sign up if you would like to help. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of March—\$18 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Reservations are required! More info to follow later in February.

Stay warm and just think, Spring is only 2 months away!

Artisan Craft Fair coming!

Calling all knitters, crocheters and crafters. There are plans to hold an Artisan Craft Fair in July where we hope to offer quality home-crafted items and needlework kits at appropriate prices. We will hold this Fair in Carroll Hall, out of the summer heat in the

air conditioning, and will also have tables available to outside vendors. We are looking for wood-craft creations, candles, soaps, knitted or crocheted items or any other quality craft item. Please contact Carol Mitchell (email: cdmitchell60@yahoo.com) or Cathy Welch (email: grammiewelch1950@gmail.com) to join the Team.

Men's Fellowship

The men met twice in January for breakfast and fellowship, on the 4th and 18th. The first gathering attracted twelve men, while the second garnered seven. Attending one or both encounters were Larry Ballantyne, Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Mark Bessette, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Paul Powers, Stephen Simonson, Peter Struk, and John Tibor.

Discussions held were varied and many, ranging from fly fishing, to train collections, to sharing memories of high school at Linsley Street, the "Great Canadian Maple Syrup Heist," "The Feather Thief," and two books: "Dead Wake, the Last Crossing of the Lusitania;" and "Inside the Third Reich."

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 jump that total exponentially in 2025!

Lastly, I would like to give a shout out to the men who pitched in to make the January 19th Pancake Breakfast a wonderful success: cooks Mark Bessette and Dave Nelson, and helpers Larry Ballantyne, Martin Benassi, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, and John Tibor. The Men's and Women's Fellowship worked in brilliant tandem to put on a magnificent breakfast and also kick start our Parking Lot Fundraising Campaign. Thank you, one and all!

The men will next get together for breakfast, fellowship, and story-telling on Saturday, February 1st, beginning at 7:30 am.

Jim Bennett

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, Feb. 9 – Scout Sunday

Saturday, Feb. 22 – Pierpont Concert by NHHS Jazz and Vocal Groups

Friday, Feb. 23 – Community Supper at St. John's Episcopal Church, 5:30pm

Wednesday, Mar. 5 – Ash Wednesday – Soup Supper 6pm, Service 7pm

Saturday, Mar 8 – SUPER SATURDAY, onsite & online; 8am-4pm

Saturday, Mar. 29 – SNEUCC Regional Gathering,

Saturday, May 3 – Concert by Elm City Girls Choir

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.

In Our Prayers This Month are: Audrey Tilley, family of John (Laurel Gray Bessette's brother), Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, Sarah, and Melissa.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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.

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 respond.

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

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Linda Rankin

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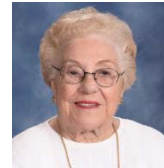
Marlene Bellonio

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Gloria Santamauro

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Merrilee & George Gladkosky

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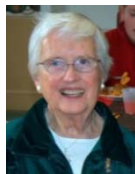


Bob & Barbara Scheidecker

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Betsy Gumbart

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Cheshire, CT 06410



Herb & Ann Schneider

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Ellie Harple

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Linda Shannon

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Walter Kaercher

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Audrey Tilley

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Betty Martin

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Hamden CT 06514



Jeff Whipple

5114 Avalone Haven Drive
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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
						9:30am Music Together (DBL)
						10:30 Music Together (DBL)
						3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
9:30am Worship - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am AL-Anon (K)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	2:30pm Food Council (L)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)		6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH)		3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)		7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR		
		6:00 BIBLE STUDY	7:00 Lions Club (CH)			
9:30am Worship - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	9	10	11	12	13	14
	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am AL-Anon (K)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)		4:30 Ukulele (DBL)		
		12:00 Building & Grounds (Heath)	6:00pm Leos Club (CH)	5:30pm Girl Scout 60151(K)	7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	7:00 MLB (L)	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		
		5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR)		7:00 Garden Club (CH)		
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)				
9:30am Worship - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	16	17	18	19	20	21
	OFFICE CLOSED	9:30am AL-Anon (K)		WINDOW DEADLINE		9:30am Music Together (DBL)
	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	
	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)		3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
	6:00 CT Record Club (CH)	6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 AL-Anon District Family (K)	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)		7:00 Pierpont Concert - NHHS
9:30am Worship - Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	23	24	25	26	27	28
	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am AL-Anon (K)		WINDOW MAILING		9:30am Music Together (DBL)
	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30am Music Together (DBL)
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)		3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	1:00pm Danish Sisterhood (K)			
		5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR)				
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)				

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LECTIONARY READINGS

February 2nd (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)

Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30

February 9th (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)

Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)	Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11

February 16th (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 6:17-26

February 23rd (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)

Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38

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