



*North Haven Congregational Church, UCC*

# The Window

June 2025

FROM THE  
PASTOR 

## **Making the Faith Our Own**

*“The United Church of Christ affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God.”*

On Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate with the members of the Confirmation Class as they are confirmed in their Christian faith. It has wonderful to work with the Class: asking questions, making jokes, and offering creative ideas.

They are now engaged in two final assignments. The first is to write a personal statement of faith, working from the UCC Statement of Faith as a model. The second is to write a brief “letter of decision”, explaining their reasons and decision whether to join the church as a full member.

They are living into the responsibility proclaimed by the UCC in the preamble to its Constitution. Each generation is called to make the Christian faith “its own”.

There are some guidelines and boundaries for this task. The preamble also states:

*“The United Church of Christ acknowledges as its sole Head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior. It acknowledges as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world. It claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers.”*

The Scriptures, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the traditions of the church all help to shape the church in essential ways. And yet the church which celebrates this confirmation is not the same which celebrated my confirmation, or yours, for the most part. There are notable differences in music, worship style, fellowship, organization and leadership style. The changes reflect the dynamic nature of the church as the

faithful community makes the faith “their own” in worship, expression, and reverence for God.

There has been great change in our culture and society, in our thinking and our belief, in our institutions and in the church – and that change continues! Change is unsettling and uncomfortable; It is also healthy and natural. There is no need for us to fear for the church – the Holy Spirit will surely see to its survival. It is intriguing and inspiring, though, to imagine the church of the coming generations ...

Let us celebrate with the Confirmands in joy and hope on June 8th.

Shalom, Scott Morrow

## **Our pastor of thirty years is retiring**

I’m back for my second Window article and this time it’s pretty much voluntary. My reluctance to write stems mostly from finding a topic. However, this month I realized there’s really only one thing to write about — our pastor of thirty years is retiring. Attention must be paid.

Energetic, enthusiastic, a person of deep faith, compassionate, empathetic, funny, hardworking, kind. These are some of the qualities that come to mind when I think of Scott. At times he also reminds me of a spinning tornado when I see him trying to do three or four things at once or rifling through his sheaf of notes looking for the right piece of paper or losing an argument with a particularly difficult piece of audio equipment. For Looney Tunes fans picture the Tasmanian Devil.

My first face-to-face encounter with Scott was two days after my husband passed away. He met with me to learn about Gary and to guide me through choosing the music and readings for the funeral. The funeral service was moving and gave me great comfort. Several years later, by happenstance, Scott also presided at my sister-in-law’s funeral. Again, he took the time to speak with me about Brenda and prepared an affecting service for a stranger.

I have always looked forward to Sunday service. The sermons are thought provoking, the Pastoral Prayer is

meaningful, hopeful, and comforting. The Benediction sends me out into the week ahead feeling that God has blessed me.

I was truly amazed the first time I experienced a baptism during the service. Baptisms I'd attended in the past were generally short, somewhat somber events. Scott makes it a joyous occasion with the congregation participating and welcoming the child. He does a mean baptism.

The Ash Wednesday service was another surprise. The words Scott uses, you are a sinner, but remember you are forgiven, went straight to my soul. These words resonated with me and stayed with me long after the ashes were washed away.

While trying to write this article I realized that every service, ceremony, observance we share in church is the result of much time, thought, prayer and work. Nothing is ever rote.

The most significant event we confronted in the eight-ish years that I've been a member of North Haven Congregational Church was the COVID pandemic. With the assistance of the deacons and choir Scott became a televangelist overnight. I cannot imagine how challenging and lonely it must have been to preach to an empty church month after month, with no end in sight. Despite so many difficulties, he steadfastly helped us navigate a time of fear and uncertainty. He helped us maintain a sense of connectedness to each other and to our church.

Scott, I pray for continued blessings for you and Carol as you start this new and exciting chapter in your lives. Whoever our new pastor may be, we will welcome him or her with open arms and help them try to fill the big robes you are leaving behind.

Thank you, Scott. You will be missed.

Susan Guckert, MLB

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### Pastoral Transition Update

The pastoral transitional team has been meeting biweekly. Our team has been reviewing candidates listed on the SNEUCC Conference List to find a Bridge Minister. The team is narrowing down the list and will begin interviewing candidates. Once a candidate has been selected, we will make an announcement to the congregation. The Bridge Minister will begin his or her duties on August 1.

In parallel, the pastoral transition team is set to begin the Short Form Church Profile, provided by the SNEUCC. This is the first step in finding an Interim Minister. The Team will begin to collect information about our Church and complete a Report.

The Ministry Leadership Board has approved a request from Pastor Scott that he and Carol remain in the Parsonage for the months of August and September. This will allow them time to sort and pack.

The Pastoral Relations Team is working with Scott to help him with preparing for his exit.

I want to reassure our Congregation that during this process, all activities in the Church will continue. June is a very busy month with Heritage Sunday, Confirmation, Choir Appreciation and a Church Celebration Sermon from Scott.

The month of July is in summertime mode, but we have Scott's final sermon on July 27th with a special gathering. We will also be preparing for the Bridge Minister.

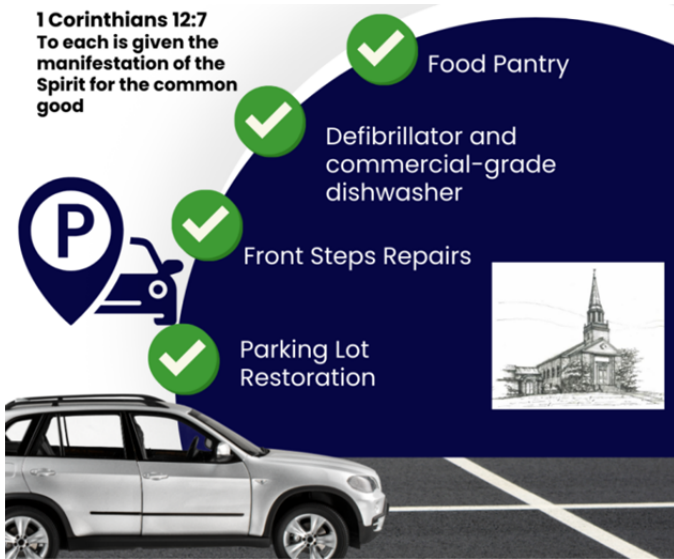
In August, the Mission Teams will be working on their agendas, and we are planning for Rally Day and fall activities.

This is a very busy and evolving time in our Church. We pray and ask Jesus to guide us and lead us into new opportunities and to meet the challenges ahead of us.

If anyone has any questions or concerns,, please see me on Sunday or contact me.

With Blessings,

Sandy Carter, Moderator



### Parking Lot Capital Campaign Update

Six months of planning culminated on Sunday, April 6th, with the official kickoff of the Parking Lot Capital Campaign. All of us recognize that our current parking lot, last resurfaced more than fifty years ago, has served the church and community well but is now in desperate need of replacement.

We have set a goal of \$190,000 for the parking lot portion of the capital campaign. Thanks to the generosity of several lead donors, some important preliminary work has already been completed and paid for, including: installing a new drainage system (three catch basins, fifteen concrete galleries, and associated piping), at a cost of \$25,202.98; and clearing and relocating sewer lines on the back side of the parking lot (toward Linsley Street), an unanticipated project which cost us an additional \$19,937.63.

Buildings and Grounds has accepted Mid-State Paving's bid of \$145,000 to replace the current parking lot, with curbing and striping included. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in mid-to-late September (after the Tuesday concerts conclude).

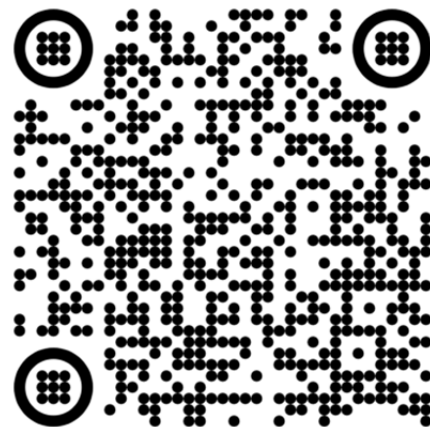
We have also set a stretch goal of \$230,000 so that we can accomplish four additional goals: purchase a defibrillator for the main level of the church (\$1,500); repair the church's front steps (\$10,000); purchase a new, commercial grade dishwasher (\$16,000); and capture some additional money for the Food Pantry (\$12,500).

I am pleased to report that pledges and/or payments received to date (May 25th collections) total \$189,271.00. My thanks to the following congregants who have already been heard from, both lead donors and recent pledgers: Beth Anderson, Martin & Patience Benassi, Jim & Joan Bennett, Priscilla Bradford, Sandy Carter, Sue Cifelli, Ed & Mary Ellen Collett, Sue Compton, George & Florence Coulston, Jim & Leslie Dockendorff, Ken & Ann Dubar, Fran & Cheryl Dutko, David & Nancie Estep, Doris Ferner, Gary Ferner, Carl & Lillian Flodquist, Gail Fulop, Susan Guckert, Betsy Gumbart, Peter & Cheryl Hall, Vivian Harris, Lisa & Chris Heyl, Michael & Carla Hill, Bernie & Elfie Hummel, Ron Jennings, Nancy & Ken Mahoney, Ted & Joyce Manzo, Barbara & Rick Massey, Carol Mitchell, Scott Morrow & Carol Amico, Bryant & Sara Munson, Rob & Lynne Nielsen, Stephen & Mabel Peterson, Jeanne Reardon, Lynn Reardon, Betsey Reid, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker, Ann & Herb Schneider, Stephen & Linda Simonson, Cheryl Solecki, Peter & Vicki Struk, Kevin Studley, and Cathy Welch.

Thank you, one and all! We are already so very close to reaching our initial goal of \$190,000.00. Let's please keep this wonderful momentum going! Have YOU made YOUR campaign commitment yet?

Jim Bennett  
Parking Lot Capital Campaign Chairperson

**Contribute now using this QR code:**





## Ministry Coordinator for Children



### Sunday School in June

Sunday School in June will combine all age groups into a single classroom. The choice of room will be announced each Sunday.

### Church School Calendar (June)

- June 1** - Communion Sunday children begin in Chapel, then to classrooms, then to worship
- June 8** - Regular Church School. Children begin in worship then to classrooms.
- June 15** - Regular Church School. Children begin in worship then to classrooms.
- June 22** - Regular Church School. Children begin in worship then to classrooms.
- June 29** - Regular Church School. Children begin in worship then to classrooms.

### Summer Church School Schedule (July and August, September 7th)

- July 6** - Family Sunday (no Church School)
- July 13** - Summer Church School. Teacher - Steve Simonson . Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9. Bible Story: Abraham and Sarah
- July 20** - Summer Church School. Teacher - Wendy Civitello. Scripture: Exodus 13:17-22. Bible Story: Israelites in the Desert
- \*July 27** - FAMILY SUNDAY. Children remain in worship. Pastor Scott's last Sunday \*
- August 3** - Summer Church School. Teachers: Priscilla Maldonado & Sue Baldino. Scripture: Luke 19:1-10. Bible Story: Jesus Visits Zaccheus
- August 10** - Summer Church School. Teacher: Priscilla Maldonado. Scripture: Acts 18:1-11.
- August 17** - FAMILY SUNDAY; children remain in worship
- August 24** - FAMILY SUNDAY; children remain in worship
- August 31** - FAMILY SUNDAY; children remain in worship
- September 7** - FAMILY SUNDAY; children remain in worship

### YOUTH SUNDAY 2025

On May 18th, numerous Church School children in grades 3-6 participated in worship as Greeters, lit the Peace Candle and led the congregation in the accompanying Peace prayer, offered a Gift of Music, read scripture, signed the Lord's Prayer and the hymn, Jesus Loves Me, and helped collect the weekly offering. Our very capable youth leaders were the Maldonado Family (Greeters), Gabriella D. (Peace Candle and Prayer, Scripture), Thomas and Patty J. (accompanying Percussion, Offering and Scripture), as well as Tyler and Brianna G. (Scripture).



The theme for Youth Sunday 2025, included Revelations 21:1-6 and Psalm 148; a New Heaven and Earth. The day's lectionary provided a new and inspirational way to think about the Book of Revelation. Instead of focusing on Revelations as the end times, it focused on Heaven and Earth transformed and made new by God. A comforting reminder that God and Jesus promises to be with us — always.



**SAVE THE DATE! September 14; Rally Day marks the beginning of the new Church school year.**

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children



## Church Family News

### **Birthdays** Jeanne Reardon

06/02, Thomas Mickolyzck 06/02, Susan Compton 06/03, David Nottingham 06/04, David Estep 06/10, Colleen McBride 06/11, Thomas McBride 06/11, Bernard Hummel 06/12, Aaron Dean 06/17, Hannah Dean 06/17, Jameson Mickolyzck 06/21, Makenzie Conley 06/23, Finley McBride 06/24, September Baraquin 06/26, Gabriella DeLuca 06/26, Susan Guckert 06/27, William Olmstead 06/28, Suzanne Light 06/29.

**Anniversaries** Mark & Martha Butterworth 06/06, Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski 06/09, Ted & Joyce Manzo 06/10, Stephen & Linda Simonson 06/10, Dan & Lynn Lafleur 06/11, Michael & Michelle McBride 6/17, Jeffrey Hutchins & Nicole Brewer 06/21, Jeff & Jackie Jennings 06/27.

**Baptisms** Savannah Dianne Feather, born February 27, 2025, daughter of Jonathan and Sara Feather and granddaughter of Cheryl and Peter Hall, was baptized on Sunday, May 18. **Samantha Dawn Hicks**, born February 12, 1974, was baptized on Tuesday, May 21. Samantha attended NHCC occasionally as a child. Samantha's work as personal care aide includes working every weekend, so she is not able to attend the worship service. Her aunt Sherry Nerreau and her cousin Susan DeFranco were her sponsors. We give thanks to God for the baptisms of Savannah and Samantha and pray God's blessing upon them and their families. Congratulations!

## Mission Team News

### **Surrounded by Special Sundays! Special music always plays a role**

May had some very special Sundays, such as Mothers' Day May 11th when the Guys With Bowties sang a heartfelt hymn from Carolyn Winfrey Gillette which tells the stories of certain women of the Bible. It was set to a fabulous hymn tune, "Slane" most commonly heard with "Be Thou My Vision". That service closed with a rousing rendition of Will the Circle be Unbroken, sung quite robustly by all.

Then, on May 18th the youth led the way! The combined choirs sang a setting of "Siyahamba/We Are Marching In The Light of God", a very famous South

African freedom song. Our Children's choir along with Chancel Choir sang it in both and English. There were many special things that happened in that service - like Thomas on percussion and an American Sign Language rendition "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"! There was also a nice presentation of thanks and gifts to the teachers, which was special.

As the Chancel Choir looks forward to June, every Sunday will continue to be special!

Heritage, Confirmation, Choir Appreciation, Pentecost, communion, and much, much, more. All these special occasions need to be commemorated and praised with our music in the sanctuary. We all have a lot to be grateful for this time of year.!

We will surely have much to recap with all these special services (and their music!) in next month's edition of The Window!

### **Pierpont Concerts Update**

Special Thanks to the United Girls' Choir for treating us to a sonorous experience in the Sanctuary on May 3! The girls sang in one, two, three, four, five, and even six part harmony all in perfect tune! The concert was a lighter and eclectic program of pops, spirituals, sacred, and contemporary songs. We would again like to offer thanks to those who helped host the concert and the festive reception afterwards, especially the Women's Fellowship.

The Music Mission Team continues to look ahead. To rebuild this into a full concert series, we'll need to grow the team, seek community sponsors, and offer a quality ad book (like we were so blessed to have for many years with Sally Pallatto's help and artistry!)

We also have to be sure the church is safe and secure in all ways on big event nights.

We are hoping to bring back some old friends like BRASS and Women's Barbershop choruses (such as Silk'n Sounds & Harmony on the Sound that we have enjoyed in the past!).

Thank you so much for your support and enjoyment of these evenings! We would love for both the church sanctuary and Carroll Hall to continue to be welcoming spaces for all, especially on Sunday mornings but also on the other six days of the week!



## CONGRATULATIONS to 2025 Graduates and New Beginings!!



### Ona Gott, Heather Rowe's Daughter

2025 graduate of Connecticut College, BA Government Studies. She's working this summer at a law firm in New Haven, exploring the possibility of law school fall of 2026.



### Katelyn Cislo, Sue Guckert's Grand-daughter

Katelyn graduated from UConn this month with a BS in Mechanical Engineering (Design and Manufacturing). In July she starts work at Pratt & Whitney as a Manufacturing Engineer.

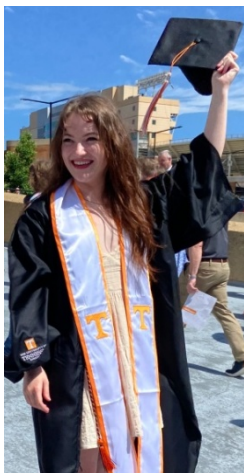
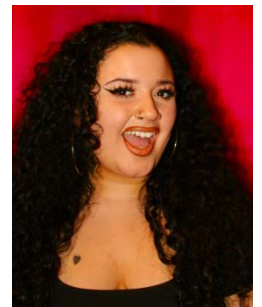
### Taylor Cushenberry, Beth Anderson's Grand-daughter

Taylor graduated from Stetson University in DeLand Florida on May 9, 2025. Her degree is a Bachelor's in Health Sciences. She was also an athlete on the Cross Country and Track Teams at Stetson.



### Viviana Rodriguez, John and Sue Tibor's Grand-daughter

This June Viviana graduates from both North Haven High School and The Educational Center for the Arts (ECA) on Audubon Street, New Haven. At ECA she was in the Theater Department and greatly enjoyed learning many new skills! In the fall she is very excited to go to Emerson College in Boston where she will pursue a BFA degree in Theatre and Performance.



### Jenna Ruth Mitchell, Carol Mitchell's Grand-daughter

Jenna graduated from University of Tennessee on May 17, 2025. She earned a Bachelor's of Fine Arts, with a double major in Art and Theater. Her goal is to perform on Broadway.

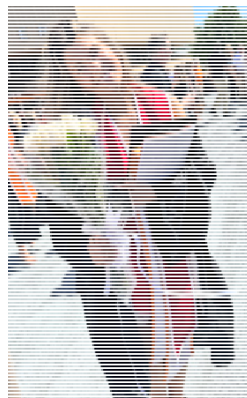


### Evan Schweickert

Evan earned a Masters in Organizational Leadership from Jacksonville University. He is now living in Tampa Florida and has started his own Personal Training Business, ES Elite Fit.

### Jessica Solecki, Cheryl Solecki's Grand-daughter

Jessica graduated from University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a degree in Retail and Consumer Science.



### Bradley Schweickert

Bradley has medically retired from the Army. He has moved to Nashville, Tennessee and is attending Nashville Auto-Diesel College. He will be completing two programs: Heavy Equipment Training, and Diesel Mechanic School. Each program is approximately one year long.



**Attention 2025 Graduates!!** If you are graduating from vocational school, high school, college or graduate school, please let the church office know! We'd like to share your accomplishment with the church in the newsletter. Let us know about your graduation and your plans for this summer and the fall.

**Beginning .....A New Job, New School, New Adventure??** If you are starting a new job, or heading off to college, or beginning your military service, or any other new adventure this summer or this fall, let us know. We'd like to let the church know about it in the newsletter. Call and give us the information and we'll put it in for you. Be sure to let us know how we can keep in touch!

## Flags



9.5" x 16" \$75



Dave Nelson has generously donated Hand Made wooden flags to be sold to benefit the church. These flags are hand carved to give the illusion of waving in the wind. This fundraiser has raised \$550 so far. There are a few flags left, they are on display in the office. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please contact Julie 203-239-5691.



14" x 25" \$150

## Offering Welcome

How do you decide what new church you will visit when you are traveling? What helps you decide to stay once you arrive at a new church? How did you come to attend this church? To become a member?

A friendly greeting, answers to questions, and encouragement are all part of a warm and generous welcome. Let's offer a cheerful greeting and a warm welcome to those who worship with us on Sunday morning – visitor and regular attenders! Say hello, share the greeting of peace, and go together to share coffee and fellowship.

Take advantage of the opportunity to help our Sunday morning gathered worship be welcoming and fulfilling. Sign up to serve as a Greeter, Deacon, or to host coffee hour. Volunteer to be a Scripture Reader! Find your place in the hospitality and welcome we offer together.

Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Sandy Carter.

## Memorial Day Parade

Thank you to all who made the parade a success.





### **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 operator controls the camera in the church office, shifting 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!. This is a good way to get high school community service credits! Just ask Sue Cifelli, or Kaitlyn or Damon Quinn, or Joan Bennett! We're looking for volunteers! Please speak with Scott or Jeff Hutchins.

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

Please bring **canned vegetables and canned fruit and mayonnaise** 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!

### **A Retirement Reflection - Saying Good-bye**

There is plenty to stay busy with in the church. The pastoral transition goes on among the celebrations of baptisms and confirmation and weddings, recognition of Heritage Members, and thanking the Choir and Music staff. Meetings for planning and reviewing and deciding about everything from the budget to building maintenance to church programs, fundraising events and outreach go on steadily.

Summer is coming, though, and the church school will shift to summer-mode with occasional meetings, the Chancel Choir will rest, and the pace of events and meetings will slow down. Saying good-bye is important. It's not happy, and it's not easy. It is important. It's an opportunity to share memories, to say thank-you, maybe to say I'm sorry, and to wish each other well. I will be saying good-bye through June and July – not to make a fuss, not to be pushy, but to honor and respect friendship and feelings. We have shared a lot together. I will hold on Thursday mornings if you would like to stop by.

### **Scott's Open Office Hours on Thursday**

Scott will have open office hours on Thursday mornings 10am to Noon (11-1 on June 5 and 12). Please call Scott or Julie to schedule an appointment.



### **Lots of excitement in June – come join our worship in person!**

Spring is in full bloom and summer comes this month! We started June with Heritage Sunday, we look forward to Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday, and Choir Appreciation Sunday and a celebration of NHCC over the last 30 years! These are joyous occasions – come worship in-person! Come and share in the fellowship and celebrate the faithfulness of our shared ministry.

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

### **Cheers To Our Heritage Members!**

We celebrated Heritage Sunday on June 1. It is a special joy to celebrate Heritage Members - those who have been members of NHCC for 50 years...or more! Sheree Alexander, Paula Diehl, and Cheryl Solecki are the new Heritage Members in 2025. They join a list of 34 other Heritage Members. In the history of NHCC, there has been only ONE pastor who qualified as a Heritage Member! The inspiration and impact of long membership is a blessing for which we give thanks. We also recognized those who have been church members in several different churches, for 50 years or more. (More NHCC pastors fit in that category.) Special congratulations to Sheree Alexander, Paula Diehl, and Cheryl Solecki.

### **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>.



**We will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation** on Sunday, June 8. This is a very special occasion for the Confirmands, their parents and families, and for our congregation. We will celebrate the sacrament of communion on Confirmation Sunday, as is customary. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for the celebration!

### **North Haven PRIDE Events for Youth**

North Haven PRIDE will sponsor Teen Nights for ages 13-18 at the North Haven Rec Center on Fridays June 13, June 27, July 11, and July 25 from 6-8pm. A Teen Discussion Group will be held on Monday, June 16 from 6-8pm, and there will be a Q+ Teen Summer Program from 5:30-8pm July 28-Aug. 1. A Pre-Teen evening for ages 9-13 and a Parent/Caregivers Discussion Group will be held at the North Haven Rec Center on Monday, June 16, 4-6pm. For more information go [northhavenpride.org](http://northhavenpride.org) or email [youth-programming@northhavenpride.org](mailto:youth-programming@northhavenpride.org).

**Celebrate North Haven PRIDE Day on Saturday, June 14** The North Haven PRIDE Flag Raising Ceremony was held at the North Haven Library on Friday, May 30th at 10am to mark the beginning of PRIDE month. The third annual North Haven PRIDE Day will be celebrated on Saturday, June 14, from 12 – 4pm on the Town Green. The event is organized by North Haven PRIDE as a welcoming, affirmative, safe and joyous celebration of the beauty and diversity of the LGBTQ+ community in our Town. The Church will be open on PRIDE Day again this year, offering a quiet and prayerful place for those who might need it. We will welcome visitors and share information about the Church. Please speak with Patience Benassi or Scott if you would like to spend an hour or two in our Welcome Tent.

### **Sunday, June 15: Choir Appreciation**

**Sunday** 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 15. This will be our opportunity to thank all of these fine people for their commitment, their generous spirit, and their great work! It's difficult to imagine what our worship would be like without the tremendous gifts of these

people. Please join us in celebrating gratefully with the choirs on June 15!

**Sunday June 15 will be a Celebration of the Church** We will celebrate the last 30 years of the church. We have installed an elevator, a new steeple, and drainage in the parking lot. There have been mission trips for youth, and for adults! We have joined ecumenical services at Thanksgiving and in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January. There have been Pierpont Concerts, an expanding Food Pantry, and Abraham's Tent. Committees have become Mission Teams and the Church Council is now the Ministry Leadership Board! What do you remember and celebrate? Do you have some pictures to share? Please tell Scott or Patience Benassi.

### **6th Annual On-Line Fundraising Auction**

Sunday June 22 is the date for bringing items to church to donate to our 6th annual On-Line Fundraising Auction.

After worship on June 22, items can be brought to the chapel. The auction will go live on-line on July 7 and close July 14.

We have already received generous donations including 14 karat gold rings, necklaces and bracelets, Lenox cake plates and a lovely set of china. In preparation for the auction, please send photos of items you could donate to Patience. Items needed include mid-century modern items, just about anything teak, record albums, receiver, lift chair in good condition, sterling silver items, kayak, antiques, small occasional table, anything unusual. Items that have done very well in our first five auctions includes a canoe, Thule car-top carrier, antique license plate, fur coats, fly rods, turntable, liftchair, Karastan rugs, antique wagon, sought-after pyrex, turquoise, unique large dollhouse, ceramic Christmas tree, fine jewelry, oil painting, captain's chairs. If you know a neighbor or relative downsizing, please ask if they have something they would donate. Funds raised go to this year's church budget as voted at our annual meeting (fundraising income). Contact a member of the B Team with any questions: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Martha Butterworth.

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

There is still time to register 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. 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. Summer Staff and Volunteer applications are now open. Go to <https://www.silverlakeect.org/newsdetail/18768450> for more information.

### Next Newsletter is for TWO Months!

We remind you that the next issue of the WINDOW will be the July-August issue, and will cover program and announcements for both months. The deadline for submissions to the July-August Window is **Wednesday, June 25.**

**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 1st Corinthians. 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.

### Save The Date!!

Saturday, June 7 – SNEUCC Annual Meeting  
(virtual) 9a-1p; BINGO Night 7pm

Sunday, June 8 – Confirmation Sunday

Saturday, June 14 - North Haven PRIDE Day; Town Green 12-4pm

Sunday, June 15 – Choir Appreciation and  
Celebration of 30 Years of NHCC

### Summer Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 4. The church office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm beginning Monday, July 7 through Friday, August 29.



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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:** Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider.

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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 visit if you wish.

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## Women's Fellowship

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**BINGO, BINGO BINGO!!!!**

**SATURDAY JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M**

Tickets can still be reserved until Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>!!

Please feel free to email me in order to reserve your tickets and pay at the door (cash, or check made out to NHCC Women's Fellowship)!!!

Dfpierce17@yahoo.com

Bring your snacks, drinks (non alcoholic)

Games begin at 7:00 p.m. promptly!!

**Prizes include:**

Designer Handbags or  
\$100.00 gift card

50/50 Bingo game, door prizes, and lot of GREAT raffle gifts!!

ALL proceeds will benefit the "HOLEY" parking lot project!!

Please come and join the fun!!! You may go home a winner!!!



## ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT OUT



Tuesday June 17<sup>th</sup>

beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Gouveia Winery in Wallingford!

Please bring a snack to share. Plates, napkins, and plastic wear will be provided!!

**ALL THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME FOR A GREAT NIGHT OF GOOD FOOD, GREAT WINE, AND LOTS OF LAUGHS,,**

Please R.S.V.P to Cheryl Bogert:  
ca.bogert48@gmail.com

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## ANNUAL TAG SALE

Thank you to all who donated, shopped, set up, cleaned up, and worked so hard at the Annual Tag sale!! Your dedication helped Women's Fellowship to make a donation to the pot "HOLEY" parking lot project in the amount of \$600.00!! Great day, lots of fun, laughs and great food thanks to our Grill chef Kevin Studley!!

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## Men's Fellowship

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The men met twice in May for breakfast and fellowship, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, with attendance numbers of eight and six respectively. Present at one or both get-togethers were Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Stephen Simonson, Peter Struk, and John Tibor.

We were blessed to be served a hot breakfast at our first May encounter but were not as fortunate at our second, settling for home-brought or bought coffee and muffins, which Martin kindly provided.

Conversations revolved around many subjects, family and sports being two of the most favorite ones, but we also touched on bear encounters, the 1900 Galveston, Texas Hurricane, Drum Corps International, the Quinnipiac Jazz Festival, and Phil DiPeri, a former Church Moderator who re-energized this Men's Fellowship group. Boy, we could really use his enthusiasm today!

Lastly, kudos to Bernie H. and John T., who assembled the trailer frame for our Memorial Day Parade participation, and to Kevin Studley, who drove Paul Power's truck with trailer in tow.

The men will next get together for breakfast, fellowship, and story-telling on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 am, and we can confirm that John T. has promised to staff the grill.



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**CARDS & LETTERS**

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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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**Betsey Reid**

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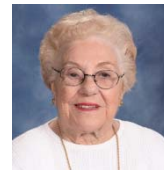
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**Merrilee & George Gladkosky**

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**Bob & Barbara Scheidecker**

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North Haven, CT 0647



**Betty Martin**

22 Canterbury Rd.  
Hamden CT 06514



June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30am Worship (Seventh Sunday of Easter, Heritage Sunday)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 1:00pm Food Pantry Open 1:00pm Retired Fed Employee (CH)	9:30am Al-Anon (K) 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 3:30 United Girls Choir 5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR) 6:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 Music Under The Stars (Green)	WINDOW MAILING 9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 1:00pm Church Safety MT (L) 6:00pm Leos Club (CH) 7:00 Lions Club (CH)		9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL) 7:00pm BINGO NIGHT (CH)	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL) 7:00pm BINGO NIGHT (CH)
5:30pm Confirmation Class (CH)						
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)					
9:30am Worship: (Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation Sunday)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 1:00pm Food Pantry Open	9:30am Al-Anon (K) 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 12:00 Building & Grounds (H) 3:30 United Girls Choir 6:00 BIBLE STUDY 7:00 Music Under The Stars (Green)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 6:30pm Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH) 7:00 MLB (L)		9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR 7:00pm Danish Brotherhood (K)	9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL) 12:00pm Food Delivery (Boy Scouts)
12:00 Food Delivery (Catholic Church)						
	6:30 New Haven Camera Club (CH)					
9:30am Worship (Trinity Sunday, Choir Appreciation, Church Celebration)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 1:00pm Food Pantry Open 6:00 CT Record Club (K)	9:30am Al-Anon (K) 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 12:00pm PLP (Library) 6:00 Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00 Music Under The Stars (Green)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL) 3:00pm Pastoral Relations 7:00 Al-Anon District Family (CH)		9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open 10:30 Music Together (DBL)	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
9:30am Worship Second Sunday after Pentecost)			WINDOW DEADLINE 10:00 Food Pantry Open 1:00pm Danish Sisterhood (K) 5:15 Communications MT (Zoom)			
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open					
9:30am Worship (Third Sunday after Pentecost)						
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open					

# Music Under the Stars

## Summer Concert Series 2025

The North Haven Department of Recreation, in conjunction with the North Haven Business Community, presents a series of free outdoor concerts for the enjoyment of town residents. All concerts will be held on Tuesdays at \*7:00 P.M. on the Town Green, unless otherwise noted. Parking is available at the Town Hall Annex and Town Pool lots.

May 27	Rich DiPalma	Italian/Contemporary
June 3	Rhythm City	Pop/Top 40/Rhythm & blues
June 10	Heavy Hitters	Pop/Classic rock
June 17	KSF	Tribute to Kansas, Styx & Foreigner
June 24	Signature Band	Decades of Dance
July 1	Changes in Latitude	Jimmy Buffett Tribute Show
July 8	Classics	Doo Wop/50's/60's
July 15	The Brothers Doobie	Tribute to the Doobie Brothers
July 22	Timmy Maia Band	Motown/Today's Music
July 29	Beau Bolero	Tribute to Steely Dan
August 5	American Honey	Modern Country/Pop/Rock
August 12	Fleetwood Heart	Tribute to Fleetwood Mac & Heart
August 19	Rum Runners	Premier Party/Dance Band
August 26	Raise Your Hands	Bon Jovi Tribute Band
Sept 2	Avenue Groove	Rhythm & Blues/Funk/Pop

Please assume the concert will be on the Green, no matter what the weather is. If you become concerned about the weather, you should call the Recreation Center Info-Line 203-672-0541 after 5:00 P.M. If the recording under "Special Events" says there are no cancellations or changes, then you should assume the concert is on the Green regardless of the weather. If the concert is moved to the Middle School, the Info-line will clearly give you that information. Please be advised, there is limited seating at the Middle School. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Food and beverage (including water) will not be allowed in the Middle School.

### The North Haven Congregational Church is on social media and the Web:



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## NHCC Celebrates Heritage Sunday



First row, L to R: Rev. Scott Morrow, Merrilee Gladkosky, Elfie Hummel, Lillian Flodquist, Linda Lacobelli, Bryant Munson, Ann Schneider, Victoria Struk. Back row L to R: Peter Hall (Deacon), Doris Ferner, Carol Mitchell, Bernie Hummel.

## Congratulations To Heritage Members!

We celebrated with those who have been members of the North Haven Congregational Church for 50 years or more on June 1. It is a joy to celebrate and congratulate this wonderful group of members!

Sheree Alexander, 1975  
Curtis Andrews Sr., 1948  
George Coulston, 1964  
Flo Coulston, 1964  
Paula Diehl, 1975  
Ann Dubar, 1962  
Nancie Estep, 1963  
Doris Ferner, 1965  
Lillian Flodquist, 1965  
Carl Flodquist, 1965  
Richard Gherlone, 1953  
Joy Gillen, 1971  
Merrilee Gladkosky, 1960  
Nancy Gutowski, 1971  
Eleanor Harple, 1960  
Bernard Hummel, 1954  
Elfie Hummel, 1965  
Roberta Juliano, 1971  
Linda Lacobelli, 1956  
Kathleen Mickolyzck, 1970

Carol Mitchell, 1973  
Bryant Munson, 1956  
Stephen Peterson, 1973  
Mabel Peterson, 1973  
Jeanne Reardon, 1969  
Lynn Reardon, 1971  
Betsey Reid, 1971  
Jane Romans, 1961  
Gloria Santamauro, 1973  
Ruth Scelzo, 1952  
Robert Scheidecker, 1966  
Barbara Scheidecker, 1966  
Ann Schneider, 1970  
James Shea, 1970  
Charlotte Shea, 1970  
Cheryl Solecki, 1975  
Victoria Struk, 1969



## The Window

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**WINDOW DEADLINE**

**June 25, 2025**

## LECTIONARY READINGS

**June 1<sup>st</sup> (Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Psalms 97

John 17:20-26

**June 8<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost Sunday)**

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

**June 15<sup>th</sup> (First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday)**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

Psalms 8

John 16:12-15

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Second Sunday after Pentecost)**

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Isaiah 65:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29

and Psalms 42 and Psalm 43 or

and Psalm 22:19-28

Luke 8:26-39

**June 29<sup>th</sup> (Third Sunday after Pentecost)**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

and Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 or

and Psalm 16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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