



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

May 2025

FROM THE
PASTOR 

Abiding Presence

This season of the church year is called Eastertide. It may seem a bit quiet, but it is very important!

The season of Lent invites prayer and reflection in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter. Palm Sunday begins the “Holy Week” with a joyful and exuberant entrance into Jerusalem. Then follows the celebration of the Last Supper, and Jesus’ washing the disciples’ feet, on Maundy Thursday. We remember and ponder the crucifixion and Jesus’ death on Good Friday. Easter Sunday dawns with such powerful expectation that a handful of church members gather on the Green at sunrise! The sanctuary is filled with the beauty of lilies, and with glorious song and music.

And then comes Eastertide. It’s a bit anticlimactic. The Monday after Easter is a church holiday, allowing the staff to rest. Yet there is more gospel to be shared! The resurrection is such a foundational part of discipleship that it needs to be experienced in several instances. The Eastertide gospel lessons describe several appearances by the resurrected Jesus Christ – in conversation with disciples on the road, and in a house with doors shut and locked. Jesus also seeks to reassure the disciples that his presence will abide with them.

There are two things the disciples need beyond the resurrection in order to carry the gospel into all the world: the abiding presence of Jesus, and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will arrive in a rush of wind on Pentecost Sunday.

Now, in the meantime, in Eastertide, we are invited to consider the abiding presence of Jesus Christ. We are not abandoned. “I will not leave you orphaned,” Jesus promised. How does Jesus love abide in you, and with you? Can you share it?

Peace, Scott Morrow



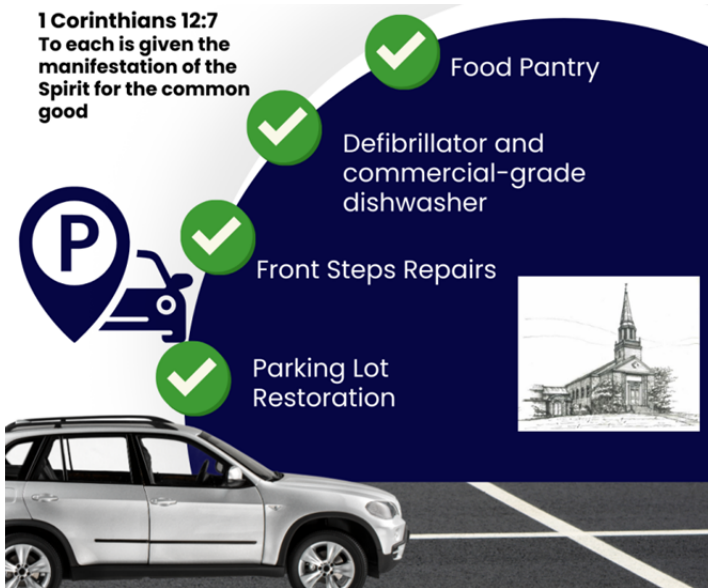
Spring is Here!

The sunshine and warm air signals to us that spring has finally arrived. Spring is a time of renewal for the world around us and for us as individuals. I start lining up my “summer projects” this time of year. Not just keeping the garden weeded or caring for my pool, but what can I do to make my life or someone else’s life a little better. Here are a few things I have thought about. Inviting a friend to church, sending a card to a homebound member or calling a friend who I haven’t spoken to in a while. What would you do? I’m always open to ideas!

One special day in spring is Mother’s Day. It’s a day to celebrate the love your mother has given you for years. I feel blessed to still have my mother in my life. Although we have new living arrangements now we still feel the close bond between us. I have my mother to thank for instilling in me the importance of having a church and a church family. Although she is unable to attend church often she still feels a closeness to her church family and appreciates the calls and cards she receives. The Easter lily made her week!

As we hold our mothers tight this Mother’s Day may we all give thanks for her love and support. May we pray for the children around the world who no longer have a mom, be it from illness, war, poverty, or famine. Likewise may we pray for mothers who have lost children for the same reasons. I offer a big world wide hug for mothers everywhere!

Peace be with you, Kathy Harple



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 has cost \$19,121.50 to date.

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.

We have also set a stretch goal of \$230,000 for this campaign so that we can accomplish three 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).

Joan and I stuffed envelopes for a general mailing to church members and friends regarding the campaign on April 9th, and I am pleased to report that pledges and/or payments have already started to be received. My thanks to the following congregants who have already been heard from, both lead donors and recent pledgers: Beth Anderson, Martin and Patience Benassi, Jim and Joan Bennett, Priscilla Bradford, Sandy Carter, Ed and Mary Ellen Collett, Sue Compton, George and Florence Coulston, Fran and Cheryl Dutko, Doris Ferner, Carl and Lillian Flodquist, Susan Guckert, Peter and Cheryl Hall, Vivian Harris, Bernie and Elfie Hummel, Ron Jennings, Barbara Massey, Carol Mitchell, Scott Morrow and Carol Amico, Bryant and Sara Munson, Rob and Lynne Nielsen, Stephen and Mabel Peterson, Jeanne Reardon, Lynn Reardon, Betsy Reid, Stephen and Linda Simonson, Tony and Cheryl Solecki, Peter and Vicki Struk, Kevin Studley, and Cathy Welch.

Additional pledges and/or donations have been received from Ed Caso, Corinthian Lodge 63, Gary Ferner, January's Pancake Breakfast, and the church's Endowment.

Thank you, one and all!

Next month, I will update everyone on where we stand in our quest for \$230,000. In the meantime, please be assured that we are well over the halfway mark presently.

Jim Bennett
Campaign Chairperson

Contribute now using this QR code:





Ministry Coordinator for Children

May Church School Calendar

May 4 - Communion and Chapel Sunday; children begin in Chapel, then to Church school, then to worship to celebrate Communion with their families

May 11 – Regular Sunday; children begin in worship then to Church School; Noisy Offering.

May 18 - Youth Sunday; Family Sunday; Children will participate in worship with their families;

May 25 – Memorial Day Weekend; Children will remain in Church with their families. Noisy Offering

May 18th - Youth Sunday

We will celebrate Youth Sunday on May 18. The children will be Greeters (with their family members), offer a Gift of Music, light the Peace Candle and lead the Peace prayer, read scripture, and collect the offering. The biblical theme for May 18th, is a New Heaven and Earth (Revelations 21:1-6). The day's selected scripture will provide the children and the congregation with a new way to think about the Book of Revelation. Not as biblical book of the end times, but a book about Heaven and Earth being transformed and made new by God, and a reminder that God and Jesus promises to be with us — always.

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

Summer Church School

July 13, 20, 27

August 3, 10

During Summer Church School 2025, NHCC will be using Vacation Bible School curriculum from Cokesbury entitled ROAD TRIP; ON THE ROAD WITH GOD. During the course of five Sundays, the children will be experiencing stories through music, crafts, and recreation. They will explore the stories of Abraham and Sarah Follow God (Genesis 12:1-9); The Israelites Take the Scenic Route (Exodus 13:17-22); Mary and Elizabeth's Family Reunion (Luke 1:39-56); Jesus Visits Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10); and On the Road with Paul (Acts 18:1-11).

SAVE THE DATE: Church School will begin a new school year on September 14th (Rally Day). We will kick off a new year with an all-Church Picnic immediately after worship.

Karlee Etter

Ministry Coordinator for Children

Church Family News



Birthdays Rhonda Masnato 05/01, Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05, Wendy Civitello 05/05, Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09, Andrew Butterworth 05/13,

Jack Corcoran 05/15, Todd Shea 05/17, Jody Gallagher 05/22, Dorothy Pierce 05/22, George Gladkosky 05/22, Crystal Pohlman 05/22, Gene Kloszewski 05/24, Carter Mickolyzck 05/28, Martha Butterworth 05/31, Alessia Mickolyzck 05/31.

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

Baptisms: Elena Rose Travaglino, daughter of Joseph and Skye Travaglino, born on August 23, 2024, was baptized on April 13, 2025. Elena's cousin, Graham David Rios, was baptized in June last year. Both mothers, Skye Travaglino and Haley Rios, were members of the Youth Fellowship some years ago! Joy!

Deaths:

John Randolph Rice died on January 23, 2025 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. John was the brother of Laurel Rice Gray, who is married to Mark Bessette. A memorial service for John was held in the church on April 12. **Tony Solecki**, husband of Cheryl Solecki, died on April 10. A memorial service for Tony was held in the church on April 18. We give thanks to God for the precious lives of John and Tony, and ask God's sustaining strength and surpassing comfort for Laurel, and for Cheryl, Brian, and Steven, and for all the families.

Mission Team News

Thanks to all who donated flowers for the Easter Cross

A special thanks to The Flower Nook for the donation of Easter flowers on the Cross. The Flower Nook generously donated flowers to augment the flowers donated by members of the congregation to decorate the Easter Cross.



Easter Thanks!

A huge thank-you to the Chancel Choir for their hard work, dedication, and joyful spirit this Easter! Alongside the scripture and sermon, the music lifted our hearts and brought the Easter story to life within us. As the full church joined in hymns like “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today,” I felt so much gratitude for the chance to sing among such a wonderful community.

What a joy to have the Children’s Choir join in the choral introit, “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”—the roof was raised with praise! Many thanks as well to our fabulous guest musicians, Libai Jordan, Jon Noyes, and Reggie Mayo. They filled the sanctuary with beautiful sound and spirit! And thank you to all those who donated to the “Special Music” collection.

In short: a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Easter 2025 such a joyous celebration. Alleluia!



Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!

A wonderful thank-you to all the people who helped with our worship services for Holy Week and Easter. Sue and John Tibor arranged the palms. Sue and John also arranged the Easter lilies and picked up flowers from Flower Nook for the cross outside. Several members gathered for the Easter Sunrise Service on the Green. Carol Amico, Sandy Carter, Sue Compton, Nancy Mahoney, Priscilla Maldonado, Heather Mastracchio, John Tibor, and Cathy Welch were the readers for the Maundy Thursday service. Heather Meachen and Jeff Hutchins and members of the Chancel Choir played and sang for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, accompanied by Libai Jordan on violin, and Reggie May III and Jon Noyes on trumpet. Karlee coordinated the Easter Egg Hunt for the children following the worship service. Thanks to all!

Covenant to Care: Easter Baskets

Our church has been participating in Covenant to Care for Children. It continues to hold a special place in our hearts with many friends and members providing gift for our annual



projects. Easter was no exception! We provided an Easter gift to 34 children who would otherwise have none. I wish to thank everyone who gave a basket and all those who helped organize the baskets for the social worker pick up.

Look for an announcement at the end of the summer for our school backpack project. There will always be children who appreciate our love and kindness.

Blessings,
Kathy Harple





Thank you to all who helped with Spring Clean-Up!

A church clean-up day was held on Saturday, April 13 to tidy the church grounds. Flower beds and sidewalks were edged. Mulch was spread, and branches, twigs and acorns picked up; window- and stairwells were cleaned, and parking lot potholes filled. All of the debris was hauled to recycling center. Special thanks to Bernie Hummel, Sue Cifelli, Sue Compton, Steve Simonson, Ed Collett, Tom Glynn, Peter Struck, Martin Benassi, Scott Morrow, Priscilla Bradford.



Pierpont Concerts Update

As you read this, we will have just enjoyed a stellar concert by the United Girls 'Choir/Elm City Girls 'Choir. This group has had a busy season—recently performing Holst's The Planets with the Yale Symphony Orchestra and Mozart's Requiem with the Greater Middletown Chorale (featuring our own Martin Benassi and Stephen Peterson!).

Their NHCC concert likely offered a lighter, eclectic program of pops, spirituals, sacred, and contemporary songs—with a few surprises! Many thanks to the Women's Fellowship for hosting the reception.

The Music Mission Team is looking 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!) and also a modest artist honorarium that our performers get at the time of signing the agreement. We also have to be sure the church is safe and secure in all ways on big event nights! That said—the last two concerts were a great success and here's to even more to come! Amen and Alleluia!

A fun and easy way to donate

Collecting pop tabs is one of the most popular ways volunteers, community organizations, and schools contribute to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Connecticut and Western

Massachusetts. It's fun, easy, and a great way to involve community groups and your family in supporting our Houses without a lot of effort.

All you need to do is remove the pop tab from each can before recycling. Every month, a truck load of pop tabs is brought to a local recycling center. The tabs are weighed, and the funds raised from their recycling go right back to our programs and services, supporting families and their children in need of life-saving medical care. You can leave them at the church for Lynne Nielsen. Thank you!



A Warm Welcome on Sunday

We want to offer a cheerful greeting and a warm welcome to those who worship with us on Sunday morning! The Greeters, Deacons, Scripture Readers, and Hosts/Hostesses for coffee hour each have a role in welcoming and offering hospitality! Coffee and fellowship after the worship service is a special treat, and a good opportunity to welcome visitors. Experienced coffee brewers are standing by to help those hosting Fellowship Hour!

Please consider helping to offer hospitality and fellowship on Sunday morning. Sign up through the Church website or talk with Scott or Sandy Carter.

Come worship with us in May

Spring is here! In May we look forward to Mother's Day, Youth Sunday, and Memorial Day and the parade! These are joyous occasions – come worship with us! Come and share in 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 by choice or circumstance.

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! 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

The Food Pantry Focus for May is VEGETABLES, FRUIT and MAYONNAISE!! 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!



North Haven Congregational Church has partnered with **Trinity Solar** to raise money for our church while helping our members and community go solar. Simply meeting with a Trinity Solar Expert pays off because we will receive:



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.





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 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.

Silver Lake Strategic Pathway Forward Information Sessions scheduled

The Southern New England Conference has contracted with a consulting team to assess the long-term viability of the programs and facilities at the Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center.

The schedule for the sessions is:

Wednesday, May 7, 10-11:30am online

Sunday, May 25, 3-4:30pm Southington
Congregational Church

Tuesday, May 27, 708:30pm, First Church of
Glastonbury

To register, or for more information, go to
www.silverlakect.org/newsdetail/five-silver-lake-info-sessions-scheduled-19029.

Fire Drill Planned For May 18

We will hold a fire drill at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, May 18. We will give advance notice to the congregation and an explanation of where to exit the building and where to gather outside. This drill is one of the ways we seek to maintain the safety of the church and congregation. The Church Safety Team and the Ministry Leadership Board appreciate your cooperation. If you have questions about the fire drill, please talk with Scott Morrow or Sandy Carter, or call the Church Office. Thank you.

Confirmation

The final Confirmation Classes have been scheduled. Confirmation classes will be held on Sundays May 18 at 4:30pm and June 1 at 5:30pm.

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. It is customary to celebrate the sacrament of communion on Confirmation Sunday. Please mark this date on your calendar!

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.

The 2025 Memorial Day Parade for the Town of North Haven is scheduled for Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.

The Church float will be ready to roll – perhaps with some signs about the Parking Lot Project. Would you like to ride on the float, or walk alongside? Speak with Scott or Sandy.

Window Deadline Has Shifted!

The WINDOW schedule has shifted one week later each month. The deadline for the June WINDOW will be **Wednesday, May 28 and will be mailed on Wednesday, June 4**. 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.

Celebrate Heritage Sunday On June 1

On Heritage Sunday we take the opportunity to celebrate long-time members of the Church. Heritage Members are those who have been members of NHCC for 50 years...or more! Just imagine: with perfect attendance that's at least 2600 Sundays! It is a special occasion to recognize long-time members, and we will do so on Sunday, June 1. We will send letters of invitation to all of the Heritage Members in our church records. We will also recognize those who have been church members in several different churches, for 50 years or more.

If you have a question about whether you, or another family member, are Heritage Members, please call the Church Office. Please plan to join us on Heritage Sunday June 1!

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>.

Choir Appreciation Sunday Set For June 8

We will celebrate our choirs – the Chancel Choir, the Children's Choir, and the Chime Choir – and our talented and dedicated music staff – Organist Heather Meachen and Director of Music Jeffrey Hutchins, on Sunday, June 2. This will be our opportunity to thank all of these fine people for their commitment, their generous spirit, and their great work! We have decided NOT to schedule Choir Appreciation and

Heritage Sunday on the same Sunday in order to offer full attention to each group. Please join us in celebrating gratefully with the choirs on June 8!

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 a Summer Camp Information Session on Zoom on Tuesday, May 13, 6:30-7:30pm, and 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.silverlakect.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.silverlakect.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.silverlakect.org/campsession/18401220>.

Spring Family Weekend will be held May 23-25. Find more information at

<https://www.silverlakect.org/campsession/18399371>.

Consociation Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the New Haven East Consociation will be held on Sunday, October 26, at 6pm. The place for the meeting is still to be determined. We will identify delegates for this meeting in the fall.

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.

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:

Family of Tony Solecki, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider.

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.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, May 10: Women's Fellowship Tag Sale on the Lawn, set-up 7:30; 9a-2p

Saturday, May 17: Open House at Silver Lake Conference Center, 11a-3p

Saturday, May 24: North Haven Memorial Day Parade

Sunday, June 1: Heritage Sunday

Saturday, June 7: SNEUCC Annual Meeting (virtual) 9a-1p

Sunday, June 8: Confirmation Sunday & Choir Appreciation

Women's Fellowship

The Annual Tag Sale will take place on May 10th, 9 a.m. - 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.

B I N G O 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!

WF is asking for your help. We are in need of raffle prizes and could use more than what we presently have. Nothing large, perhaps just something you would like to win in a raffle. For example, nothing over \$25—perhaps a bottle of wine; a gift card to Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, or any restaurant of your choice; lottery tickets (always a great prize); or a nice plant (a great idea)!

Don't worry about wrapping your donation; we can do that for you. The more raffle prizes we have, the more money we will make! Our goal is to raise money for the parking lot that we all use.

Our goal is also to get together and have a fun-filled evening! BINGO night is a lot of fun! Carol Mitchell and I (Dot Pierce) recently attended a bingo game and were quite impressed. It was well run and was a fun evening! Anyone can play; bring the family! Any questions, please contact Carol at 203-668-0608, or me (Dot) at 203-213-9124.

In order to reserve your tickets scan the QR a code on the flyer. If you are unable to use the code, please call or text me (Dot) at 203-213-9124, and I will send you the link. Tickets are only sold and reserved in this way.

LET'S MAKE THIS A BIG FUNDRAISER!

Looking ahead to June, WF will hold our Annual Girls Night Out at a local winery! Date and place to be determined! Watch for more info soon!

Men's Fellowship

The men met twice in April for breakfast and fellowship, on the 5th and 19th, with attendance numbers of nine and eleven respectively. Present at one or both get-togethers were Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Ed Collett, Fran Dutko, Peter Hall, Bernie Hummel, Rev. Scott Morrow, Bryant Munson, Tim Peiffer, Paul Powers, Stephen Simonson, Peter Struk, and John Tibor.

It's worth repeating that 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 hot breakfasts at both April gatherings, with Peter H. supplying his special breakfast casserole at our first assembly, and John T. performing his usual superbly prepared, made-to-order egg offerings at our second conclave.

It was wonderful to have Tim P. back with us on April 5th, as we truly miss his on-the-mark devotionals when he is not with us.

Kudos to Martin B., Ed C., Peter S., and Stephen S., who took early leave from our April 19th breakfast to offer their helping hands to the spring cleaning of the church grounds orchestrated by Priscilla Bradford.

Conversations revolved around many subjects, family and sports being two of the most favorite ones, but we were also reminded by Pastor Scott of several important Holy Week observances, including: daily, noontime worship services; Maundy Thursday's special program; and two Easter Sunday celebrations, on the green at 6:00 am, and in our Sanctuary at 9:30 am.

The men will next get together for breakfast, fellowship, and story-telling on Saturday, May 3rd, beginning at 7:30 am, and we can confirm that John T. has promised to staff the grill.

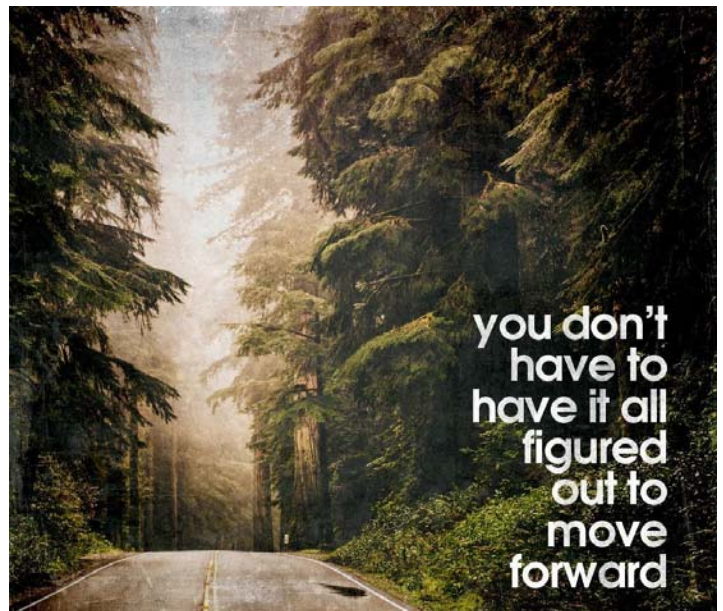
Jim Bennett

A Retirement Reflection Hanging On

One of the things I've been saying to myself as I move toward retirement is "Let Go." A big part of retirement is letting go...in order to Take Hold of something new. The reason I need to keep saying to myself "Let Go" is that my tendency is to Hang On. I hang on to what is familiar. I hang on to what I've worked on or established. I hang on to books because I cherish the ideas they contain, and because I like to fit those ideas or suggestions into sermons or conversations or planning. I hang on to papers because they have notes about conversations and decisions, and I value the conversation the led to the decision. Those are good reasons to hang on, at least in my opinion.

I also hang on to books and papers and worship bulletins partly because of insecurity. I want the books because they give me security about the ideas and questions I have. I want the notes because they give me security about the decisions I've made.

So ...Letting Go is a bit against the grain for me. I know I could learn a lot about digital resources and records that would help me take less space with what I hang on to. I also need to accept the insecurity and risk that come with Letting Go, focusing on the joy and promise of choosing to Take Hold of something new.



you don't
have to
have it all
figured
out to
move
forward

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

22 Masonic Ave, Room R504b
Wallingford, CT 06492



Betsey Reid

74 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 2040
North Haven, CT 06473



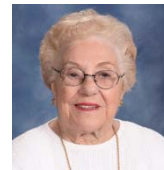
Marlene Bellonio

310 Terrace Ave, E102W
West Haven CT 06516



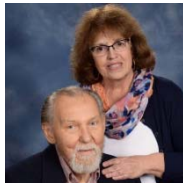
Gloria Santamauro

67 Sackett Point Rd, #401
North Haven, CT 06473



Merrilee & George Gladkosky

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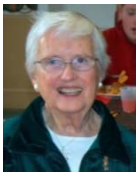
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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
		9:30am Al-Anon (K)		7:00 am Prayer Breakfast 2:30 pm Food Council (CH) 4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL) 10:00 Food Pantry Open	7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH) 9:30 Music Together (DBL) 10:30 Music Together (DBL)
		12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:00 Food Pantry Open 4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	6:00 Leos Club (CH)	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR	7:00pm Al-Anon Area (CH)	3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR) 7:00 UNITED GIRLS CHOIR CONCERT
		6:00 BIBLE STUDY	7:00 Lions Club (CH)			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Al-Anon (K)	WINDOW MAILING		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	9:00am Craft & Tag Sale
9:30am Worship - Third Sunday of Easter	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)		10:00 Food Pantry Open	9:30 Music Together (DBL)
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open		10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	1:00 Retired Fed Employee (CH)	12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)		11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	5:30 Girl Scout 60151(K)		
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR)	5:15 PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom)	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00 Leos Club (CH) 7:00 Lions Club (CH)	7:00 Garden Club (CH)	7:00 Danish Brotherhood (K)	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30am Worship - Fourth Sunday of Easter						7:30am Mens Fellowship (CH)
		9:30am Al-Anon (K)				9:30 Music Together (DBL)
	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30am Music Together (DBL)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00 Food Pantry Open		10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	4:15pm Pierpoint Hill Board Meeting (CH)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	12:00 Building & Grounds (Heath)		4:30 Ukulele (DBL)		3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	7:00 MLB (L)			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30am Worship - Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:30 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		10:00 Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
10:30 FIRE DRILL	1:00pm Food Pantry Open	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)		10:30 Music Together (DBL)	11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)				3:00pm Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
	6:00 CT Record Club (K)	3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	4:30 Ukulele (DBL)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)		
	6:00 New Haven Camera Club (CH)	5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR)		5:30 Girl Scout Troop 60151 (RR)		
		6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)		7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30am Worship - Sixth Sunday of Easter	OFFICE CLOSED	9:30am Al-Anon (K)	WINDOW DEADLINE			9:30am Music Together (DBL)
	9:30 AA (K)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)	9:30 Music Together (DBL)		9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)
	9:30am Music Together (DBL)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	10:00am Food Pantry Open		10:00 Food Pantry Open	11:30 Rhythm Kids (DBL)
	10:30 Music Together (DBL)	12:00pm PLP (Library)	10:30 Music Together (DBL)		10:30 Music Together (DBL)	12:00pm Al-Anon District 3 (CH, Kitchen)
		3:30 United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)	1:00pm Danish Sisterhood (K)			3:00 Tibetan Amican (K, CR)
	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	6:00 Bible Study (Zoom)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL)	4:30pm Ukulele (DBL) 7:00 CHANCEL CHOIR		

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May 28, 2025

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 4th (Third Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 11th (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 9:36-43

Acts 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 18th (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 25th (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

May 29th (Ascension Day)

Acts 1:11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

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