



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC

The Window

October 2026



Lead with Love

How many times over the past several years have you heard some version of the statement, “This is the most important election in our lifetimes!”? Or perhaps I should make it like one of the hundreds of fundraising texts I have received over the past couple of months: “THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTION OF OUR LIFETIMES!!!!”

I’m not a fan of such messaging from any side of the spectrum, left, right, or middle. It seems rather alarmist, and sometimes practically fearmongering. And I am strongly against motivating people with fear. As I mentioned in a sermon a couple of months ago, my mother-in-law (may she rest in peace) used to say, “It takes 30 years to educate someone to make good decisions, and 30 seconds to scare them into doing what you want.” The fabulous Bible interpreter that she was, that line is really just commentary on 1 John 4:18: “In love there is no fear; rather, the love that is perfect casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.” (Of course, the Bible itself sometimes seems to resort to motivation by fear, but that’s a topic for another time.)

Together, we are on the verge of entering a season of talking about generosity and of our giving to the church. The key question surrounding generosity and church giving is always the question of motivation. Heaven knows church leaders across time and across the world have used fear to bring in the cash. (There is a great book by the title “The Almighty’s Dollar” - lol - that lays out some of that history.) Some of you might remember when t.v. preacher Oral Roberts said that God would “call him home” if he didn’t raise \$8,000,000 (\$21 ½ mil today) for some mission

project. Some might say (not me of course!) it was too bad it worked - he got the \$8 mil.

The 15-year-old gang members I used to talk with when I was a chaplain in juvenile detention would call that “dirty money,” money that was stolen, or raised by selling drugs. Dirty money was easy, and “clean money” (earned from a real job) was hard - but clean money, they said, made them feel great: proud and full of self-respect.

In 36 years of ministry, and thus 36 annual giving seasons, I have thought a lot about people’s motivations for giving to the church, and how to encourage some of them to give more. I have come to believe that there are three things that really matter, one practical, one social, one theological:

1. You have to feel that your money is doing something valuable, and is being responsibly used;
2. You have to feel that everyone is carrying their fair share of the load (based on ability, not equal amounts);
3. “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21) - that is, it is right and good to give to deepen your connection to God.

All this is really a “pre-amble” to how I will be talking about generosity and church giving over the next few weeks. I ask you to reflect on these things, and thus be ready to deeply engage with the messages you hear, which will all grow out of our main theme: “Lead with Love.”

Within that theme, we will also be encouraging you to consider “Gifts for Growth,” especially the gifts of Presence, Faithfulness, and Abundance. Our generosity effort over the next few weeks will be wonderfully fruitful if we all give gifts for growth, and if we all lead with love.

From Your Moderator

Dear Fellow Church Members,

I am writing this article not only as your Moderator, but as a member of the Ministry Leadership Board. The Board has a regular schedule of 11 meetings per year. It does not meet in August. It also has special meetings throughout the year for budget planning and other matters. The Board is responsible to the Congregation which is the voting membership of the Church. The Board “provides guidance and oversight for the ministries, activities, and property of the Church. It also “provides guidance, counsel and support for the Minister”.

The Board has four officers who are elected by the Congregation and include the Moderator, the Clerk, Jim Bennett, the Treasurer, Beth Anderson and the Financial Agent Patience Benassi. We also have an Assistant treasurer, John Tibor who is not a board member. There are five members who include Martin Benassi, Joan Bennett, Cheryl Bogert, Ed Collett and Susan Guckert. These members serve two and three year terms and are elected at the annual meeting. The Minister serves as an ex officio member of the Board.

There are many duties and responsibilities you have entrusted to these members to manage and guide us. The Board must prepare an annual budget and Ministry and Mission Plan to present to the Congregation at the annual meeting. The Board is responsible for contracts, business and legal affairs of the Congregation. It serves as trustees for the real estate and financial assets of the Congregation in addition to other duties and responsibilities.

In addition, Mission Teams are established through and recognized by the Board.

This Board is also a part of the Pastoral Transition Team which also includes the Pastoral Relations Board. The team was appointed after Pastor Scott announced his retirement to begin our transition journey. Members of the Ministry Leadership Board also serve the Church in various other duties as

Deacons, Choir members, Men’s and Women Fellowship, Communication Team, Building and Grounds Team, Generosity Team, Personnel Team, Safety Team, and Safe Conduct Policy.

Our Congregation depends upon all of its members, especially those members who serve on the mission teams, the choir, children’s Sunday school, Sunday service support such a deacons, greeters,, scripture readers, communion servers, coffee hour and others

As we begin a new Church year, please consider volunteering to participate in serving in any of the activities. Please consider discussing our Church and its activities with a family member, neighbor or friend and asking if they would join you on a Sunday morning. We need to grow our Church membership.

Most of all, I want to thank the members of the Ministry Leadership Board for all their time and hard work and for maintaining our Church in good order. I thank them for their support and dedication to our Congregation. There is much work before us as we begin a new phase in our transition to find a settled minister and a place for our Church during these times. We have endured for over 300 years and must find our place for the future.

Thank you

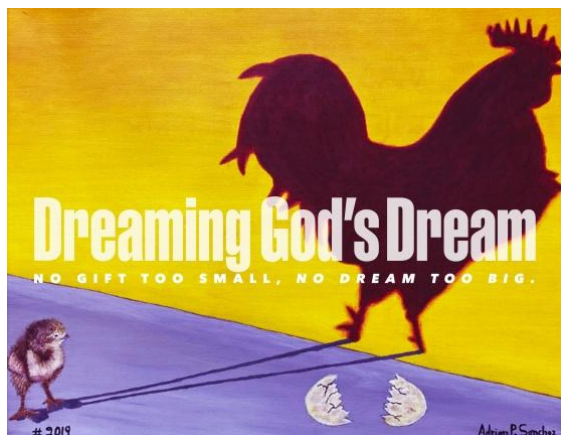
Sandy Carter
Moderator and MLB Member

Season of Generosity

What do you dream when you dream God’s dream for the world, your family or your church? This year we are asked to dream about how we can be generous with our time, talents and treasures.

We are generous in many ways. We are generous when we hold the door for the person behind us, pack and deliver food, serve with a group that coordinates a project-think paving a parking lot, cook a meal for our family, read a bedtime story or coach a team. We share our time and talents.

This time of the year at our church we are asked to think how we can use the financial gifts we have been given to support our dreams. As we 'Dream God's Dream', join in worship on October 11, 18 and 25 to dream with others. On November 1, you will be asked to make a financial commitment to support the dreams of everyone for 2026.



Church School Calendar for October

Oct. 4 Communion Sunday; children begin in Chapel, then to their classrooms. Then they go to worship to share in Communion with their families.

Oct. 11 Family Sunday; children remain in worship with their families

Oct. 18 Regular Sunday (*Noisy Offering*); children begin in worship, then to classrooms

Oct. 25 Regular Sunday; children begin in worship, 4th Graders receive their Gift Bibles; then to classrooms.

What is **NOISY OFFERING**?

Every Autumn, Children's Faith Formation of North Haven Congregational Church's collect special funds for their Mission Project. On the third Sunday of each month during the school year, our children collect a special "Noisy" Offering during worship. Each year, this special offering provides funds for the Church School's mission project. This year as in past years, the Noisy Offering will again support Heifer Project International. During Chapel on October 4, 2026, the

children will select three different Heifer gifts for the 2026-2027 school year.

Upcoming Noisy Offering Sundays: October 18th and November 15th. When you see NHCC's two mascots, the sheep and goat, you will know it is a NOISY Offering Sunday.

SAVE THE DATES:

November 15 *Noisy Offering* Sunday

December 13

Advent Celebration; 11:00-1:00 (Please note time change). More information coming in November.

December 20 Annual Christmas Pageant during worship. More information in November.

Karlee Etter

Ministry Coordinator for Children



NHCC CHANCEL CHOIR
THURSDAYS 7:00PM

Choir Room & occasionally Chancel.

Practice is only 60-75 minutes most nights.

As we approach Christmas, we might go 90 minutes. *Occasional treats provided!* Ask Jeff, Heather, or any choir member for a tour! We are blest with wonderful church music facilities here at NHCC.



Adult Chimes @ 8:00PM Thursdays!

For the time being, we are going to host Chime Choir practice right after Chancel Choir practice on Thursday evenings. The sounds created are glorious and have a lot of potential for musical offerings during the fall and Christmastime! Please consider coming for fellowship and music at church on Thursday evenings.

We sometimes have snacks!

Jeff is also willing to meet interested individuals during the daytimes to learn about the chimes and practice ringing them. We are happy to help with rides at night - please don't hesitate to ask!

We also plan to incorporate these chimes into "intergenerational" music this fall. We have many musical gifts to share!



Two Fun & Inter-generational Songs!

"One Step/Lead With Love"

I'd like to give you a preview of two songs we plan to sing this fall as an "all church choir" from The youngest church school students to the oldest "heritage" members!

This first tune is *swung* and *syncopated* rhythmically. That might sound complicated, but it's all about your feeling!

This song has a great "walking" feel. We'll demonstrate this tempo and sing this song in worship in some upcoming Sunday services. I think you'll love the tune once you feel it! If you would be so kind, please study these words to get us started!

Walking (♩ = 168) (swung: ♪ = ♪³ ♪)

REFRAIN (always sing twice)

**"You gotta put one foot in front of the other,
and lead with Love! Put...
One foot in front of the other,
and lead with Love!"
(repeat all 4 lines)**

Verse ("Call and Response"):

Don't give up hope ("Don't give up hope!")
You're not alone ("You're not alone!")
Don't you give up ("Don't you give up!")
Keep movin' on ("Keep movin' on.")

Repeat REFRAIN

Words & music by Melanie DeMore

There are additional call & response verses and we plan to write a few of our own verses, too!

We Are The Church!

And now an audio recording of the famous church song made popular by Rev. Mike recently, "We are the Church". While the refrain is familiar to many, the verses (with great words!) are lesser-known and move pretty quickly. The following SoundCloud link (via TinyURL for hardcopy readers) has an audio recording and a link to the sheet music!

<https://tinyurl.com/WeAreTheChurch203>

This version has 5 verses! The first of which is:

*"The Church is not a building; the Church is not a steeple.
The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people!"*

Amen!

Jeff Hutchins, Music Director



Church Family News

Birthdays: Robert Nielsen

10/01, LaVala Rossi 10/03, Linda

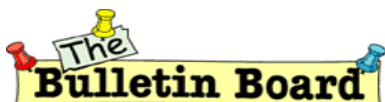
Nielsen 10/04, Nancie Estep 10/09, Kayla McKosky 10/09, Olivia Scoppetto 10/09, Jeff Whipple 10/11, Barbara Joslyn 10/14, Gary Czajkowski 10/16, Kerry Stewart 10/17, Isabelle Meachen 10/18, Kim Natoli 10/18, Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Gracie Kirk 10/24, Betsey Reid 10/28.

Anniversaries: Gus & Lisa VanDerMaelen 10/02, Rebecca & Edward Bogaert, Scott & Kim Footit 10/07, Ray & Cynthia Geissler 10/14, Curt & Carolyn Thalken 10/16, Scott & Beth Kandrath 10/21, Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

PRAYER REQUESTS

In this month's *Window* we continue to list the names of persons for whom we pray in our worship each Sunday. Please add these special people to your prayers at home. Watch the *Window* each month for changes in this list.

In Our Prayers This Month are: Lee Guckert and her Family, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Charlotte Shea, Paula Diehl, Merrilee Gladkosky, and Melanie Howlett.



Jesus & Women Bible Study

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them". Matthew 18:20

✚ Women's Bible Study on Mondays from 7:30–8:30 PM ✚

We are beginning a new season of studying:

"Walking with the Women of the Bible: A Devotional Journey Through God's Word by Elizabeth George."

This study will give us an opportunity to dive into Scripture together, learn more about God, and explore the lives of the women throughout the Bible. We provided a link where anyone interested can purchase their own copy on Amazon.

<https://a.co/d/0e1Ccndr>

For anyone who has not purchased the book yet, that is completely okay! During our studies, the page we are working through will be displayed on the screen so everyone can follow along while they wait for their book to arrive.

Our previous study was:

"Jesus & Women in the first century and now by Kristi Mclelland", and it was truly inspiring and full of knowledge. It brought us back to the time of Jesus and helped us understand the culture, history, and experiences of the women who encountered Him. We learned so much through that study, and we are excited to continue growing together through this new one. Although this is a women's Bible study, our conversations are not limited to one particular stage of life. Whether you are married or single, a mother or not, young or older, everyone is welcome. We can share our experiences, testimonies, questions, and the things we encounter in everyday life; whether that involves motherhood, marriage, relationships, work, family, faith, or simply navigating life as a woman. Life can be difficult, and there are times when we have questions, feel confused, or simply need someone to listen. Coming together each week gives us an opportunity to encourage and support one another, practice patience and understanding, and, most importantly, grow in love for one another.

This group gives us a chance to come together in fellowship with one thing in common: to learn more about God and grow in our relationship with Him. We would love to welcome any women in the church who would like to join us. We hope these Monday evenings will be a meaningful time of Scripture, conversation, fellowship, encouragement, and growth as women of God.

If anyone is interested please reach out via email Priscillamaldonado111333@gmail.com or send a text to (475) 366-3682 to receive a zoom link to join.

We are here to support our sisters in Christ ❤️
Many blessings,

Priscilla Maldonado and Cathy Welch

Weekly Bible Study ZOOM

Our Bible Study has resumed its weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 pm. The group meets by Zoom each Tuesday for approximately one hour each session. We will continue our study of the letters of Paul, resuming with 2 Corinthians. If you are interested in joining, please contact John Tibor at john.tibor@snet.net so that we can include you on our Zoom link. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stop & Shop Fundraisers to benefit the NHCC Food Pantry really work!

In the spring, \$36.00 was donated to the Food Pantry from sales of Reusable Bags at the North Haven Stop & Shop. The summer “Bloomin’4 Good” program at the Hamden S&S, raised \$146.00 for our Food Pantry. For the month of October 2026, The North Haven Food Pantry has been chosen to benefit from “Bloomin’4 Good” at the North Haven Stop & Shop. For every \$11.99 specially marked Bloomin’4 Good bouquet purchased, \$1.00 will be donated to the Food Pantry. If you need flowers for a special occasion, or “just because”, consider “Bloomin’4 Good”.

2026-2027 Connecticut Energy Assistance Program Starting in SOON!

Starting in October 2026, the Town of North Haven’s Community Services office will begin conducting residents’ appointments for the CT energy assistance program (CEAP). Appointments are conducted by phone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-11:15am.

If you heat with oil:

Call Community Services in October 2026.

If you heat with gas or electric:

Call Community Services in January 2027.

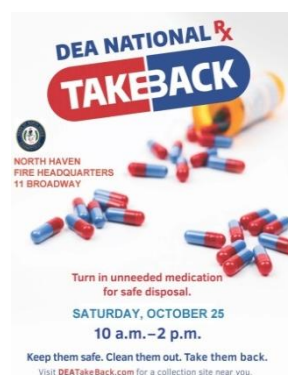
If your heat is included in your rent:

Call Community Services in January 2027.

Note: Your original lease that shows your heat is included in the rent will be required. For further explanation, to see if you qualify or to schedule your phone appointment, call Community Services at (203) 239-2566.

Neighbors In Need Offering set for Oct. 4

On Sunday, October 4, we will receive the Neighbors In Need Offering for 2026. Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects, and grants. Neighbors in Need grants are annually awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities.



North Haven Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs

On Saturday, October 24th at Fire Headquarters

North Haven – On Saturday, October 24th from 10am –

2pm, the Town of North Haven and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will be teaming up once again to give the public the opportunity to prevent pill misuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. This event is open to any residents from any town. Visitors are asked to bring medications for safe disposal to North Haven Fire Headquarters located at 11 Broadway. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. This is the 34th National DEA Takeback Day hosted by the Town, with collection events taking place every April and October.

This is a drive-through drop-off event. Visitors simply need to pull down the driveway of Fire Headquarters and drive around to the back of the building, where they will be greeted by staff to accept the medications. Visitors will be asked to remain in their vehicles and to hand the medications through the window to the staff. Visitors are discouraged from exiting their vehicles or walking up to the disposal tables.



9:00am-4:00pm,
Monday through Friday

Vapes and other e-cigarette devices or cartridges are also now being accepted; please remove the batteries before dropping these items off for safe disposal.

Items that will not be accepted include syringes, needles or other sharps, inhalers, such as those for asthma, aerosol cans, mercury thermometers, iodine-containing medications and illegal drugs or substances (including marijuana which is still a schedule 1 drug under federal law).

Please leave all medications in their original containers if possible. Cross out the person's name with a black marker to ensure privacy.

For more information, please contact Carla Picard in Community Services at 203-239-5321 x8504.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

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



The Holiday Food Drive 2026 Has Begun!

The Food Pantry Council met recently to begin the planning for the 2026 Holiday Food Drive. The Council consists of members of churches and civic

groups in North Haven which support the Food Pantry and the Holiday Food Drive. We expect an increased need for the Holiday Food Drive and we are planning for the maximum capacity of assistance once again. Volunteers shop regularly for items that have run out. We work in partnership with Connecticut Food Share, through the leadership of John Tibor, which allows us to shop for the Food Pantry at greatly reduced prices. This is a very important resource since we shop so frequently. There is great support from the churches of North Haven. We will also resume the collection of non-perishable food on Communion Sundays beginning this month. Here are the dates for this year's Holiday Food Drive:

THANKSGIVING -- Pack boxes: Nov. 19 & 20
Pick-up & Deliver: Nov. 21
CHRISTMAS -- Pack boxes: Dec. 17 & 18
Pick-up & Deliver: Dec. 19

Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is in need of canned meals: Beefaroni, Spaghetti's, Beef stew, Chili, Chili with beans, and Canned Soup (no Chicken Noodle). Also Fruits and Vegetables: AppleSauce, Canned Fruit, Green Beans, and Baked Beans. Please bring to the church.

North Haven Encourages Residents to Sign up for Free Prescription Discount Card North Haven – The Town of North Haven is stepping up to make medication more affordable and want YOU to be part of it. North Haven has partnered with the State of Connecticut Comptroller to spread the word about a free prescription savings card for anyone living in Connecticut. No cost. No insurance needed. Just real savings and better access.

ArrayRx is a free prescription discount card program offered by the State of Connecticut. It helps people in our communities save money on their medications, no matter their age, income, insurance, or immigration status. Anyone who lives part- or full-time in Connecticut can sign up online or over the phone and begin using it right away. There are no fees, no applications, and no eligibility requirements. Just real savings on the medications people need to stay healthy.

Not sure if you would like to sign up? You can search for the price of any of your medications online before enrolling if that makes you more comfortable. The tool shows real-time prices at pharmacies near you, so you can compare and save.

For more information or if you would like assistance in signing up, you can call the ArrayRx Enrollment Line at 1-800-913-4146 (Monday–Friday, 10:30 AM–8:30 PM), contact Carla Picard in Community Services at 203-239-5321 x8504 or visit ArrayRxCare.com.

Women's Fellowship



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th is "PINK SUNDAY"

You are ALL encouraged to wear your pink!!!!

Join us for a special coffee hour with "pink desserts." Proceeds will once again be donated to "After the Storm" ART BRA, supporting and celebrating breast cancer survivors!!!

Thank You for a Wonderful Pancake Breakfast
The Women's Fellowship and Faith Formation Team extends its sincere thanks to all who attended the Re-Gathering Pancake Breakfast held on September 13 in Carroll Hall.

It was a joyful time of fellowship, shared hospitality, and delicious food.

We are especially grateful to everyone who helped with setup, donated food, served, ran the dishwasher, and assisted with cleanup.

We also offer our appreciation to the dedicated volunteers who contributed to the success of the breakfast by preparing the food, serving guests, and helping ensure that the morning ran smoothly.

Special thanks are extended to Rick Massey for his leadership at the griddle and to Kevin Studley for his valuable assistance throughout the morning.

Thank you to all who helped make this gathering possible. We look forward to another Pancake Breakfast after the holidays.

Women's Fellowship Harvest Fair

This year's Fair will be held on Saturday November 7th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There are many ways to help and lots to be done to make this event happen and to insure that it is a success. Set up will begin on Monday (11/2) and continue all week. Please sign up if you can help during set-up week or at the Fair by calling the Church Office 203 239-5691 or signing up at Fellowship Hour on Sunday after Worship. On Thursday (11/5) set up will continue and pricing will begin and final preparations will be made. During the week, Carroll Hall will be transformed into Grandma's Kitchen, the Bake Shop, the Cookie Walk, Grandma's Attic, and areas for Raffle Baskets, Jewelry, Accessories, Housewares, and more. The Café with limited seating will be available for those wishing to enjoy morning coffee & or lunch. Down the hall will be the Christmas Room, Nearly New Room, Face Painting and Children's Room. We appreciate all the time that goes into handcrafted items, food preparation, decoration, advertising, collecting, donations, setup, working at the fair, and clean up. Watch for updates and reminders in the Sunday Bulletin and wait for a phone call or email asking you to help! The Fair is organized by the Women's Fellowship ... but everyone is encouraged to participate in whatever way they can. Men, women, and youth are all needed to help make the fair a success and are welcome to help in any way they can.

The Harvest Fair is an opportunity to work together, share our talents with others, and open our doors to the community. We hope you will be part of this event!

Thank You! See you at the fair!

Dot Pierce and Carol Mitchell



Men's Fellowship

The men have returned to a normal 1st and 3rd Saturdays schedule. We will meet on Saturday October 3rd and Saturday October 17th at 7:30am. All men are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, Oct 3 - Men's Fellowship Brkfst 7:30am
Sunday, Oct 11 – Pink Sunday
Saturday, Oct 17 - Men's Fellowship Brkfst 7:30am
Friday, Oct 23 – Community Supper (St. Johns) 5pm
Saturday, Oct 24 – Prescription Drug Take Back 10-2
Sunday, Oct 25 – Bible Sunday
Sunday, Nov 7 – Harvest Fair 9:00am-2:00pm
Sunday, Nov 1 – All Saints Sunday
Sunday, Nov 8 – Generosity Sunday

Men's Fellowship: Growing Together in Faith and Friendship

After our summer break, the Men's Fellowship was grateful to gather again in September. It was good to see familiar faces, welcome one another back, share a meal, laugh together, and simply enjoy the fellowship that comes from gathering as brothers in Christ.

Our Men's Fellowship is more than a Saturday morning breakfast. It is an opportunity for the men of

our church and community to come together in friendship, conversation, prayer, and faith. We come from different backgrounds and experiences, but around the table we have an opportunity to encourage one another, learn from one another, and grow together in our walk with God.

Scripture reminds us, **“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” — Proverbs 27:17.** That spirit of encouragement and fellowship is something we hope to continue building throughout the year.

Whether you have been part of the church for many years, have recently joined us, or simply want an opportunity to connect with other men in a welcoming Christian fellowship, there is a place for you at the table. No special invitation is necessary—just come as you are.

We look forward to continuing our regular gatherings on the **first and third Saturdays of each month**. Join us for breakfast, conversation, fellowship, and an opportunity to strengthen our relationships with one another and with God.

All men are welcome. We hope to see you at the next breakfast!

PASTORAL VISITS

Pastoral Visits in Hospital –Please contact Donna or Rev. Mike if you anticipate a trip to the hospital or unexpectedly find yourself hospitalized, so that Rev. Mike can respond.

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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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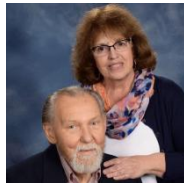


Bob Scheidecker

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North Haven, CT 06473

Merrilee & George Gladkosky

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Wallingford CT 06492



Ellie Harple

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North Haven, CT 06473



Betty Martin

4200 Lakota Rd. B404
Indian Hills, CO
80454



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LECTIONARY READINGS

October 4th (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Ps 19 Isa 5:1-7 and Ps 80:7-15
Phil 3:4b-14..... Matt 21:33-46

October 11th (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

Ex 32:1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23
Isa 25:1-9..... Psalm 23
Phil4:1-9..... Matt 22:1-14

October 18th (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

Ex 33:12-23..... Psalm 99
I Thess 1:1-10..... Matt 22:15-22

October 25th (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Deut 34:1-12..... Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Lev 19:1-2, 15-18..... Psalm 1
I Thess 2:1-8..... Matt 22:34-46

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