



North Haven Congregational Church, UCC
The Window

February 2012



**Staying in Touch and Helping Out
Two Tools**

One of most important tasks in our church life is staying in touch. We want to be sure that all of our members are aware of programs and events at the church, including worship services, classes and learning sessions, and work projects.

One of the greatest blessings we share as a congregation is our willingness – our eagerness – to help church members who may have particular needs, or may encounter difficult and challenging circumstances. We have two new tools to help in our efforts.

The first, called **ServantKeeper Notify!**, will allow us to send e-mails, text messages, and voice-mails to church members. This service will be immediately useful in notifying members of any weather cancellations or emergencies. In a year with two major power outages due to a tropical storm and a snowstorm, the need is apparent. Currently we are limited in how many people we can e-mail with one message without turning our message into spam. Members with children and youth in the North Haven schools are familiar with the informational phone calls that come from the school principals. **ServantKeeper Notify!** will enable us to send voice messages to members' phones in much the same way. This will be most helpful for our members who do not use e-mail or text-messaging. Finally, **Notify!** will also enable us to send text messages to members as well.

In addition to weather delays and cancellations, this tool will also be helpful in publicizing church programs and events, and sending reminders of group meetings and gatherings. We will need to learn your preferences for modes of communication, and we'll try it out with a test groups first.

The second tool is called **Lotsa Helping Hands**. You may remember that we had a program called **Sharing and Caring** which helped members respond to needs within the congregation for rides, shopping, meals, light home

repair. This is a very important ministry when people are hospitalized or incapacitated in some fashion. **Sharing and Caring** was coordinated by members of the **Women's Fellowship**. They used an index card file to record the kinds of help members could offer, and then matched those offers with needs reported to them. **Lotsa Helping Hands** does the same thing using the internet. We can make a list of those church members willing to help others, and the kinds of help they can offer. We can then list needs that are identified, and contact those who might possibly help. You can go to www.lotsahelpinghands.org to see how it works. The **Lotsa Helping Hands** member care program will be overseen by the Deacons. The greatest need as we begin is for a Coordinator (or two!) and signing up helpful members. If you are interested, speak with Steve Simonson or Scott Morrow. These two tools will be very helpful as we endeavor to share the news of our church programs and care for our membership. We will keep you informed as we become more familiar and skillful with them!

Scott Morrow

Church Family News

Birthdays:

Mary Ann Cimini, Sophie Grant, Mitch Grant, William Woodruff, Erin Malone, Walter Kaercher, David Gould, Barbara Pearsall, Daniel Mickolyzck, Nicholas Bernardo, Mary Pallatto, Joshua Peiffer, Shayna DeLuca, Richard Gherlone, Joy Gillen, Lauren Andrews, Jim Bennett, Billy Mickolyzck, Curt Thalken, Victoria Hummel, Doris Adams, Laura Miller, Kathleen Mickolyzck, Amy Morrow, Jesse Morrow, Debra Case, Florence Klemenz, Chelsea Thalken and Doris Vigliotto.



Box Tops for Education

Need a place to put those box tops you take from your General Mills products? Bring them to church and put

them in the bag on the hall bulletin board. They will be distributed to students in our congregation and used by their schools for special programs.

Weather Warning

If church programs or activities need to be cancelled due to bad weather, this information will be broadcast on WTNH TV channel 8 and WFSB TV channel 3. It will also be listed on our website at (www.northhavenucc.org), and on our outgoing telephone message. It is church policy that afternoon and evening activities for youth are cancelled if school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal.



Abraham's Tent

John Tibor and Priscilla Bradford would like to thank everyone who helped to make our week (December 26-January 2) of hosting the men of Abraham's Tent a success. The men enjoyed delicious meals and snacks, companionship as they watched football on New Year's Day, fellow puzzlers to help with the puzzle and a safe place to spend the night. If you would like to volunteer, please call or e-mail the Church Office.

Saint John's Episcopal Church and North Haven Congregational Church will work together during the week of February 20-27. This week St. John's Episcopal Church will host the guests. We will assist with meal preparation and serving, and overnight coverage.

The program, organized and coordinated by Columbus House and Interfaith Cooperative Ministries, highlights the need for overflow shelter space for the homeless during the coldest months of the year. Funds for the Overflow Shelter, which is staffed by Columbus House, were cut back drastically last year, and the City of New Haven abandoned its policy of guaranteeing overnight shelter space when the temperature drops below freezing.

Four Chaplains Commemoration Scheduled

The annual commemoration of the Four Chaplains will take place on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Town Recreation Center under the auspices of Murray-Reynolds Post 76, American Legion. The ceremony will include

words of remembrance by four local clergy, remarks by Town and veterans' leaders, and the awarding of Legion of Honor certificates. You are invited to attend!

Tres Dias Weekends Coming

Tres Dias Weekends offer the opportunity for a three-day reflection upon one's faithful walk with Christ amid a joyous and encouraging community. A weekend for men (Men's #96) will be offered Thursday evening March 22nd – Sunday March 25th. A weekend for women (Women's #96) will be offered May 3-6. The weekends take place in Monroe, CT. You can find more information on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the church office, and by talking with a member of the Tres Dias Community in our congregation.

Save the Date!

On Saturday, March 24, there will be a special seminar, "Marching in the Son", held at First Congregational Church of Cheshire, from 9am – 3:15pm. This event will have worship, workshops and networking for pastors and church leaders, church school coordinators and teachers, and youth advisors. It is sponsored by the CT Conference.



Notes from the Choir Director

Hello Everybody,

First of all I would like to welcome everyone to the New Year. I pray that 2012 is a productive fresh start for all of us as we continue to make our church community a welcoming and thriving environment for everyone. As we look ahead, there are a few events coming up the next few weeks and months concerning the music program. The lay-led service this month will take place on February 19th, and we will be welcoming back our Children's Choir to participate in the church service. I would ask that all children arrive at church promptly at 9:00am, so that we can rehearse briefly in the sanctuary before service.

Also, on March 11th, North Haven Congregational Church has been given the honor of hosting this year's annual Choir Consociation Festival. This is a true chance to show our Christian brothers and sisters in the New Haven area what a strong and growing music program we

have here. If any of you sang with our All Church Choir back in November, and would like another chance to sing with the Chancel Choir, this is a perfect opportunity to do so. Even if you haven't yet had the opportunity to join our Chancel Choir, you are more than welcome to give it a try.

There will be more information regarding this festival, and other exciting events happening in the music program, coming to you soon, but if you have any questions regarding the festival, or any part of the music program, I invite you to talk with me at anytime. You can usually find me after service during coffee hour. I would love to hear what you have to say, and if you would like to contribute in the ministry of music here at NHCC.

In Christ and music,
Brian Jones

Notes from the Organ Bench

I thought it might be nice from time to time to write a little column for the Window. This month's topic is: "What's a 'Prelude'?"

As you might have guessed, the term "prelude" in music has several meanings. It comes from the Latin word "ludo" ("play") coupled with the prefix "pre" ("before"); hence: "play before". In this sense it appears in the worship bulletin to designate a musical selection performed before the service begins, juxtaposed with its counterpart after the conclusion of the service: the "postlude".

Another meaning of the term comes from the baroque practice where the organist would improvise, or "preludise", on a hymn to introduce it before it was sung by the congregation. These were often expanded and written down as polished compositions called "chorale preludes", since most evolved from the German Lutheran tradition where hymns called "chorales" were written according to a specific compositional form. This practice has been carried forward to the modern day (including your own organist) by what are known as "hymn tune preludes".

Finally, "prelude" can also refer to any relatively short piece in free style, such as the piano preludes of Frédéric Chopin, or those of Bach in his "Well-tempered Clavier".

Thus, not only the piece itself but also its context is a factor in determining the specific meaning or

meanings when you see in your bulletin the word, "prelude."

Happy worshipping!
Gary Snowbeck



Committee News

Board of Deacons

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

The Deacons invite you to a simple supper of soup and bread on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There will be a selection of delicious soups provided by Church members, accompanied by hearty bread. The supper will begin at 6:00 p.m., and conclude by 7:00. (The Choir is invited to come early and eat before their rehearsal) The Ash Wednesday worship service will begin at 7:00. Come and enjoy the meal and the fellowship!

Board of Finance



The members of the Board of Finance would like to thank everyone who has donated to the budget and special offerings for 2011. Our collection rate was nearly 100%! If you miss placed your pledge card for 2012, it is not too late to support NHCC and our goal of changing lives. See a member of the Finance Board or call the office.

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The Window

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Isabelle Timothy	Pam & Mike Trepanier
Betty Vento	Doris Vigliotto
Lisa & John Volpe	Catherine Welch

List reflects pledges received by Jan 22

Board of Christian Outreach

We received the following note from our Covenant to Care Social Worker, Alicia Serkis, to express her gratitude for your many holiday gifts to the children and families in the care of her and her colleagues at the DCF Milford office. Our church family donated gifts for over 30 children, plus gift cards totaling over \$500 dollars, as well as holiday food for 4 families:

I wanted to thank you all so, so much for providing the gifts and food for the families in need. We had so many gifts that we were able to give to many more families than listed on the holiday list!!! Everyone was very thankful and enjoyed their gifts. Thank you so much again for your generous and caring Souls! Happy New Year to everyone and I look forward to working with you in this New Year!

Floral Committee

If you would like to donate flowers on a Sunday morning, please use the donation sign up calendar posted in the narthex. Only one arrangement is needed, even on the first Sunday of the month. You can make the arrangement yourself, or use a florist. Please notify Nancie, in the office by the Wednesday prior to your donation date if you would like something in the Sunday bulletin.

Music Board

North Haven High School Jazz Bands and Select Vocals...

Will perform on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow.

The music of *Key of She*, *Men of Note*, *One Voice*, *Jazz 1* and *Jazz 2* will be featured. The groups are made up from students from the North Haven High School and include some of our own youth!

We invite you to purchase tickets early and support these very talented musicians. Please see any member of the music board or contact the church office.

Church Dinner

On Saturday, February 11th we will be hosting a Ziti Dinner with a surprise dessert... hmm think Valentine's Day. The Dinner will be held at 5:30 giving everyone time before going upstairs to enjoy the music. **Advanced reservations are now being accepted.** Cost per ticket is

\$10.00 per person with a reservation and \$14.00 per person at the door. Children under 12 are free. Please speak with Carol Mitchell or Nancie Estep to reserve your spot.

Springbook

Springbook April 27 and 28

Spring is just around the corner and so is our annual book sale. We have been busy collecting books but can always use more for a successful sale. Remind your friends that we collect them all year. No textbooks or encyclopedias, please. Bring them to the church and we will put them in storage. Mark your calendar: This year the sale will be April 27 and 28 but we will need volunteers to help sort from April 24-26.



Youth News

Church School Schedule

- 05-Feb** Church School, Communion
- 12-Feb** Church School
- 19-Feb** Family Sunday, No Church School
- 26-Feb** Church School
- 04-Mar** Church School, Communion
- 11-Mar** Church School
- 18-Mar** Church School
- 25-Mar** Church School

Summer is Coming to Silver Lake!!

In the midst of winter, it's great to look forward to the summer. The schedule for summer conferences at Silver Lake Conference Center has been announced. Silver Lake is the United Church of Christ summer camp in Sharon, Connecticut. They offer week-long conferences for different age groups (5th through 12th grade) from June 24 through August 18. (There is also a pre-camp week for 9th-12th graders June 17-23). You can look at the schedule on the bulletin board outside the Church office, or you can look online at www.silverlakeect.org. Costs for the sessions vary. There may be limited scholarship assistance available through the church. Please contact Scott Morrow or Nancie Estep with questions.

A NOTE TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS FROM THE DEACONS



Holy Communion

If you are unable to receive Communion on the first Sunday of the month in church, we would be happy to bring this Sacrament to you, whether you are at home or in the hospital. Please call the church office to set a time that would be convenient for you.

Some of our church members who are homebound are unable to be present for worship on Sunday mornings. We keep in touch with them through visitation such as home Communion and gifts of holiday flowers. Tapes of worship services have been shared with those who desire.

Barbara Pearsall

7110 Ashlar Village
Wallingford, CT 06492

Ellen Robert

55 Shawmut Ave.
North Haven, CT 06473

Wilmer Taylor

Elim Park Baptist Home
140 Cook Hill Rd.
Cheshire, CT 06410

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.

Leslie Dockendorff, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Edward Bogaert, Sr., Lynn Lafleur, Brian Harple, Virginia Berniere, Wilmer Taylor, Mark Allen, Doris Cronk, LaVala Rossi, Betty Vento, Heidi Welch, Quinn Faerdy, Neville Wolfe, Florence Iovene, Amber Phillips, McBride family, Lisa Lewis, Barbara Collette, Ruth Dudley, Ann Stoddard, Christine Pierce, Tara Severino, David Estep, Michael Ieronimo, Betty Schatzlein, Jill Ellis, Matthew Lupoli, Lynn Estep, Sue Rose Iovene, Joyce Ferrucci, Steve McKosky and Adele DiBene.

**What will
our 300th
Anniversary
brochure
look like?**

Read Carefully and Preserve this paper

THE 200^{dth.} ANNIVERSARY

Of The Founding Of The

Ecclesiastical Society

IN THE

North Parish of New Haven in 1716

**WILL BE OBSERVED IN
NORTH HAVEN, CONN.**

DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING OCTOBER 29, 1916

About thirty years after the settlement of New Haven Colony (1638) planters began occupying lands allotted them on either side of the Quinnipiac river, so that by 1670 or thereabouts, a few had located their dwellings along the main trails leading northward to Wallingford. This number increased largely during the following thirty years and little communities gathered at "Muddy River" and in the vicinity of "Pine Bridge" (Mansfields) further north.

The colony of New Haven did not lose sight of these settlers by any means. They were compelled to attend worship in that city with much inconvenience until they petitioned the General Assembly at its May session, 1716, to be made "a separate Parish or Society." This prayer was granted at the Assembly's October session, with the further privilege of annexing twelve families adjoining them.

Thus was founded November 2, 1716, the Ecclesiastical Society of the North Parish of New Haven—parent of the Congregational church—whose 200th anniversary is about to be commemorated in song, addresses, and pageant.

Each citizen in the community has a birthright in this ancient institution. For seventy years, or until the Act of Incorporation, 1786, the Ecclesiastical Society was supreme authority in all judicial and religious matters in the parish and laid the foundations of Law and Order on which we rest today.

ROBERT O. EATON, President.

J. RICHARD NORTH, Secretary.

February 2012

Please check website (www.NorthHavenUCC.org) for the most current information!
Time highlighted in **Bold** print indicates P.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:30 Food Council (L) 6:00 Music Board 6:30 Mothers of Twins (CH) 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 AA (K)	3 6:30 Girl Scouts (K)	4 7:00 Men's Breakfast
5 9:30 Worship 9:30 Church School 6:30 Scout Pack Mtg. (L)	6 12:15 Retired Fed. Emp. (CH) 7:00 B & G (H)	7 9:30 Alanon (CH) 6:00 Outreach (L) 6:00 Deacons (K)	8 6:45 Alanon Fam. Dist. (CH)	9 7:00 Garden Club 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 AA (K)	10 7:00 Danish Brotherhood (K)	11 5:30 Special Dinner before Pieront Concert 7:00 Pierpont Concert
12 9:30 Worship 9:30 Church School 1:00 Girl Scouts (K) 4:30 Confirmation (K)	13 8:30 Morning AA (K)	14 9:30 Alanon (CH) 7:00 BCE (L) 7:00 Finance (H) 7:30 Nutmeg Treas. Hunters (C)	15 <u>WINDOW DEADLINE</u> 7:00 N.H. Chorale Bd. Of Dir. (K)	16 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 AA Meeting	17 6:30 Girl Scouts (K)	18 7:00 Men's Breakfast
19 9:30 Worship 9:30 Church School; 11:00 Mission Trip Breakfast	20 OFFICE CLOSED Presidents Day 8:30 Morning AA (K) 7:30 Book Club (L)	21 9:30 Alanon (CH) 7:30 Council (K)	22 ASH Wednesday 6:00 Simple Soup Supper (CH) 7:00 Worship	23 <u>WINDOW MAILING</u> 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 AA Meeting	24	25
26 9:30 Worship 9:30 Church School 4:30 Confirmation (K)	27	28 9:30 Alanon (CH) 7:30 NHOAH (L) 7:30 Danish Sisterhood (K)	29			

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Nancie Estep

SEXTON
Kirk Johnson

WINDOW DEADLINE
February 15, 2012

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 5, 2012

Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

February 12, 2012

2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

Psalms 30

February 19, 2012

2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Psalms 50:1-6

February 22, 2012

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or
Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Psalms 51:1-17

February 26, 2012

Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Psalms 25:1-10

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