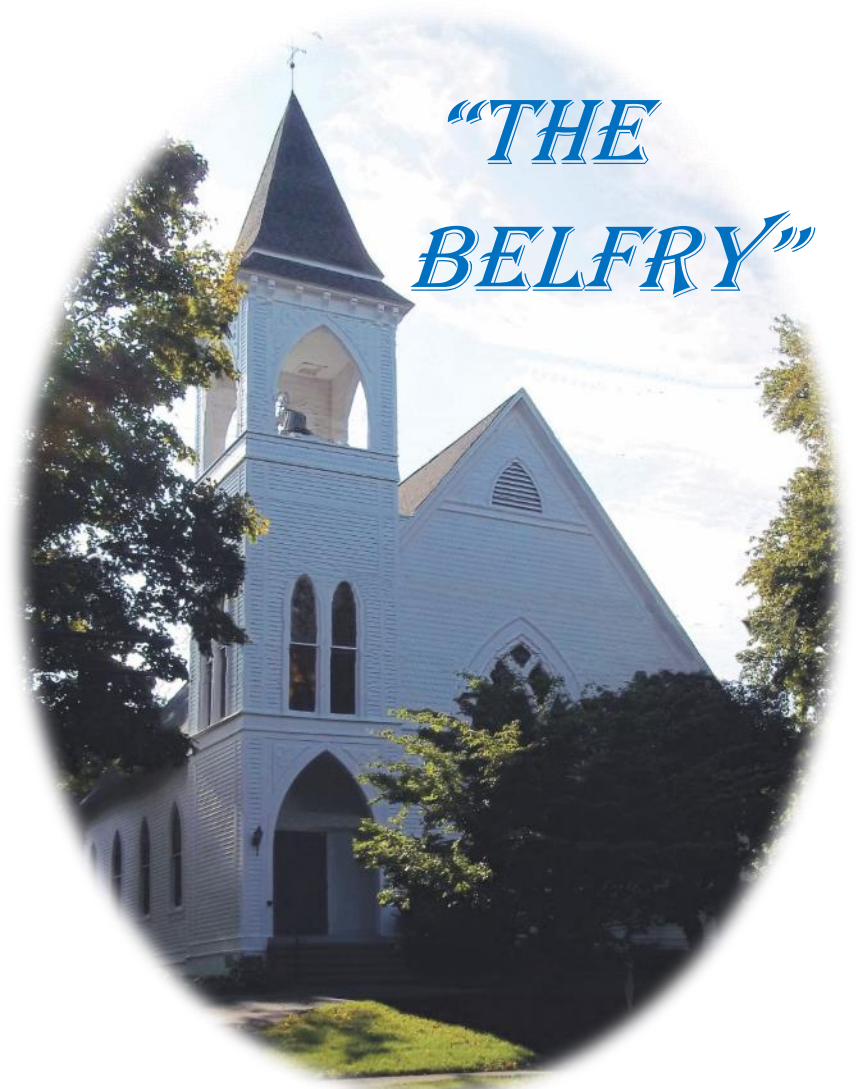


February

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*“THE
BELFRY”*

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THE 296th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
WILL BE HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS,
ACCEPTING THE 2020 BUDGET,
AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT PROPERLY COMES
BEFORE THE MEETING.

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

SNOWDATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

To HCCUCC Members:
The Annual Report will be emailed to our members.
Please print yours out & bring with you to the Annual Meeting.
Thank you

**TO ALL OUTGOING
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

If you have a key to the church building(s), please pass it along to the incoming chairperson on that committee or turn it into the church office. Thank you for your cooperation.

FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Folks,

As I put away my Christmas decorations, I put up my Valentine's day ones. I thought I might as well do it all at once. It seemed fitting going from celebrating God's great act of love in giving us Jesus to celebrating the day dedicated to love.

Love is often an over used word. From the stuff: We love our coffee, we love our favorite color, we love our computers, we love our phones...to the people: we love our parents, we love our partners, we love our families, we love our friends...to the eternal: we love Jesus, we love God.

The word love covers a whole spectrum of likes, desires, and commitments. But the love we have in God, both our love for God and God's love for us, transcends them all. This is a love that never fades, that will never die. This is a love that is not dependent on our preferences or our moods. This is a love that will never go out of date or fashion. This love is unconditional and eternal. May we celebrate this love on Valentine's Day and every day.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Lucille



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*Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be on Thursdays,
February 13th, March 12th, and April 16th. Please let her know
if you have a prayer concern you would like her to lift-up.*

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CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 2020

TREASURER: Budget Committee approved the budget. Pledges are up. Pastor's pension and life insurance went up. Reduction in Karen's salary and taxes. Child-care was removed. Andy moved for Council to accept the proposed budget to present at the annual meeting. Gail Schoennagel seconded; motion carried.

TRUSTEES: 2 hall rentals, January 25 & (Feb. 2nd no fee). Deb Margolies is contact for rentals. Tom Ryder replaced sink sprayer at Parsonage. New fridge in Reuman House--donated by Terri Johnston's boss. The FOG renewal permit has been sent it. Karen signed her contract.

DEACON: No meeting due to snow. Whoduzit done via email. Candles from Christmas Eve need to be put away.

CE: Two new children in Sunday School – a 1st grader and 6th grader. Next class is January 26th.

NURSERY SCHOOL: Registration has started for next year. New student starting in February. Ed replaced tarp on the sandbox in playground area.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: WF held annual meeting– it was well attended and program well received. Set aside many dates for coming year. Approved new Board and budget for 2019. Women's Sunday to be February 10 when new officers will be installed.

MINISTER: Prayer day is February 13. Ash Wednesday Service is February 26 at 1st United Methodist Shelton. Women's Sunday February 9. Working to get churches to volunteer for Lenten Services. Working on finding a Quiet Hour book – begins February 26 and runs for 6 weeks.

MODERATOR: Thanked everyone for wonderful Christmas services. Andy said employees were given additional Christmas bonus money that came in. Reports are due into Karen. Property sale is still pending.



Thank you all so much! I cannot tell you how much all your gifts, cards, and well-wishes during this Christmas season mean to me! -Rev. Lucille



I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas Gift presented to me on December 22nd. A special thank you to those who graciously left me a personal gift.

I also thank our Moderator, Laura Salvio and Rev. Lucille for their kindness & patience in this transition year, and to Ed Zinsky, Trustees Chair, when an issue arises, Andy Keith, treasurer, when checks are needed asap, & Soren Ibsen's availability to clarify questions I may have at any given time & to all who give up their time to help the church run as smooth as possible.

I wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

Blessings, Karen



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Church World Service Kits are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to families and communities in need around the world - especially in the aftermath of disasters such as Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. Hygiene Kits provide the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. School kits give children in impoverished communities and refugee camps the basic tools for learning.

Back in April 2019, we delivered to United Congregational Church in Bridgeport – 25 boxes filled with Hygiene kits and School kits that were picked up for delivery to our Church World Service depot in Maryland. Our donations include the following; 50 school kits, 50 health kits. But the job did not start there. It began with our Women’s Fellowship and our very generous church members and friends that made our mission project so successful. As we begin another year, we are already preparing for our collection of supplies and we are in need of your help. We will be collecting the following items to fill these kits during February and March until April 5th. Your gifts can be left in the CWS box or Women’s Fellowship box in our Fellowship Hall. All kits will be packed in April.

School Kits:

- ~ blunt scissors
- ~ Pencil sharpeners-hand held
- ~ 12 inch rulers
- ~ Large eraser
- ~ Box 24 crayons (only 24)
- ~ Spiral notebooks-70 sheets
- ~ New Pencils w/erasers

Hygiene Kits:

- ~ Combs (wide tooth only)
- ~ Bath size soap in wrapper
- ~ 3” Band-aids
- ~ Toothbrushes in original package
- ~ Nail clippers
- ~ Washcloths
- ~ Hand towels

Many thanks for your donations and continued support of this project. Please call Laura Salvio (203-925-0756) with any questions.



**HUNTINGTON CENTER
NURSERY SCHOOL**

Register now for the 2020/2021 school year

Huntington Center Nursery School is accepting registrations in December for the 2019-2020 school year for 3 & 4 yr. olds. We offer half day and extended day programs and additionally a before school program. If you are or know of someone who is interested in this wonderful program please contact our Director, Linda Rizzitelli at 203-929-7197 for more information. H.C.N.S. is open to the public.



The Huntington Center Nursery School will be holding its annual Butter Braid fundraiser beginning March 2nd & ending March 16th, delivery April 2nd. Items will be from Braided Pastry. Order forms will be available after Sunday worship in Fellowship Hall in March. Watch future Belfry for more information.

Your support is always appreciated.

LENTEN QUIET HOUR

All women of the church are invited, at no cost, to attend our annual six-week Quiet Hour sessions, beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 26th at 10 a.m.** in the church library. The discussion will be led by Rev. Lucille. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the alcove or call the church office (203-929-1223).

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 26

The 2019 Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 26, 7 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church of Shelton. All are invited!



Credit Card Giving is available at HCCUCC

We thank everyone who has supported **Huntington Congregational Church UCC** in 2019 with their time, talent and financial contributions. We look forward to continued support from all of our members in 2020. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving an easy and convenient way to make your contributions to HCCUCC. Visit hungtingtonucc.org or contact the church office for more information.



The Shelton Clergy Lenten Services

Will begin with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. provided by the host church, followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m. The offering will benefit *The Spooner House Shelter*. Please make checks payable to: **Huntington United Methodist Church with SCA-Spooner House in memo.**

The Wednesday Lenten service schedule is as follows:

February 26 th	Ash Wednesday- 7 p.m. (No meal) First United Methodist Church 188 Rocky Rest Road
March 4 th	Huntington United Methodist Church 338 Walnut Tree Hill Rd
March 11 th	Huntington Congregational Church UCC 19 Church Street
March 18 th	Trinity Lutheran Church 183 Howe Avenue

Birthday Greetings to the following who will celebrate during the month of February:



- 7 Ginger Clarke, Jasmine Leung
- 8 Lucy McCarthy
- 12 Barbara Henschel
- 15 Laura Salvio
- 16 Ken Tober
- 23 Joan Bloemen
- 24 Scarlett Taylor
- 27 Brad Wells

Congratulations to the following couples who will celebrate wedding anniversaries in February:

- 1 Holly & Gerry Fassbender
- 25 Barbara & Walter Henderson
- 27 Katrina & Noel Corcino



The Belfry Article Deadline for the March 2020 issue is February 19th

Prayer List

Minister
Rev. Lucille L. Fritz

Minister of Music
James T. Bruni

*Director of
Christian Education*
Kirsten E. Keith

Moderator
Laura Salvio

Deacon Co-Chairs
Justine Connery/
Gail Schoennagel

Trustee Co-Chairs
Ed Zinsky

*Women's Fellowship
President*
Denise Wislon

*Huntington Center
Nursery School
Director/Teacher*
Linda Rizzitelli


9:30 am
*Sunday Worship/
Sunday School
& Child Care*

*Office Manager/
Belfry Editor*
Karen S. Boroski

Robin Hartel	Gertrude Wilson
Barbara Grisgraber	James Margolies
Ron Schlegel	Danny Schmitt
Ruth Johnston	Mario Parrelli
Rich Norko	Bernita Savage
Steven Csire	Patti Leung
Steve Harrell	Leslie
Dave Krill	Michelina
Vanessa	Renee
Dawn Chapman	Christine Glover
Helen Robinson	
Capt. Caitlin Withenbury	
Mercedes Esposito's daughter & husband	

CHURCH CANCELLATION: When inclement weather occurs, these methods will be used: A mass email will be sent to members; Channel 8 – TV or on their website wtnh.com; Channel 3 – TV or on their website wfsb.com.

February 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8am- Yoga 12-4pm-Jill -FH & classroom
2 9:30am- Holy Communion Worship 1pm-Shelton History Center- FH	3	4 7pm-Trustees meeting	5 Troop 101	6 6pm-TOPS-library 7:15pm-Choir	7	8 8am- Yoga
9 Women's Sunday 9:30am-Worship/ Sunday School/ Child Care	10 7pm-GS-FH 7pm-WF Ex. Brd meeting - library	11 7pm-Council meeting	12 Troop 101	13 6pm-TOPS-library 7:15pm-Choir	14 VALENTINE'S DAY SPOONER HOUSE MEAL 	15 8am- Yoga
16 9:30am-Worship/Child Care 12:30pm-FH usage	17  PRESIDENTS DAY	18	19 Troop 101	20 6pm-TOPS-library 7:15pm-Choir	21	22 8am- Yoga
23 9:30am- Worship/ Sunday School/Child Care 10:30am-Confirmation	24	25 7:15pm-Diaconate meeting	26  A S H WEDNESDAY 10am-Quiet Hour 7pm-Service FUMC-Shelton	27 6pm-TOPS-library 7:15pm-Choir	28	29 8am- Yoga

You may view the Belfry & Calendar on our website - huntingtonucc.org