



**March  
2020**



**A S H**  
WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>



**HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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9:30 am  
*Sunday Worship/*  
*Sunday School*  
*& Child Care*

*Office Manager/*  
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Prayer List

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Robin Hartel	Gertrude Wilson
Barbara Grisgraber	James Margolies
Ron Schlegel	Danny Schmitt
Tom Symski	David Oxford
Ruth Johnston	Denise
Rich Norko	Bernita Savage
Steven Csire	Patti Leung
Steve Harrell	Leslie
Dave Krill	Michelina
Vanessa	Renee
Dawn Chapman	Christine Glover
Phyllis Hull	Rober Murphy
Daniel Murphy	Nellie Murphy
Tasha Meisenheimer	Valentino Piersanti
Capt. Caitlin Withenbury	

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**FROM OUR MINISTER...**

*Dear Folks,*

*The journey of Lent starts on*  
*Ash Wednesday, February 26.*

*From the ashes to the alleluias,*

*we walk with Jesus on the journey through hope,*  
*expectation, conflict, struggle, suffering, death, and*  
*triumph. It's journey we have traveled many times before,*  
*not just in the liturgical church year, but also in our own*  
*lives.*

*The journey of Lent reminds us that Jesus, divine, yet*  
*human, knew fully the trials and tribulations, the joys and*  
*the triumphs of life. He felt it all; he experienced it all,*  
*giving us the assurance that whatever we face, good or bad,*  
*we never face it alone. Jesus made his journey to show us*  
*that he accompanies us on all of our journey.*

*As we walk this journey of Lent, may our eyes, our hearts,*  
*and our souls see, feel, and know that the Presence of Jesus*  
*walks along side, now and forever.*

*Thanks be to God!*

*Peace,*  
*Rev. Lucille*

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Rev. Lucille's Prayer days are March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup> & May 14<sup>th</sup>.

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*New Members' Class will be held following*  
*worship on Sunday, March 1 in the library.*

*All are invited!*

*Sometimes we all need a refresher!*



## DID YOU KNOW?

*Following are some anecdotes found in the historical records in the HCC files. Enjoy!*

Buffalo in the garden, Martha Rounds shoed him off, her fiancé fled. He drove fast horses, she did just as well as he with horse and carriage.

The dedication of the new upper White Hills School in 1900 .....pink lemonade and cake served, Walnut Tree Hill school came.

Arbor Day in April - class planted trees or shrubs, even till World War II.

Romance mirror given instead of a hope chest to a young lady, 1800's.

Jennings house fire, walked walls because of snow in roads, son Jenn became cowboy in movies with Joseph Fitzpatrick of Shelton; Fitzpatrick later made travelogs.

Skunk in pantry at Goodmans; grocery store peddled milk in wagon stirred it with whip. Church bell run by mistake for Abram Wheeler.

Lucius Hubbell had a stone drop on his leg while building a monument in Derby.

Mr. Kososky finding old bottle of liquor in chimney after dream, shoemakers last in the hole too.

Liza Anne sponging face of corpse during summer heat before funeral.

Circus elephant loose around area . . . elephant found in Wells Hollow.

Pre-revolutionary houses at Arthur McEwen's - corner Dimon and East Village Road.

## Church Council Highlights FEBRUARY 2020

**TRUSTEES:** Permit for F.O.G. waiver received. Cottage is rented. Handicap bathroom has some issues. Barry is working with Baybrook on this. Pack 23 has FH the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**MISSIONS:** March is One Great Hour of Sharing collection. Spooner House meals are going well. Money seems to be coming in.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Women's Sunday went well. Corned beef dinner will be Sunday 3/15 at 5:30 – tickets go on sale this Sunday. Circle will be working on a craft project for Shelton Lakes 2/19. March 17, Tuesday, the Circle will assemble health and school kits. Care box response has been so good, we are going to have to stop receiving for now. Quiet Hour will begin on Ash Wednesday.

**CHRISTIAN ED:** Sunday School has 5 kids. They are meeting this Sunday to discuss the pancake breakfast 3/22.

**MUSIC:** Sacred Dancers robes are very worn and they are planning to replace with new outfits at their own expense. Would like to ask for \$200 (\$25 per member) from Music Fund to cover part of the cost as they are an integral part of the music ministry. Gail Schoennagel and Sue Schmitt moved and seconded their request – motion carried.

**MINISTER:** Set up Generosity Committee meeting. Starting Stewardship campaign early seemed to work well last year. Other churches have responded for the Lenten schedule. Baptism on 2/23 Caleb Kazlauskas. Will have new member's class the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in March. March 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> we will take people in.

**PROPERTY:** Church Property was discussed.



**OGHS OFFERING**

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world.

When a disaster strikes, or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women’s empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

*The 2020 OGHS offering will be taken on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.* Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.



**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR  
CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR  
BEFORE YOU RETIRE ON  
MARCH 7<sup>th</sup> — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**

**2020 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

**PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Sue Lindley                  Robin Hartel                  Pastor  
Gerry Fassbender                  Tom Ryder

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS & LIAISONS:**

Deacons – Justine Connery & Gail Schoennagel  
Trustees – Ed Zinsky  
Christian Education – Jennie McCarthy & Deb Zinsky  
Nursery –Debbie Oppel  
Generosity – Eva Washenko, Holly Fassbender, Sue Lindley

**TRUSTEES AREAS OF CONCERN:**

Chair – Ed Zinsky  
Parsonage – Tom Ryder  
Fellowship Hall – Deb Margolies  
Reuman House – Steve Wilson  
Sanctuary – Merle Chase  
Grounds – Bob Liddel



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST – March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Christian Education folks will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast after worship on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch the Sunday bulletin for more info!



February saw the officers of Women's Fellowship 2020 installed on Women's Sunday. With Lucille's help, we were able to participate in the service and the message. We even performed "My God" (sung to the tune of "My Guy"). We had several rehearsals and

so many of us joined in the fun. True fellowship!

At our Women's Circle meeting this month we will be putting together flower centerpieces for the dining tables at Shelton Lakes (Apple Rehab). There's nothing like colorful flowers to brighten the mood. Next on our agenda will be the kits we put together every year; school kits, health kits and then layettes. So much good work getting done!

Lent begins Wednesday, February 26, and so does Quiet Hour, held every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will be reading and discussing *The Way of Forgiveness, Readings for a Peaceful Life*. There will also be chowder available for sale during Lent (sign up in the alcove), and we look forward to the Corned Beef dinner on Sunday, March 15. Again, the women of the church will be cooking, setting up, and serving our annual feast.

We have an open invitation to all women of the church to join us. If you like to cook, do crafts, or just lend a hand, please let me or Sue Lindley know. We would love to include you!

Denise Wilson

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:	Denise Wilson
1 <sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:	Pat Tober
CORRESPONDENCE:	Lynn Ibsen
TREASURER:	Terri Johnston
MATERIAL AIDS:	Laura Salvio
NOMINATING:	Sue Schmitt
MEMBERSHIP:	Gail Schoennagel
HOUSEKEEPING:	Linda Sember
WOMEN'S CIRCLE PRES:	Sue Lindley

## Care Box

The response to the Care Box in the alcove (items for those who are hospitalized or recuperating at home) has been overwhelming! Your generosity exceeded all expectations, so much so that we are requesting nothing more for the box at this time. If you know of someone in our congregation who would benefit from a care package, please let Denise Wilson or Sue Lindley know. Your contributions to this are a blessing, and are greatly appreciated.

### *Mark Your Calendar For the Women's Fellowship Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner*

Women's Fellowship will hold their Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$8 for children 10 and under. Hot dog dinners:  
2 hot dogs w/vegetables-\$8.00; 1 hot dog w/chips-\$4.00.

Tickets will be on sale after church or you may see Karen in the office.

***Proceeds will benefit the church's Operating Budget!!!!***

### LENTEN CLAM CHOWDER AND HOMEMADE BREAD

Women's Fellowship will prepare and sell Manhattan and New England Clam Chowder and a variety of homemade breads. To place your order, sign up on the sheet in the alcove or call the church office (203 929-1223). Pick-up will be on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The Chowder is \$10.00 per quart. The prices of the homemade breads will vary.





**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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Women’s Fellowship is no longer collecting stamps.  
Thank you if you have donated in the past.**

## LENTEN QUIET HOUR

Women’s Fellowship will once again be offering, at no cost, to attend our annual Quiet Hour sessions, beginning **Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** in the church library through April 1<sup>st</sup>. April 8<sup>th</sup> is a snow day make up, if needed. The book is *"The Way of Forgiveness: Readings for a Peaceful Life"*. The discussion will be led by Rev. Lucille. Please sign-up in the Alcove. All are welcome!



We will be taking an offering on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bowl-2-Benefit for The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services. If you would like to contribute, please note on your contribution “Bowl 2 Benefit: Umbrella”. Please give generously.



## HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

The Huntington Center Nursery School will be holding its annual Butter Braid fundraiser beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Items will be Braided Pastry & Joyful Traditions Cake Rolls. Order forms will be available after Sunday worship in March. Order returns by March 16<sup>th</sup>, pickup date is April 2<sup>nd</sup>. See Deb Oppel or Denise Wilson for order forms.

Your support is always appreciated.



## 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.



## Applications for Silver Lake Summer Camp

Silver Lake Summer Conference camp program registration forms can be found on the table in the Alcove

### SHATTERPROOF

Gail Schoennagel's daughter is running the San Francisco Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon on April 5, 2020 to raise funds for Shatterproof. They're a national non-profit dedicated to ending the devastation addiction causes families. Vicky is participating in honor of her brother, Chris Schoennagel, who passed away from substance abuse last April. Please visit her personal page

<https://fit.shatterproof.org/rock-n-roll-san-francisco/vickyschoennagel>

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

*Ash Wednesday is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Shelton, 188 Rocky Rest Road, 7 p.m. – no meal. All are welcome.*



**The Shelton Clergy Lenten Services** will begin with a dinner at 6 p.m. provided by the host church, followed by the worship service at 7 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 for March is as follows:

- March 4<sup>th</sup>      Huntington United Methodist Church  
338 Walnut Tree Hill Rd  
Rev. Barbara Schaffer, preaching
- March 11<sup>th</sup>    Huntington Congregational Church UCC  
19 Church Street  
Rev. Joe Ekeberg, preaching
- March 18<sup>th</sup>    Trinity Lutheran Church  
183 Howe Avenue  
Rev. Lucille Fritz, preaching
- March 25<sup>th</sup>    Huntington Congregational Church UCC  
19 Church Street  
NO DINNER, Taize Service at 7 p.m.
- April 1<sup>st</sup>      Huntington Congregational Church UCC  
19 Church Street  
NO DINNER, Meditation/Prayer Service at 7 p.m.



### **1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of Shelton**

Lenten Fish Fry

Each Friday February 28 – April 3

5:30pm-7pm

\$16 – Adults; \$14 – Seniors; \$6 – Children 12 & under

More info: 203-929-3537 or umcshelton.org



**At Huntington Congregational Church UCC**

April 19<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday – 6:30 p.m. – Seder  
7:45 p.m. – Service of Tenebrae  
  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service –  
Noon and 7 p.m.



APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> Sunrise Service – 6:00 a.m.  
Jones Family Farm

Easter Worship – HCCUCC 9 a.m. & 11 a.m



*Please check the table under the coat rack near the office door for items you may have lost/left behind. We have an umbrella, single gloves, 1 clip-on earring, London Fog beige raincoat, red wool hooded coat with toggle closures.*

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

- 2 Lorelei Bordas
- 3 Megan Csire
- 5 Emma Crawford
- 7 Paul Passaro
- 8 Nate Wells
- 10 Ace Ricker
- 13 Jean Belyea
- 15 Cathleen Higgins
- 16 Linda St. George
- 17 Patti Oppel
- 18 Johanne Noble
- 19 Lois Nagy
- 21 Lori Wannagot
- 23 Rev. Lucille Fritz
- 24 Kristen Stone
- 26 Edwina Corner, Julia Markarian, Jennifer McCarthy











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

30 Eva & Dick House





# MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 9:30am –Communion Worship/Child care 10:30am-New Members Class-library Beginning of HCNS Fundraiser-FH	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7pm- Trustees - library	<b>4</b> 10am-Quiet Hour  6pm-Leneten supper 7pm-Service HUMC Troop 101	<b>5</b> 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	<b>6</b>  9:30am-Chowder prep- kitchen	<b>7</b> 8am- Yoga 9:30am-Chowder prep- kitchen
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings  SCOUT SUNDAY	<b>9</b> 7pm-GS-FH 7pm-WF Ex Brd.	<b>10</b> 7pm- Council - library	<b>11</b> 10am-Quiet Hour  6pm-Leneten supper 7pm-Service HCCUCC	<b>12</b> Rev. Lucille's Prayer Day 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	<b>13</b> SPOONER HOUSE  MEAL	<b>14</b> 8am- Yoga 9:30am—dinner prep
<b>15</b> 9:30am-Worship/Child Care 10:30am-New members reception 5:30pm-Corned Beef Dinner-FH 	<b>16</b> HCNS Fund raiser orders due	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6pm-Supper@TLC  7pm-Service Troop 101	<b>19</b> 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 8am- Yoga
<b>22</b> OGHS-collection 9:30am-Worship/Child Care 10:30am-Pancake Breakfast - FH 10:45-Auction meeting- library	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10am-Quiet Hour 7pm-Taize Service 	<b>26</b> 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	<b>27</b> 9:30am-Chowder prep- kitchen	<b>28</b> 8am- Yoga 9am-3pm-FH & classroom - Jill 9:30am-Chowder prep- kitchen
<b>29</b> 9:30am-Worship-Liddel Baptism/Child Care	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5pm-9pm-FH usage-Jill 7pm-Diaconate -library				