



2020



*“THE
BELFRY”*

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

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Prayer List

Robin Hartel	Gertrude Wilson
Barbara Grisgraber	James Margolies
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Nelda Hull	
Valentino Piersanti	Brian
Megan Csire	Eleni
Robert, Nathan, Danielle, Terri, Tasha	
Capt. Caitlin Withenbury	

*With
Sympathy*

*Our heartfelt condolences to the
family of Marion Fairbanks who
passed away May 11, 2020.*

Family of John Stabile, Jr, son of John Sr, & Kathleen Stabile.

Family of Amelia "Millie" Berendt, Rita Boland's grandmother.

Family of Theresa Corsano, Bob Sember's aunt.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the families during their time
of bereavement.*

From Our Minister...



Dear Friends,

It remains to be seen when we will be returning to worship in our building at 19 Church Street, but we will not be back for Pentecost, which is May 31.

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's believers, the "birthday" of the church, reminds us that despite us not being in a building, we are bound together by God's indomitable presence.

We are reminded that what holds us together as a community of faith is the unity of our vision, a vision of Christ's love revealed in us to the world.

We are reminded that God's Spirit has no boundaries, but moves where it will, strengthening us and calling us to be who and what we were created to be.

We are reminded that we are not alone, but surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, past, present, and future.

May we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit wherever we are, knowing that God never leaves us or forsakes us.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Lucille



*Rev. Lucille's Prayer Days will be
June 11th, July 9th, and August 13th.*

Church Council Highlights

DIACONATE: Sign in front of church now states services are being streamed online. Discussed how to proceed with services in the future. Everyone will have to wear masks. We will also have to continue online as many will not feel comfortable returning. Discussed how to handle communion.

NURSERY: Concern that there is no school – they will have a meeting on Thursday to decide what they should do. Won't make any drastic decisions at this point. Rev. Lucille spoke with Linda Rizzitelli to continue to plan as if they will be opening in September. They currently have 5 students registered for September.

WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP: Board held informal meeting to catch up and see if there were any issues. Mother's Day flowers were distributed to the ladies of the church.

TRUSTEES: Boiler pump has been ordered – when it arrives furnace company will install. Orkin treated all properties. Problem with the stove at the cottage, property manager is handling it and will keep Ed in the loop. Sensors will be put on Reuman House and the parsonage oil tanks to avoid running out of oil. Some clean-up has begun – anyone who is willing is welcome to do whatever they can.

CHRISTIAN ED: Jenny McCarthy messaged Lucille regarding Sunday School for the fall. They will have to wait until September. If it cannot be resumed in person, she will work on a distance learning program.

MINISTER: She asked for extra folks to host the Zoom coffee hour on Sunday morning. Also, she needs someone to host the Women's Fellowship Zoom meetings. She will send out an email asking for assistance. If we are able to reopen during the summer, we may consider doing outdoor services where folks could stay in their cars or bring their own chairs. However, we don't have an outdoor sound system. We need to see if anyone has access to borrowing one. If we are in the building, we would be in Fellowship Hall, wearing masks, no singing and no food would be provided.

TREASURER: PPP has been approved. It will cover 8 weeks of expenses. We will be okay with paying the Nursery School teachers for this school year.



HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL

Open Enrollment for 2020/2021 School Year
Has Begun

**SMALL CLASSES WITH EXCELLENT
TEACHER/CHILD RATIO**

Offering both 3 year old and 4 year old programs

✚ 3's on Tuesday & Thursday
9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (Half Day Program)

✚ 3's on Tuesday & Thursday
9:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Extended Day Program)

✚ 4's on Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (Half Day Program)

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9:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Extended Day Program)

A \$75 non-refundable registration fee must be paid, along with the first tuition payment, to enroll a child. Registration forms can be found in the alcove. Please call the Director (Linda Rizzitelli) at 203-929-7197 for more information or to schedule a visit.

Thank you for supporting our fundraisers and for spreading the word about our great school.



College Scholarships

The Huntington Congregational Church, UCC is offering its members college scholarships for those who are continuing their education in the fall (not restricted to high school seniors). Please e-mail the church office (hcc@snet.net) for an application form to be sent to you. All completed applications are due into the office by **May 31st**. Scholarships will be sent to your homes by July 1st.



MEAL

Holly & Gerry Fassbender have continued to prepare the monthly Spooner House Meal during this crisis. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may pay through the church electronic giving options on our website www.huntingtonucc.org or mail to the church. Remember to designate on your check – *Spooner House Meal*.

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.



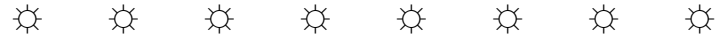
The Connecticut Conference of the UCC's share of this offering goes to support Silver Lake Conference Center, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Faith Formation.

The offering date is May 31. Also, if you have not given yet, gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** are greatly appreciated!

Please send in your gift to the church at 19 Church Street, or visit our website: www.huntingtonucc.org to donate. Please be generous!

Thank you for your support.

The Generosity Committee
Holly Fassbender, Linda Harris, Sue Lindley,
Bob Margolies, Eva Washenko



The 2020 Summer Camp season of Silver Lake has been canceled due to the pandemic

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

- 1 Lukas Zinsky
- 2 Gary Morrison
- 3 Rick Heiden, Walter Hempel
- 7 Megan Melanson
- 10 Terri Johnston, Margie Mingrone
- 11 Tom Ryder
- 12 Judy Tucker
- 13 Gordon Bauer
- 18 Deb Zinsky
- 22 Kaitlin Patchkofsky, Eva House, Matthew Zelanin
- 23 Suzanne Bracchi
- 24 Elliot Wilson
- 27 Ruth Stewart
- 28 Nancy Passaro, Charlotte Schlegel
- 29 Kevin McCarthy
- 30 Barbara Glynn, Brady Kellogg



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

- 1 Marge & Ed Brighindi,
- 3 Trish & Brad Wells
- 4 Joan & Joe Bloemen, Debbie & Ray Oppel,
Amy & Schuyler Wells
- 9 Mary Jane & Bob Liddel
- 10 Barbara & Jim Connery
- 13 Dan Oliva & Stephen Guralnick
- 14 Karen & Bob Boroski
- 23 Denise & Steve Wilson
- 24 Patty & Win Oppel

DID YOU KNOW?

Here are a few anecdotes about our church history!

The first Ripton Congregational Church was founded with the Rev. Jedidiah Mills as minister. In 1724, there was a virtual union of church and state. Those churches which were sanctioned by the General Assembly were permitted to raise their income through a property tax. The Ripton Society also had charge of school funds and the schooling in the bounds of the parish.

Women were not permitted to speak publicly on subjects which were under discussion even though the weekly sermon, highlight of the worship service, provoked lively talk and argument. Ministers of the 1700's were, in a sense, the public education and discouraged the education of women beyond reading and writing. Many women remained completely illiterate even though they might be members of leading families.

Not satisfied with the quality of the singing of its members, the Ripton Society, in 1795, under the guidance of Dr. David Ely, appointed a committee to raise funds for a singing school. Five years later, in 1800, it was voted to pay \$25 to each the art of Psalmody.

Submitted by Sue Lindley

JUNE 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7pm-Trustees-Zoom	3	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/	8	9 7pm-Council-Zoom	10	11 Lucille's Prayer Day	12 Spooner House Meal 	13
14 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/	29	30 7pm – Diaconate - Zoom				