



**March
2021**



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

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Prayer List

Gertrude Wilson	Ron Schlegel
Lucille Walkinshaw	Barbara Grisgraber
James Margolies	Patti Leung
Barbara Henschel	Andrzej Dutkanicz
Jill Chase	Meghan Glenn
Vanessa	Renee
Ann & Ed Mongillo	Danny
Cathy Mulford	Bernita Savage

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

- 2 Lorelei Bordas
- 7 Paul Passaro
- 8 Nate Wells
- 9 Linda Tidrick
- 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



To the family of Robin Kneen Hartel who entered into rest on January 16, 2021.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughters, family & friends.



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

30 Eva & Dick House

DID YOU KNOW?

This article was copied from the "Huntington Hills" (date not given). It describes what was the parsonage located across from the present-day Huntington Firehouse. (Unfortunately the accompanying photos could not be located.)

THE HUNGTINGTON PARSONAGE

The picture in this number shows us the commodious and beautifully located house that has been the Congregational parsonage for about sixty years. It was purchased, repaired and enlarged in the pastorate of Charles N. Seymour 1844-7. The pastors since his day, all of whom have probably occupied it, have been: Eliakim Phelps, D.D., 1847-8; William B. Curtiss 1850-7; John Blood, 1858-62; William D. Norton, 1864-9; Loren B. Marsh 1869-72; Allen Clark 1873-4; L. H. Higgins 1875-81; B. N. Seymour, 1883-7; Andrew J. Park, 1888-1900; Lycurgus Pangburn, 1901-2; Frederick A. Holden, 1903-. The ministers preceding the purchase of this parsonage were Jedediah Mills, 1724-73, (465 Shelton Avenue) who lived where Samuel Buckingham lives, (just bought after many owners by Robert Baldwin 1973) and later in the house now known as the Lisley (Lindsley) house north of the green. David Ely, D.D., 1773-1816, marrying a daughter of the former minister, he occupied the same house; Thomas F. Davies 1817-8; Thomas Punderson, 1818-44. The last owned the place now owned by Harry Bowles. (Now Foote place 16 Soundview Avenue).

The story of the home life of the occupants of the parsonage would be an interesting one. Who will contribute to it?

The picture of Huntington Street is taken from a spot some rods south of the Old Town Hall now Huntington Fire Co. #3).

FROM OUR MINISTER...

Dear Folks,

We continue our Lenten journey, a journey that not only started this year on February 17th with Ash Wednesday but started at our very birth.



The Lenten journey is symbolically the journey of our lives. We travel in pleasant weather and travel through storms. We go through joy and we go through sorrow. We walk with others and we walk alone. We follow the path of Christ and we follow the path of something else. We face life and we face death.

The Lenten season is the time to remind us that at every moment, God is with us. At any moment, we can turn around and embrace Christ's presence. At any turn, we can meet whatever lives ahead with strength and faith. The journey is paved with God's promised and God's aid.

We journey through life, we journey through death, we journey through eternity with God around us, within us, and through us.

Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Rev. Lucille

IN-BUILDING WORSHIP WILL RESUME ON MARCH 7.

***Reserve your spot each Sunday by Thursday if you are planning to attend. No walk-ins! Please email the office: hcc@snet.net**

***Wear your mask correctly. No, under your nose doesn't work!**

***Physical distance, physical distance, physical distance.**

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Rev. Lucille's Prayer days are March 11th, April 8th & May 13th

Church Council Highlights FEBRUARY 2021

TRUSTEES: Merle will contact Fire Marshall for our annual fire inspection.

DEACONS: Wednesday night devotions will resume 2/24. Lucille will live-stream Ash Wednesday service 2/17. Appointed new committee assignments. Terri and Gail will do the altar guild activities when church resumes.

NURSERY SCHOOL: Back in session. Linda R. has had a few inquiries about the fall session.

TREASURER: Received memorial donations for Robin Hartel.

PROPERTY: Church Property was discussed.

MINISTER: Thurs. 2/11 is prayer day. Wed. 2/17 is Ash Wednesday – streaming service at 7:00 p.m. Quiet Hour begins 2/19 Friday at 10:00 a.m., Lenten Devotions begin Wednesday, 2/24 at 7:00 p.m. which will be by Zoom.

MODERATOR: March 7 as the return date to the sanctuary, but still only 30 people maximum, registration, etc. We must do better about social distancing, notifying the church if anyone has contracted the virus, wearing masks. Lucille agreed for now she will continue doing the music. We will need to find a technical person at some point.



**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR
BEFORE YOU RETIRE ON
MARCH 13th — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS MARCH 14th**

2021 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:

Ed Zinsky Barb Glynn Pastor
Gerry Fassbender Lynn Ibsen

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & LIAISONS:

Deacons – Sue Lindley & Gail Schoennagel
Trustees – Merle Chase/Linda Sember
Christian Education – Jennie McCarthy/Deb Zinsky
Nursery – Deb Oppel
Generosity –

TRUSTEES AREAS OF CONCERN:

Chair – Merle Chase/Linda Sember
Parsonage – Rev. Lucille
Fellowship Hall & Rentals – Deb Margolies
Reuman House – Steve Wilson
Sanctuary – Tom Ryder
Grounds – Linda Sember

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LENTEN

QUIET HOUR

Quiet Hour on Fridays in Lent continue through March 26 at **10 a.m.** via ZOOM. The book is “The Way of Forgiveness”. The discussion will be led by Rev. Lucille. Please contact Sue Lindley at susanlindley521@yahoo.com to sign up and for more information.



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 2021 OGHS offering will be taken on March 14th.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.



Applications for Silver Lake Summer Camp

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



Women's Fellowship is staying active despite the pandemic. We are planning our year's activities with a positive attitude and a lot of enthusiasm.

Our bags for the homeless project was well received. There are congregants who took multiple bags to give out. I heard back from some of you who handed out these bags about how touched and thankful folks were to get them. Thank you to the very generous church family who donated so many items—we were overwhelmed with enough items to make over 25 bags.

Do you like to knit or crochet? If so, we are looking for anyone interested in making prayer shawls. We have patterns available and will supply the yarn if you need any. This is an activity to fill those cold winter days and, come the warmer weather, may even develop into a (socially distanced outdoor) group activity. Prayer shawls would be a meaningful addition to our fair as well as an item we could offer for sale year-round.

We are currently working on plans that require all kinds of talents and interests. Are you eager to get involved in outreach, to volunteer at a food drive or to put kits together? Do you like to cook? Do crafts? Just be an extra pair of hands? We need your energy and talent.

Watch for details as our plans come together. Please call or email me with your interest. I look forward to hearing from you!

Denise Wilson
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HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

✚ March 28 – Palm Sunday



✚ March 31 - Wednesday Lenten Devotional
 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom (link will be sent out)



✚ April 1 - Tenebrae & Communion- 7:00 p.m.
 -In building and live streamed
Please contact Rev. Lucille if anyone would like to be a reader.

✚ April 2 - Good Friday Service - Noon
 -In building and live streamed



Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services will be available on Facebook and YouTube for later viewing.



Please watch your emails from Rev. Lucille and check the April Belfry for the Easter Worship Schedule.



**HUNTINGTON CENTER
 NURSERY SCHOOL**

Register now for the 2020/2021 school year

Huntington Center Nursery School is accepting registrations 2020-2021 school year for 3 & 4 yr. olds. We offer half day and extended day programs. 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.



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, Shamrock earrings, London Fog beige raincoat, red wool hooded coat with toggle closures.



MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 7pm- Trustees - ZOOM	3	4	5 	6
7 9:30am –Communion Worship-Live Stream	8	9 7pm- Council - ZOOM	10	11 Rev. Lucille’s Prayer Day	12 SPOONER HOUSE  MEAL	13
14 9:30am –Worship-Live Stream	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK’S DAY 	18	19	20
21 9:30am –Worship-Live Stream	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30am –Worship-Live Stream	29	30 7pm-Diaconate -ZOOM	31			