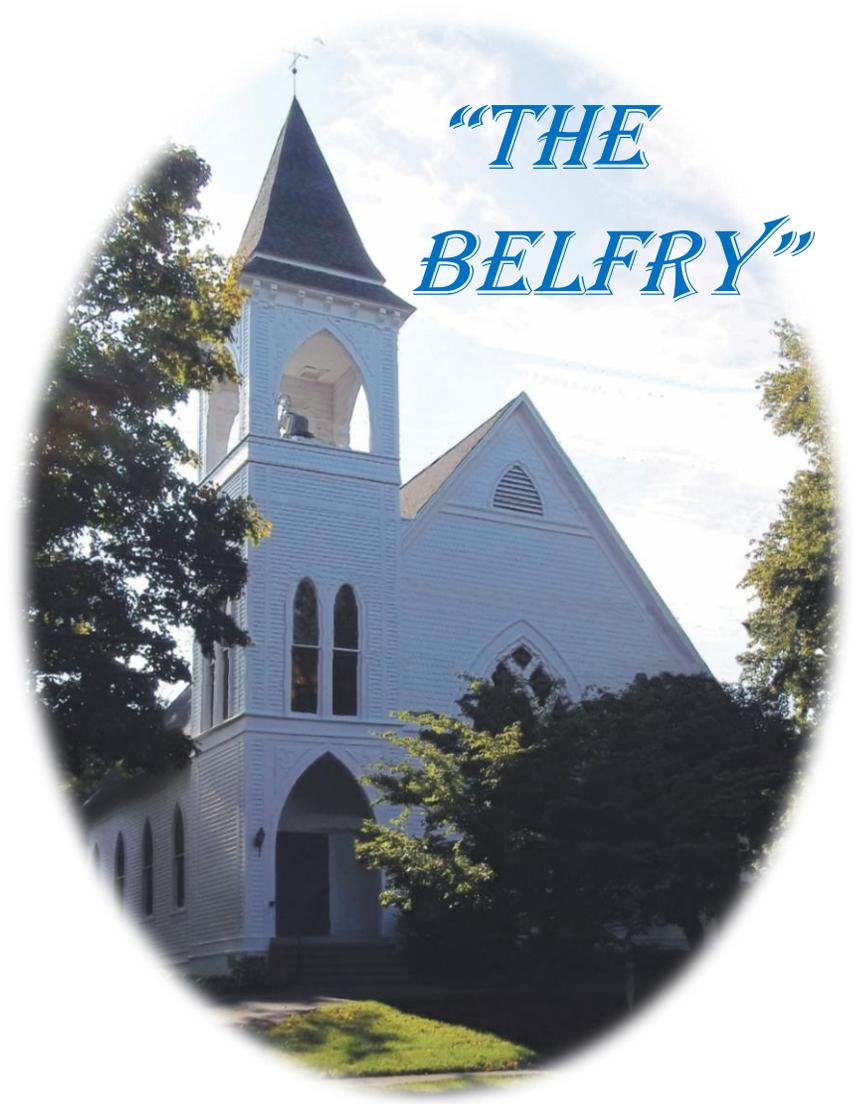


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*Sunday Worship/  
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 & Child Care*

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**FROM OUR PASTOR...**



Dear Folks,

I am tired, no, not just tired, exhausted. It's been a long almost two years. Just when things seem to be looking better, another COVID surge hits. It's unsettling, frustrating, and confusing.

We are living in a collective bad dream, if not an all out nightmare. We are all suffering in one way or another.

With that being said, I'm just going to go with what I wrote last February with some tweaks:

With the pandemic still raging and our political climate verging on chaos (now it's threat to our very democracy), it's a good time to remember we are not alone. It's a good time to remember that God wraps God's arms around us all giving us hope. May we trust in God's presence,

As we celebrate love on Valentine's Day and remember the love of Christ in the journey of Lent, even in this turbulent time, may we take heart and embrace God's love for us, sharing it with the world with our own actions of compassion, empathy, justice, and peace.

In Christ's love,  
 Rev. Lucille

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**Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be on Thursdays, February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>th</sup>. Please let her know if you have a prayer concern you would like her to lift-up.**

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

- 8 Lucy McCarthy
- 9 Dennis Tidrick
- 12 Barbara Henschel
- 15 Laura Salvio
- 16 Ken Tober
- 23 Joan Bloemen
- 24 Scarlett Taylor
- 26 Donna Martin
- 27 Brad Wells



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

- 1 Holly & Gerry Fassbender
- 25 Barbara & Walter Henderson



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**The Belfry Article Deadline for the March 2022 issue is February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**THE 298<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY AT 10:30 A.M. VIA ZOOM ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS, ACCEPTING THE 2022 BUDGET, AND CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE REGARDING THE BISHOP PROPERTY SALES CONTRACT WITH PRIMROSE.**

**Registration is required.**

**A ZOOM link for registration was sent out.  
The deadline is January 21.**

**If you are going to be Zooming in on one device with a spouse or other family members, please register with all the names attending.**

**Credit Card Giving is available at HCCUCC**

We thank everyone who has and is supporting **Huntington Congregational Church UCC** with their time, talent and financial contributions. We look forward to continued support from all of our members in 2022. 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](http://hungtingtonucc.org) or contact the church office for more information.

# Church Council Highlights JANUARY 2022

**TRUSTEES:** Emcor to repair circulator. She asked for a price to the fix louvers. Ed and Soren discussed the non-return valve. May need to be replaced. Valve on men's room urinal downstairs also needs to be replaced. Soren will ask his plumber for a quote. Linda said Merle will get a quote as well. One Hour cleaned the other furnace.

**DEACONS:** Church will be de-decorated before 16<sup>th</sup> service.

**NURSERY SCHOOL:** Were able to sell some items sporadically. Child Care Room is empty. Still a lot of stuff left to be removed. Collected \$1789. If anyone from the church would like to take anything, we will wait till February, but want to have it cleaned out by March. Sue Lindley offered to contact Spooner House.

**TREASURER:** Bills are being paid. Hopes to close the year out this week. Reached out to insurance company about the Boy Scouts liability.

**ENDOWMENT:** Accounts are up \$42,000 year to date.

**PROPERTY: Bishop Property** –reached out to John Geddes – no reply. More discussion.

**Christian Counseling Center:** Appraiser come in, but they have not yet received his report. Still trying to find funding. They continue to pay their rent. If they secure funding, we would have to have a congregational meeting to approve the sale of Reuman House. They are going to look at rooms they might be able to use in the church with a rental fee of \$10/session. They are still virtual. Rooms are Choir Room, Child Care Room and Library.

**20 Ripton Road:** they continue to pay regularly. Paid \$20,000 and are looking into a direct water line to be put in in the spring. We are earning 7% on our money.

**MINISTER:** Worship should remain virtual through end of January. A Discussion ensued – pro and con. Rita Boland moved that worship remain virtual through the end of January and then revisit it. Sue Lindley seconded. A vote was taken -5 opposed, 4 in favor. Thus in-person will resume 1/16. It was decided there will be no reservations or assigned seating – Masks required, encourage social distancing and

no gathering in Alcove. Congregational singing will be eliminated for the time being. People can gather for conversations or informal meetings in FH or outside with social distancing.

Annual Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> will be virtual to get a quorum. It will be held at 10:30am following church. Registration will be required. 10:00 a.m. Lenten Devotions begin Wednesday, 2/24 at 7:00 p.m. which will be by Zoom.

Regarding Lent, Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be an Ash Wednesday service. As of now there are no plans for any ecumenical services. Wednesday devotions will not be held 2/23 and March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will resume on 3/9 with Lenten devotions. The book will be Drawn to the Cross: Inspirations from Henri Nouwen. Lucille has ordered 15 copies. WF Quiet Hour will begin on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am for 6 weeks and it will be virtual to start. The book for that series will be The Book of Hope by Jane Goodall.

**MODERATOR:** Sue Schmitt will speak to Karen about a list of duties she no longer takes care of.



## ***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.

## LENTEN QUIET HOUR

All women of the church are invited, at no cost, to attend our annual six-week Quiet Hour sessions, beginning on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. via ZOOM. The book is “The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times” by Jane Goodall. The discussion will be led by Rev. Lucille. Please contact Sue Lindley at [susanlindley521@yahoo.com](mailto:susanlindley521@yahoo.com) to sign up and for more information.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>

The 2022 Ash Wednesday Service will be live streamed on Facebook and in-person on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 p.m. The service will be saved on Facebook and YouTube for later viewing.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

Wednesday Evening Devotions will take a break on February 23<sup>rd</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will resume on February 9<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM at 7 p.m. for a Lenten series, “Drawn to the Cross: Inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen”. Booklets are free. See Rev. Lucille for one.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### THE PARISH HALL/KITCHEN

Although no dates are given, around the time of the burning of the Parsonage this article was written regarding the Parish Hall and kitchen.

Daniel Morgan, a broker in Bridgeport, contributed most of what was needed for the kitchen equipment, in memory of his grandmother, Eleanor Booth Judson. The remainder was given by Mrs. Daniel Nichols. The recently acquired silver coffee and tea set were donated by the Plymouth group under the sponsorship of Mrs. Philip Woods. In the main room (Parish Hall) we find Rev. Judson’s Picture. There is also a large and beautiful old steel engraving of the Rev. Punderson.

The ownership of other articles should be recorded. Mrs. James Nicholas was instrumental in acquiring the side-board and table from Mr. Wheeler, the owner of the food store in Bridgeport. The central table was loaned indefinitely by Clarence Webb. The antique table in the kitchen and the clock in the main room came from Anne Wheeler. The piano belonged to the Christian Endeavor Society. Miss Angie Treworgy gave most of the money for the projector.

There is still one more nook in which to find possessions. This place is now in the hands of the young folks. They have fixed it up attractively and call it the Upper Room. There is an interesting closet near it in which are some books no longer in use. Of special interest are two old Bibles. One was presented to the Christian Endeavor Society in memory of Estelle Marks Judson and was the Judson family Bible. The other was a large family Bible with the names James Hughes and Margaret Hughes in gold letters on the cover.

# FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7pm-Trustees - Zoom	2 7am—Early Risers-FH  6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	3	4	5 7am—Early Risers-FH
6 9:30am –Worship-Holy Communion & Livestream	7	8 7pm-Council - Zoom	9 7am—Early Risers-FH  6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	10 Rev Lucille’s Prayer Day	11 Spooner House Meal 	12 7am—Early Risers-FH
13 Women’s Fellowship Sunday 9:30am- Worship & Livestream	14  VALENTINE’S DAY	15	16 7am—Early Risers-FH  6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	17	18	19 7am—Early Risers-FH
20 Scout Sunday 9:30am- Worship & Livestream	21  PRESIDENTS DAY	22 7pm-Deacons - Zoom	23 7am—Early Risers-FH  6pm-Troop 101	24	25	26 7am—Early Risers-FH
27 9:30am- Worship & Livestream	28					