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From Our Minister...



Dear Folks,

The freshness of Easter joy still abounds. The resurrection reminds us that new life is offered to us at any moment.

We are also reminded that Christ's physical presence is not with us, but Christ's spiritual presence is.

As we continue to live through a pandemic, people are eager to get back to normal. And, one of our "normals" is physical church attendance. Many of us are already comfortable with being together again in the building, but some people are not.

We do have a wonderful option with our Facebook live-stream. People who are not ready to come back or who are unable to come back are still a vital part of our community of faith. Their physical presence may not be with us, but their spiritual presence is.

I have had people questioning on how well our live-streams are received. So far in 2022, we are averaging 78 views on Facebook and 18 on Youtube.

Our on-line presence is a great tool to get the word out about HCCUCC. Please, if you are on-line, stop by our church page on Facebook, or my channel on YouTube. Subscribe, follow, like, share, get notifications...whatever it takes to get out the good news of Jesus Christ that we share here. Thank you!

Peace,
Rev. Lucille

REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAYS

Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be May 12th, June 9th, and July 14th.

If you have joys or concerns for her to raise up,
please let her know.

Church Council Highlights April 2022

TRUSTEES: Fire inspections are done. Barry will remove debris from the Parsonage woods. There's a discussion on who owns tree between property line by the library fence and St. Paul's. They must be taken down. Aaron Corcino may use hall. New rules are in effect. For now the kitchen cannot be used for rentals. Rentals for non-members begin 2022. Spring clean-up will be May 1st, rain date is May 8th.

CHRISTIAN ED: 4 more classed left for the year. They will meet in person on April 24 and through the end of the school year. When they finish in 3 classes, they will have completed all 66 books of the Bible. June 5th they will receive pins and celebrate the end of the year. Lucy McCarthy and Lucas Sotolongo will begin confirmation class next year. On June 5th they will invite the congregation to partake in ice cream to celebrate Robert and Gertrude Wilson Sunday after church.

DIACONATE: Seder is Thursday, 4/14, followed by the Tenebrae service. Women's Fellowship hosted coffee hour this past Sunday and will continue the 2nd Sunday of every month for now.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Service for Barbara Henschel will be April 29th – we will carpool to the cemetery and return to the church for a light lunch. The first coffee hour was a success. The SNEWomen's Connection's Spring Gathering will be April 30th. There is still time to register.

NURSERY SCHOOL: Classrooms are cleaned out and settled. There is no longer a need for the Committee. If anyone has any questions, please contact Sue Schmitt.

PASTOR: The Generosity Committee met regarding the Valley Refugee Resettlement Project. A group is being formed in the Valley and we are going to be part of it. Bob and Deb Margolies and Gordon and Linda Harris are on the committee already. They need 30 altogether – with those 4 and Lucille we have 5 on the committee. If one wants to volunteer you need 3 – 2-hour online sessions. We have been asked to host the kickoff meeting on May 15 at 1:00. Helping would be things such as teaching English as a second language, driving them to appointments, setting up housing and getting supplies for them and teaching someone to drive. There will be fundraisers as well.

TREASURER: Things are good –bills are being paid.

PROPERTY: Soren has notified Christian Counseling Center that the church voted not to sell.



Now that the days have gotten warmer, it is time to make our church grounds beautiful again. To sign up to help on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00a.m., please add your name to the signup sheet in the alcove or email Linda Sember at lindasember@gmail.com. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided and don't forget to bring your tools. Rain date is May 14th.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Blanket Offering **Sunday, May 8, 2022**

The CWS Blanket offering will be on May 8th. This offering provides blankets, tents, and emergency supplies in the wake of disaster. The funds also provide material assistance, education training and small enterprise loans as part of sustainable development programs. You may give in person or online via our website: huntingtonucc.org. Please give generously and help those less fortunate with a gift of hope.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Fathers Met the Challenge of their Time

1720 ... they built their first Meeting House on Pent Road off the old Shelton Road and overlooking the Farmill River.

1745 ... they tore down the first church edifice and built another of severe colonial lines at the north-east corner of our Huntington Green

1832 ... they built another church on the site of our present building

1892 ... when fire destroyed their church building, they met the emergency with true Christian fortitude and built our present house of worship.

1929 .. they began work on the parish house to accommodate the growing Sunday School and increasing church activities. The structure was started in the Fall of 1929 and was completed in May of 1930.

1720 - 1955 ... the men and women of our parish have given generously of their love and labor on more occasions that have been enumerated in the brief summary. Because they did, our church now stands on the Huntington Green - a symbol of the abiding faith of our fathers

Let us meet the Challenge of our time!

Although this was written some 67 years ago - it still stands true for us today - perhaps a lesson we need to remember!

- Submitted by Sue Lindley

Women's Fellowship Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 30, we will be in Farmington honoring our recognized women, Sue Schmitt and Lynn Ibsen. All women are invited for a spiritually uplifting day of fellowship and meaningful activity. We will be carpooling up there. It's a positive "good for the soul" day, and we would love you to join us. Registration forms are in the alcove. Questions? See Sue Lindley or Denise Wilson.

COMMUNITY SALE

Women's Fellowship will again be holding our annual tag sale on June 4 (rain date June 11). You are welcome to have your own space or donate items to the church table. Please note that we *cannot* take items yet, and they may not be dropped off in Reuman House. As the time gets closer, there will be information on where and when to do this. Until then, please consider us as you do any spring clean-out!

The Valley Food Bank at Spooner House

The Valley Food Bank at Spooner House is in need of these items: shelf stable milk and powdered milk, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit and applesauce, garbanzo and navy beans, canned tuna and chicken, oatmeal and other cereals, and pasta sauce. There is a box in the Alcove and also the "wishing well" in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Please be generous!

VALLEY REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROJECT

HCCUCC and other organizations and individuals will be partnering to resettle refugee families across the lower Naugatuck Valley. Volunteers are needed! Our HCCUCC members, Bob and Deb Margolies and Gordon and Linda Harris are on the Steering Committee. To make the project a success, we will need at least 30 volunteers from across the Valley. If one wants to volunteer, 3 – 2-hour online sessions are required. Tasks would include (but not limited to) teaching English as a second language, driving to appointments, setting up housing, getting supplies, and teaching driving skills. HCCUCC will be hosting an orientation meeting on May 15 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any other questions in the meantime, please contact Bob Margolies at 203-929-6649 or email: rmargolies@mac.com.

SAVE THE DATE!!

HCC-UCC AUCTION

JUNE 18, 2022

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

We began our Sunday School year in October with our five wonderful children! We were able to meet for our first few classes in person, but then transitioned to virtual learning for most of the year. Despite the virtual nature of our lessons, our children were always enthusiastic and engaged learners! We delved into the entire bible, as our focus for this year was a study of the Books of the Bible. We spent our year learning about each of the 66 books for a comprehensive understanding of God's Word. We were able to return to in person classes after Easter! This year, on June 5th, we will have our last class along with a celebration to end our year! During Sunday School, we will be recognizing our children for their years of attendance. Each child will be receiving their Sunday School pins for both 2021 and 2022. We will also be continuing the tradition of celebrating Robert and Gertrude Wilson Sunday by inviting the Congregation to join us for ice cream following Worship.

I am delighted to recognize the following students:

Olivia Sotolongo – Years 2 and 3
Hannah Corcino – Years 5 and 6
Lukas Zinsky – Years 5 and 6
Lucas Sotolongo – Years 2 and 3
Lucy McCarthy – Years 8 and 9

We would like to congratulate Lucy and Lucas on the completion of their Sunday School program and wish them the best of luck as they begin the journey to Confirmation next year!

I would like to thank Rev. Lucille, and Deb Zinsky for their gracious support, faith, and guidance! We will see you in the Fall!

Jenny McCarthy



Service for Barbara Henschel

On Friday, April 29, there will be a service for Barbara Henschel who recently passed away. For those who would like to attend, we will be meeting in the parking lot at HCC at 11:15 and leaving for the cemetery in Bridgeport at 11:30. We will be carpooling for those interested.

There will be a graveside service to bury her ashes, and then we will return to the church (by 1:30) for some refreshments and to share some memories. Barbara's family will be there, and it will be meaningful for them to meet Barbara's church friends. If you can only make the sharing back at the church, you are certainly invited to do so.

In memory of Barbara, because of all the work she did on material aids like health kits, there will be a box for donations for our health kits (see list below), either actual items or monetary, that may be left that day.

Hand towels

Wash cloths

Fingernail clipper

Band-Aids (standard size)

Wide-tooth comb (at least 6" of teeth,

NO pocket combs)

Prayer List

Minister
Rev. Lucille L. Fritz

Moderator
Susan Schmitt

Treasurer
Andy Keith

Superintendent
Jenny McCarthy

Deacon Co-Chairs
Sue Lindley/
Gail Schoennagel

Trustee Co-Chairs
Merle Chase/
Linda Sember

Women's Fellowship
President
Denise Wislon

9:30 am
*Sunday Worship/
Sunday School*

*Office Manager/
Belfry Editor*
Karen S. Boroski

Ron Schlegel	James Margolies
Arlene Wells	Jill Chase
Terry Mulhern	Wendy
Bernita	Michael
Carole	Patty
Renee	Richard
Vanessa	Ruth Johnston
Ann & Ed	Daryl
Bill Franko	Susan
May	Bella
John	Terri
James	

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

- 1 Terry Mulherin
- 3 Megan McCarthy
- 6 Shirley Bleston
- 11 Deb Russell
- 14 Bob Nagy
- 18 Sheri Dutkanicz
- 22 Merle Chase
- 23 Dawn Higgins, Susan Roberts
- 25 Carolyn Hempel, Ed Grisgraber
- 27 Lucas Kellogg, Jayne Kneen, Joe Bloemen
- 29 Cindy Kane



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

- 1 Lynn & Soren Ibsen
- 5 Lois & James Ricker
- 24 Linda & Rich Griswold

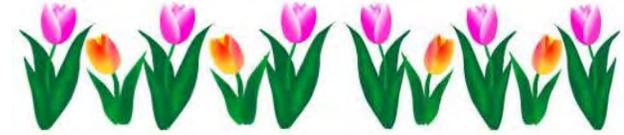


Thank you everyone for the outpouring of well wishes, prayers and support during my recent accident-breaking my left wrist. It truly made an awful experience better!

Sincerely, Barbara Parnelli



MAY 2022



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>1 HOLY COMMUNION 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 7pm-Trustees meeting</p>	<p>4 7pm-Devotions</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9am- Spring Cleanup for grounds</p>
<p>8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/ Sunday School-FH</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 7pm-Council meeting</p>	<p>11 7pm-Devotions</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13  Spooner House Meal</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/ 1pm-Valley Refugee Settlement Project</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7pm-Devotions</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 RAIN DATE— 9am- Spring Cleanup for grounds</p>
<p>22 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/ Sunday School-FH</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Rev. Lucille away <hr style="border: 1px solid purple;"/></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30 a.m. – Live on-line Worship on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/</p>	<p>30 OFFICES CLOSED  <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>31 Rev. Lucille returns Diaconate – 7pm-Zoom</p>				