

May

2024

MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12TH



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

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Karen S. Boroski

Prayer List

Ron Schlegel	James Margolies
Terry Mulhern	Rob Z
Bernita	Mike D
Ruth Johnston	Carol O
Marge & Ed	Patricia
Tim B	Barbara P

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

- 1 Terry Mulherin
- 3 Megan McCarthy
- 11 Deb Russell
- 13 Samantha Edelman
- 14 Bob Nagy
- 15 Simics—Angela, Julia, Richard, William, III
- 18 Sheri Dutkanicz
- 22 Merle Chase
- 23 Susan Roberts
- 25 Carolyn Hempel
- 27 Lucas Kellogg, Jayne Kneen



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

- 1 Lynn & Soren Ibsen
- 24 Linda & Rich Griswold



Sunday, May 19th
PENTECOST

SUNDAY MAY 26TH: OUTDOOR WORSHIP
BACK PARKING LOT: ON-SITE AND LIVE-STREAM



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Blanket Offering
Sunday, May 12, 2024

Our annual CWS Blanket offering will be on May 12th. 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: www.huntingtonucc.org. Please give generously and help those in need with a gift of hope.

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



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 4th at 9:00a.m.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided and don't forget to bring your tools.

From Our Minister...



Dear Folks,

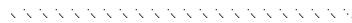
What a wonderful 300th Anniversary celebration we have had so far! The February 18th Historical Service was so much fun and the April 14th Celebration Service was filled with so much joy!

And, we are not done yet! We still have our September 8th (rain date September 15th) Congregational picnic and the September 29th Colonial Style Feast, Historical garb optional. And, look out for more events to be announced!

I wonder what our forebearers in faith would think of us today? I am sure they would be outraged (there's a woman in the pulpit!) and bewildered (what are those shiny things parked outside of the church?). But I certainly hope that they would be proud that the church they so faithfully and loving started 300 years ago is still bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community and the world.

May we continue that faith and love beyond this moment into the future. There is still much to be done as God's beacon of love and light here on the Huntington Green.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Lucille



REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAY

Rev. Lucille's prayer day will be May 9th & June 13th. If you have joys and/or concerns for her to raise up, please let her know.

APRIL 2024
Church Council
Church Council
Highlights
April 2024

TRUSTEES: Discussed many spring maintenance items. Of interest is – Spring clean-up will be May 4th. They will also be repairing the neighbor’s fence posts that day. Also, they were advised that there was a scam posted on Facebook on Easter weekend regarding a craft fair at HCC and several people phoned to inquire about it. One in particular said she paid the money and asked to participate. Rev. Lucille acted quickly, posting a notice on the website and called Shelton Police to notify them.

CHRISTIAN ED: 5 more classes left – 2 in April, 2 in May and one in June. Thanks to Jenny for a good job with Palm Sunday handing out of the palms. Kirsten Keith will be available in the childcare room the first Sunday of each month if anyone would like to leave their children with her.

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP: On March 31st 15 women gathered to make 45 health kits and 50 school kits – organized by Lois Ricker. Corned Beef dinner netted about \$300, and it was decided to round up the donation to the Operating Fund to \$500. The clam chowder sales netted \$568 – funds going to the RH fund. The shredding event will be on Saturday, April 20th. Need men to help direct the traffic. Left message for Nadine at Spooner House that they would be bringing food down after the event. They will be doing Mother’s Day flowers again. Tag sale will be June 8th - \$20 for a space. She will check with Schuyler Wells to be sure they are not working on the construction site that weekend. Soren will send an email to the men’s group to see if they can do hot dogs on the grill that day. Bob Sember volunteered to direct traffic at the shredding event.

PASTOR: Status on the new computers for Lucille and Karen – they are waiting until after Easter and the Anniversary service to get new ones to avoid any glitches. The Capital Campaign envelopes need to be stuffed after the meeting – extra hands needed to help. The service is set for Sunday. Senator Blumenthal, Mayor Mark Lauretti, Rev. Paul Atkins, the historian from the Stratford Congregational Church, Rev. Darrell Goodwin, and Rev. Margret Hoffmeister will be present.

Letters from Rep. Jim Himes, Rev. John Collins, Rev. Lance Dallaire, Rev. Sue Scott, and Senator Chris Murphy will be read. Lay leaders will be Soren Ibsen, Laura Salvio and Sue Schmitt. Deb DeMuisis will play 2 Bach pieces and the same hymns from the Jan 18th service will be sung but accompanied by the organ. First two pews will be reserved for dignitaries.

TREASURER: Money is doing fine. Andy went up into the Reuman House attic to purge old files for the shredding event. He did ask if anyone is available on Wednesdays to move the recycling bin at least up the mailboxes. Karen can put them away from there.

Soren Ibsen – update on the Bishop property: A lot of work up there. He will get a schedule from Schuyler on when the parking lot will be emptied. A lot of interest in where the houses will be located. May 10 or 11 is the next quarterly payment from them. No word from Primrose – Dominic Thomas was to contact them to settle. Primrose’s attorney said they have no money. Offered to settle for \$7500 – Soren said no. He countered with \$12,000 - If not then subpoenas will be issued.

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**The Valley Food Bank at Spooner House**

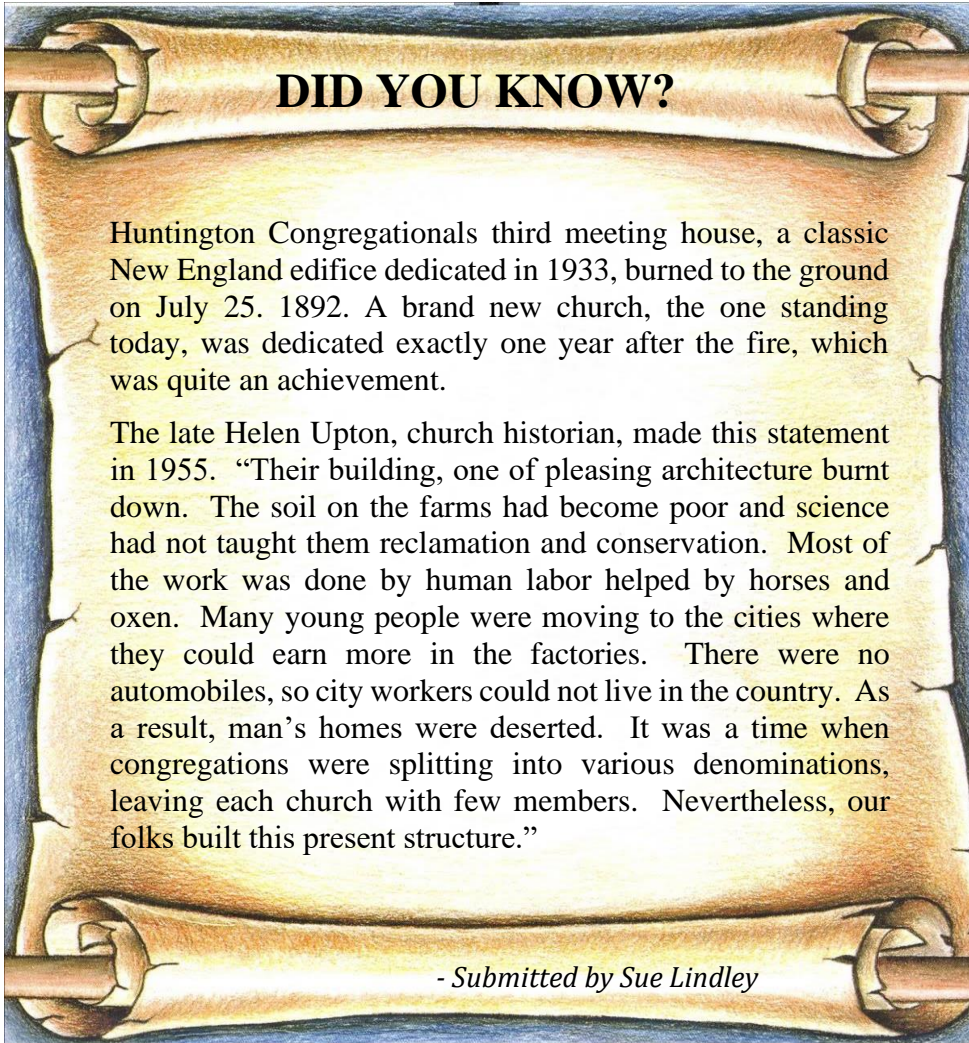
***The Valley Food Bank at Spooner House – Items Needed:*** shelf stable milk & powdered milk, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruit & applesauce, garbanzo & navy beans, canned tuna & chicken, oatmeal & other cereals, & pasta sauce. Please use the box in the Alcove for donations. The Blessing Box also needs to be stocked!

**REMINDER:** Our Spooner House Meal is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Questions--see Holly or Gerry Fassbender.  
Thank you!



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Treasures, Talents and Tastes Auction**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup> 6 P.M.**

- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- Bag Auction



Everyone has a talent or treasure. We hope you will share yours with the church by making a donation to the auction. The Auction has been a great success due, in large part, to the wonderful and creative donations made by church members. If you need an idea, please speak to Bob or Linda Sember and look through previous years' catalogues. The catalogues are located on the table in the alcove along with registration forms, donation forms and absentee bidding forms. **Please get your donations in as soon as possible so that they are included in the catalogue.** There is a \$10.00 per person registration fee. **Pre-registration is necessary** so we may plan accordingly for the hors d'oeuvres and desserts which will be served.

A portion of the fee will go to support Bridgeport Rescue Mission. You will also receive 3 tickets for the bag auction with your paid registration. It will be an evening of **FUN** and **FUND raising** for our church, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. There's something for everyone and every budget from delicious food to talents, treasures, and services.

For those of you who cannot attend the auction but would like to participate, there are Absentee Bidding Forms available in the alcove which explains the rules. Essentially, you pre-register so we can give you an auction number. A designated absentee bidder will be assigned to bid for items on your behalf up to your maximum bid. (Auction items will be in the catalogue and online and will be available the week of the auction.)

If you are unable to pick up a donation or registration form, we will be happy to get one to you. If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Linda Sember-203 929-5853.





Women's Fellowship will once again be providing lovely flowers on Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day, for the women of our church. We are happy to honor you!

## CHURCH SALE

We are gearing up for our last big event before the summer break, and that is the Annual Tag Sale on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Rental spots are \$20 with the renter supplying the table. **Denise Wilson** is the person to contact.

The bake table is quite a success, so please consider making cookies and other finger desserts to sell. **Terri Johnston** can give you some suggestions. If you are donating items for the Women's Fellowship table, they should be clean and in good condition. We request that you assist us by reasonably pricing your Items which can be placed in Reuman House starting in May. Please contact **Lois Ricker** for further information.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Corned Beef Dinner such a success. Whether you set up, prepped food, cooked, served, cleaned up, bought a ticket, invited friends, or made a donation, you were a part of raising \$500 toward the church's operating budget.

Thank you to those who supported our first ever Shredding Event and Food Collection. This was in conjunction with our church's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a portion of our profit will be sent to Spooner House. If you volunteered or contributed in any way, THANK YOU!






Congratulations to Barbara Glynn and Connie Glenn for being recognized as Honored Women from our church at the Spring Gathering of the Southern New England Women's Conference in Portland on April 27. Good work, ladies!

As always, we thank you for supporting our local mission work. We are always gladly welcoming new members!

Lynn Ibsen,  
Women's Fellowship President

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE HEALTH KITS

Women's Fellowship will be collecting items to fill kits during May & June. Items needed:

-  Hand towels 15"x28" to 16"x32"
-  Wide tooth combs
-  Fingernail or toenail clippers
-  Bath size bars of soap in package
-  Standard size band aids

There will be a box for donations in the Alcove.  
Any questions see Lois Ricker.



# MAY 2024



SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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| <p>5 <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Live on-line<br/>Worship on Facebook<br/><a href="https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/">https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/</a></p>                                       | <p>6</p> <p>7:15pm-WF Board<br/>Meeting-library</p>                                                                                     | <p>7</p> <p>7pm-Trustees meeting</p>       | <p>8</p> <p>7am—Early Risers-FH</p> <p>Troop 101<br/>7pm-Devotions</p>                            | <p>9</p> <p><b>Rev Lucille's Prayer Day</b></p> <p>6pm-TOPS</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Auction Set-up</p> | <p>11</p> <p>7am—Early Risers-FH</p> <p>AUCTION-9am-8pm</p> <p>Troop 101-flower sale</p>           |
| <p>12 <i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – on site &amp; on-<br/>line Worship on<br/>Facebook<br/><a href="https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/">https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/</a><br/><b>Sunday School</b></p> | <p>13</p>                                                                                                                               | <p>14</p> <p>7pm-Council meeting</p>       | <p>15</p> <p>7am—Early Risers-FH</p> <p>7pm-Devotions</p>                                         | <p>16</p> <p>6pm-TOPS</p>                                       | <p>17</p>                       | <p>18</p> <p>7am—Early Risers-FH</p> <p>2pm- Lin Mulford<br/>Memorial @<br/>White Hills Chapel</p> |
| <p>19 <b>PENTECOST</b></p> <p>9:30 a.m. – on-site &amp; on-<br/>line Worship on<br/>Facebook<br/><a href="https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/">https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/</a></p>                             | <p>20</p>                                                                                                                               | <p>21</p> <p><b>Spooner House Meal</b></p> | <p>22</p> <p>7am—Early Risers-FH</p> <p>Troop 101<br/>7pm-Devotions</p>                           | <p>23</p> <p>6pm-TOPS</p>                                       | <p>24</p>                       | <p>25</p> <p>7am—Early Risers-FH</p>                                                               |
| <p>26</p> <p>Outdoor worship<br/>9:30 a.m. – on-site &amp; on-<br/>line Worship on<br/>Facebook<br/><a href="https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/">https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/</a></p>                          | <p>27 Offices Closed</p>  <p><i>Memorial Day</i></p> | <p>28</p> <p>Diaconate – 7pm</p>           | <p>29</p> <p>7am—Early Risers-FH</p> <p>Troop 101</p> <p>FEA Spring Mtg.-Zoom<br/>-7 p.m.</p>     | <p>30</p>                                                       | <p>31</p>                       |                                                                                                    |