

**THE 301st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025,
SNOW DATE JANUARY 26, 2025.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING OFFICERS,
ACCEPTING THE 2025 BUDGET.**

**JANUARY
2025**



**HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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PRAYER LIST

Minister
Rev. Lucille Fritz

Moderator
Sue Schmitt

Treasurer
Andy Keith

Deacon Co-Chairs
Sue Lindley/
Terri Johnston

CE Superintendent
Jenny McCarthy

Trustee Chair
Tom Ryder

Women's Fellowship
President
Lynn Ibsen

9:30 a.m.

**Sunday Worship/
Sunday School**

**Office Manager/
Belfry Editor**
Karen S. Boroski

Ron Schlegel	James Margolies
Terry Mulherin	John Glenn
Marge & Ed Brighindi	Kim
Henriette Wilson	Pat Lord
Lori Wannagot	Michael Glynn
Kathy Schatra	Bernita
Tom Jensen	Mike D.
Jan Southwick, Lee R.	Carol Olsson
Bob Schreiber	Laurie S
Tom Jensen	

Beginning in January 2025,

we will start a new prayer list.

If you would like your loved one to

continue on the list or to add a new

name, please email Karen in the

church office at hcc@snet.net with

their name and yours. Thank you.

February

LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY...

February 2 - Holy Communion

**February 9 - Women's Fellowship Sunday &
300th Anniversary Review**

February 23 - Scout Sunday

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

- 2 Karen Boroski
- 6 Kevin Glynn
- 10 Hannah Corcino
- 13 Bill Nicholas
- 14 Barbara Henderson
- 15 Eric Zelanin
- 16 Gail Melanson
- 17 Andy Keith
- 21 Steve Ronning
- 22 Brooke Roberts
- 23 Denise Wilson
- 24 Rita Boland, Wendy Zelanin,
Karen Kellogg, Laurie Ronning
- 29 Holly Fassbender, Dan Oliva
- 30 Rich Griswold, Sue Lindley



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

- 2 Jill & Merle Chase
- 3 Deb & Bob Margolies
- 6 Jean Belyea & Barry Skinner
- 11 Linda & Bob Sember
- 15 Valerie & Elliot Wilson





My heart is full of gratitude! Thank you so much for all the gifts, cards, and well-wishes during this Christmas season. Especially, I am so grateful for your support and encouragement all year long. You are such blessings to me! Merry Christmas and a blessed 2025!

-Rev. Lucille

Thank you to all for the generous Staff Christmas gift and the personal gifts we received are very much appreciated.

Also, a special thank you to Rev Lucille for her love & support this past year.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy & Healthy New Year!

Peace & Blessings to all,

- Karen Boroski & Deb DeMusis



FROM OUR PASTOR...



Dear Folks,

Another year gone. Here we are in 2025.

We had a wonderful 300th Anniversary celebration throughout 2024, with one last hurrah coming on Sunday, February 9th, as we honor a full year of our anniversary: February 12, 1724 - February 12, 2025, 300 years of faithful ministry!

So much has changed since 1724. So much had changed since 2020. So much has changed since 2023. Some good, some not so much. But we persevere on with faith and trust in God. Yet the reality remains that nothing remains the same. Sometimes we get caught up in the past, often glorifying it. As Billy Joel sung, "The good old days weren't always good and tomorrow's not as bad as it seems." Change is inevitable, and if we don't change...well, we get left behind.

As we face 2025, let's leave the baggage of the past behind. Let's take a new, fresh look at how we can live out our faith in new ways, serving Christ with joy. This takes a willingness, trust, and courage. May it be so.

**In Christ's love,
Rev. Lucille**

**The church office will be closed
December 25th through January 2nd.**

REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAYS

Rev. Lucille will be having her prayer days on Thursdays, January 9th, February 13th, and March 13th. Please let her know if you have a prayer concern you would like her to lift-up.

Rev. Lucille will be away from December 25 through January 1. She, however, will be available for pastoral emergencies.

Wednesday Evening Devotions

Wednesday evening ZOOM Bible Survey will resume January 15th and run through February 19th at 7 P.M. The ZOOM link will be sent out with the "This Week" email. The Lenten series will begin on March 12th. Watch for more info in February.

With Appreciation!!

Thank you all so much for you continuing support of Huntington Congregational Church UCC in 2024. Your gifts of your time, talents, and financial contributions keeps us glowing as God's beacon of love and light on the Huntington Green. Please continue your generosity in 2025!

Electronic giving is a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year. Visit www.huntingtonucc.org or contact the church office for more information.



The 301st Annual Meeting of the Huntington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ will be held on **January 19, 2025.**

If you are the chairperson of a committee, you are responsible for a report from your committee to be included in the Annual Report. Please e-mail your report to Karen in the office at hcc@snet.net.

The deadline for Committees annual reports is

Sunday, December 29, 2024

Your promptness is greatly appreciated.

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DID YOU KNOW?

As you are aware, we are in the process of creating a pictorial directory in honor of our 300th anniversary. In 1982 the first pictorial directory was created at HCCUCC. Dr. Paul Adkins was the pastor at the time and wrote this forward in the directory.

Dear Members and Friends: When I came to our Church in 1978, I used St. Paul's words in Ephesians 5:25 as the basis for my first sermon. Many of you were here at that time but a good number of you weren't here at that time. In a Church which is growing like ours, it is essential that we make a special effort to get to know one another, thus increasing among all the feeling of belonging which is so vital to our life together. This Pictorial Directory is offered with the hope that it might help us put names with faces and in so doing, strengthen our fellowship and increase our awareness that we are "members one of another."

Let us look forward to our upcoming directory with the same amount of joy and hope that it will help us feel a sense of belonging and being "members one of another"!

Submitted by Sue Lindley

Women's Fellowship

We are looking forward to a healthy and productive 2025, and we wish the same for all of you in our church family!

Again, we want to thank those of you who helped in any way with The Pumpkin and Holly Fair in November. All signs point to a successful fair and we couldn't have done it without you!

On January 12, after church, we will have an All-Women's Meeting in Fellowship Hall after church. All women are welcome to attend. We will vote in our 2025 W.F. Executive Board and there will be an informative program, too. More information to follow.

We are looking forward to Women's Sunday on February 9th. We will be selling turkey chili after church for Super Bowl, so sign up for it in the alcove. The Shredding Event / Food Drive is scheduled for May 3, 2025, so save those important papers.

** Please do not leave any Tag Sale items in Reuman House at this time. **

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Ibsen, President

All-Women's Annual Meeting

On Sunday, January 12, following the worship service, there will be a meeting for all women of the congregation. We will be electing Women's Fellowship Executive Board Officers and reviewing plans for the year.

We are excited to have a guest speaker. Nancy, a physical therapist at Griffin Health, specializes in the rehabilitation of the pelvic floor. Her presentation will include information on pelvic pain, urination difficulties, leakage and more. We have heard that she is an interesting and engaging speaker, so please plan to attend.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all women to come together for fellowship and learning. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please sign up on the sheet on the easel in the alcove!

NOVEMBER 2024
CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTIAN ED: We are enjoying getting to know our newest friends this year. We have 3 more lessons for the year. November 24th, December 8th, and the 22nd. We will be making our annual Family Christmas Gift on December 8th.

TREASURER: The bills are being paid. He will present a draft budget to the Budget Committee after adjournment of the Council Meeting.

TRUSTEES: Reuman House was painted by Ed Zinsky and crew and looks good. It was paid for by separate donations (nothing was taken out of the operating budget). He also stained the floor of the ramp going to FH.

PASTOR: 12/1 is the start of Advent, prayer day is 12/12. Longest Night Service is 12/21 at 6:30. Christmas Eve service is 12/24 at 4:00. Lucille will be away from 12/26 to 1/2. 12/29 will be a carol sing with Deb DeMusis and the Deacons. Poinsettia order forms are due by 12/15. 12/22 will be collection for Veterans of the Cross. Lucille reminded everyone to make sure the lights and doors are locked when you leave the building and furniture is returned from where it was taken. All future events need to be reported to Karen. She will put them on the calendar.

BISHOP PROPERTY UPDATE - SOREN: Paving of the road hopefully will begin next week. This needs to be done before the asphalt plants close at the end of November. There was a problem with the gas line installation, but that has been resolved. The mortgage for 20 Ripton Road will be paid off in December. The owners are still working on the water line issue.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Pumpkin & Holly Fair was a success. No dollar amount is available yet. The bow making class that Ray Oppel led on 10/17 was a success. WF meeting & brunch is planned for 1/12/25. Planning to make chili for Super Bowl Sunday on 2/9/25.

DEACONS: There were 2 baptisms. The Choir will be singing 11/24 morning and Thanksgiving Service. Refreshments will be served after. Greeters are needed. The iPad was updated at no charge.

NOMINATING: Still talking to several members about filling the vacant positions. Ed Z. will return to Trustees.

MUSIC: The Choir will be singing 11/24, 12/15 and Christmas Eve. Sacred Dancers will perform on 12/24. The Choir will be singing at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving on 11/24.

DECEMBER 2024
CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTIAN ED: Last Sunday they made lovely family gifts. Their next class is 12/22 and it will be a Sunday School party.

DIACONATE: Decorated the sanctuary. They will prepare candles for Christmas Eve Service. Poinsettia orders due 12/15. They will be leading the service on 12/29 in Lucille's absence, and it will be a carol sing.

GENEROSITY: Linda and Gordon Harris delivered the BHCare Under the Tree gifts for 12 people to the Assumption School in Ansonia.

MUSIC LIAISON: Choir will be singing on 12/15 and Christmas Eve. Sacred Dancers will perform on Christmas Eve. Also, the piano got tuned.

NOMINATING: Trustees – one slot has been filled, there is still one open and Generosity needs a couple.

PUBLICITY - REV. LUCILLE: She deleted old content and changed the comment settings to eliminate excessive spam. It appears to be helping.

TREASURER: Soren had updates on pledges.

TRUSTEES: The gutters on the church have been cleaned and the parsonage ones will be cleaned soon. They did a thorough cleaning of the furnace at the church two weeks ago. Sue Schmitt asked Tom to speak at the annual meeting about the capital campaign and where we are.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: WF will meet at Linda Sember's home for their annual Christmas dinner, 12/12. There will be an all-women's meeting on 1/12/25 following worship. There will be a quick meeting followed by a speaker. WF will be making Turkey Chili for sale for the Super Bowl game on 2/9/25. 2/9/25 is also Women's Sunday. WF voted to give \$8000 instead of \$6000 to the church for 2025.

BISHOP PROPERTY UPDATE - SOREN IBSEN: The final payment of \$163 and change was made on 20 Ripton Road. The cul-de-sac is paved.

REV. LUCILLE: 12/22 will be a special program for the worship service. The Longest Night Service will be 12/21, 6:30 p.m. The office will be closed from Christmas Day and Karen will return on 1/3/25. Lucille will be on call while she is away as it is hard to get coverage. She'll be back in her office on 1/2/25. 1/5/25 is Communion Sunday. Women's Sunday will be 2/9/25 & Scout Sunday 2/23/25.

MODERATOR – SUE SCHMITT: A reminder that committee reports are due to Karen by 12/29/24. Regarding the 300th Committee – she will be meeting with Connery Printing about the directory and then she will meet with Allegra.



JANUARY 2025



SUNDAY

MONDAY




TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7am—Early Risers-FH 	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 7am—Early Risers-FH 
5 9:30am- Worship--in person or online https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/	6	7 7pm-Trustees-Zoom	8 7am-Early Risers-FH 6pm-Troop 101	9 Rev. Lucille's Prayer Day TOPS	10	11 7am—Early Risers-FH
12 9:30am- Worship--in person or online https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/ Sunday School Women's Fellowship - FH	13 Martin Luther King, Jr Day	14 7pm-Council-Zoom	15 7am—Early Risers-FH 6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	16 TOPS	17	18 7am—Early Risers-FH
19 9:30am- Worship--in person or online https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/ 10:30am- Annual Meeting	20	21 Spooner House Meal 	22 7am—Early Risers-FH 6pm-Troop 101 7pm-Devotions-Zoom	23 TOPS	24	25 7am—Early Risers-FH
26 9:30am- Worship--in person or online https://www.facebook.com/HCCUCC/ Sunday School 1am-History Center annual meeting- FH	27	28 7pm-Diaconate-Zoom	29 7pm-Devotions-	30 TOPS	31	

1/29- 7am—Early Risers-FH -7pm-Devotions-Zoom