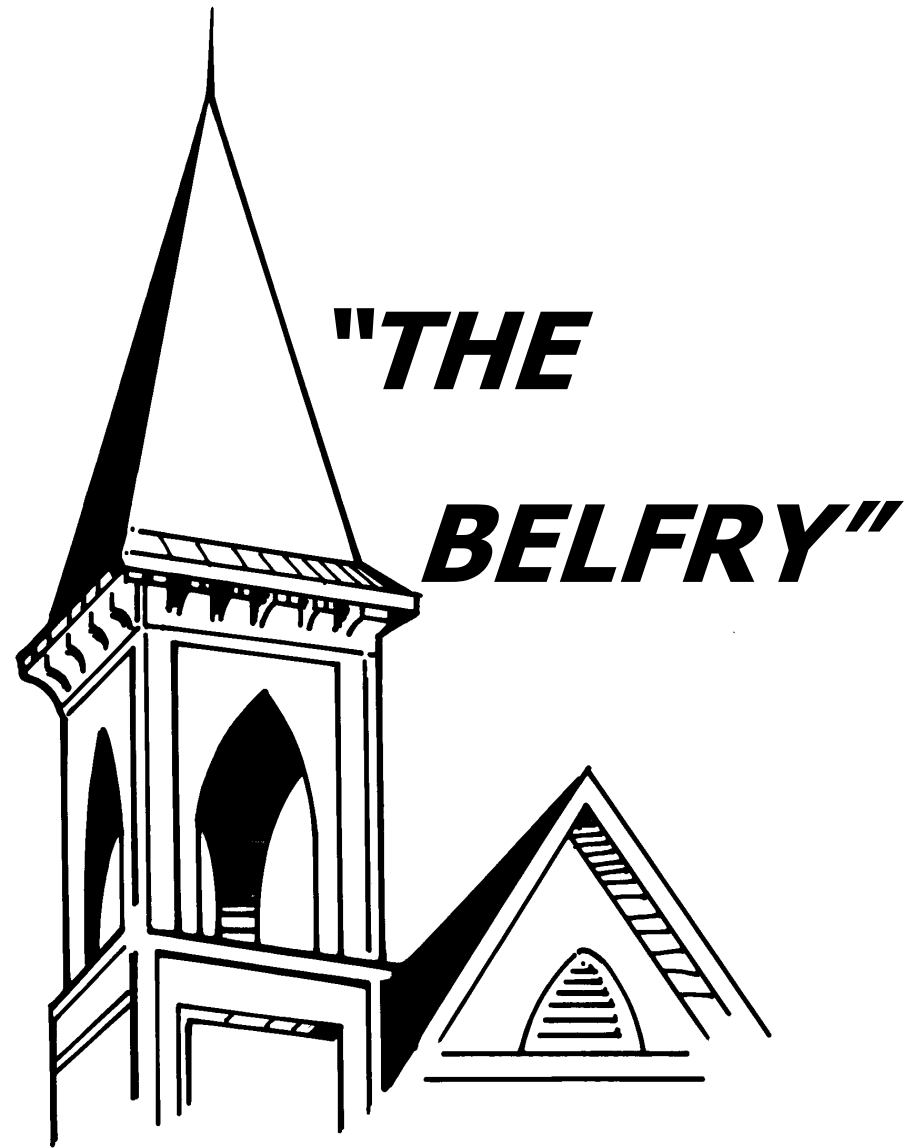


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**"THE
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Prayer List

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

- 1 Holly & Gerry Fassbender
- 4 Lori & Jim Wannagot
- 16 Rebecca & Nicholas Verdicchio
- 17 Gigi & Steve Brighindi
- 25 Barbara & Walter Henderson



SAVE THE DATES!

**The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's
 Spring Fling FUNdraiser
 Face to Face – A Tribute to
 Billy Joel and Elton John**

Friday, March 2nd, 2012

5:30 to 9:30 pm

**at The Downtown Cabaret
 263 Golden Hill Street, Bridgeport**

Celebrating the Ministry of

St. John's Episcopal Church in Bridgeport

**Tickets just \$65 @ - Seating limited! For more information
 contact pattvjensen@ccgb.org or 203.334.1121 x 243**



ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE – March 25, 2012, Sacred Heart University, Theme: TBD; The Annual Youth Conference is for high school youth, although some junior high youth can be accommodated on request., Contact Larri Mazon lwamazon@gmail.com or 203.334.1121 x 255

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Bryan Nurnberger, president & founder of Simply Smiles, will be with us on February 19th.

CHURCH CANCELLATION: When inclement weather occurs, these methods will be used: Channel 8 – TV or on their website www.wtnh.com or Channel 3 –TV or on their website www.wfsb.com.

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

- 2 Clarke Reeves
- 3 Jill Nichols
- 4 Nicholas Verdicchio
- 6 Diane Wehger
- 7 Ginger Clarke, Jasmine Leung
- 8 Deborah Grisgraber
- 11 Mark Bracchi
- 12 Barbara Henschel
- 13 Jake Brighindi
- 15 Laura Salvio, Bruce Rottjer
- 16 Ken Tober
- 20 Nicole Dutkanicz, Liz Holcomb, Emma Verdicchio
- 21 Michael D. Alterio
- 22 Matthew Russo
- 23 Joan Bloemen, John Kozlowski
- 24 Scarlett Taylor
- 27 Brad Wells



~THANK YOU~

“Thank you all for the gifts, cards, and well-wishes that I received during this Christmas time. I really appreciate your generosity and support!

Rev. Lucille”

“Dear Members of Huntington Congregational Church,

Thank you very much for the Christmas gift checks. It was very thoughtful of you to think of us at the holiday season.

Your generosity is very appreciated.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Lori Witiak

Gail Matuska

Director/Head Teacher

Teacher

Huntington Center Nursery School”

“To all my good friends at Huntington Congregational Church,

It is hard to believe, but it has been six months since I began serving as your organist and choir director! During that time I have been blessed by your friendliness and willingness to open your hearts, and your homes, to me, my wife, and my stepchildren. February is often associated with Valentine’s Day, which is a day set aside to express one’s feelings toward our spouses, family, and special friends. Let me then take this opportunity to express my thoughts of gratitude and affection to you, my church family, for your kindness, your generosity, and your zeal for music, for the church, and for a gracious God, who loves every one of us unconditionally. May we continue to make music in praise of Him who provides us with every blessing for ourselves and the ones we hold most dear!

Thank you, again!

Sincerely,

James Bruni”



Ash Wednesday is February 22nd.

We will worship in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us.

The Shelton Clergy Ecumenical Lenten Services



will begin with a supper
 at 6:00 p.m. provided by the host church,
 followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m.
 The offering will benefit *Spooner House Homeless
 Shelter*. Please make checks payable to:
Shelton Clergy Association

The Wednesday Lenten service schedule is as follows:

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| February 29 th - Preacher,
Rev. Janet Waggoner | Trinity Lutheran Church
183 Howe Avenue |
| March 7 th - Preacher,
Rev. Jack Whritenour | 1 st United Methodist Church
526 Long Hill Avenue |
| March 14 th - Preacher,
Rev. Tim Hare | First Baptist Church
178 Leavenworth Road (Rte 110) |
| March 21 st - Preacher,
Rev. Lucille Fritz | Huntington United Methodist Church
338 Walnut Tree Hill Road |
| April 1 st - Preacher,
Rev. Heather Sinclair | Huntington Congregational Church
19 Church Street |



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| April 5 th | Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 p.m.
Christian Seder including Holy Communion
- 7:45 p.m. - Tenebrae
Huntington Congregational Church |
| April 6 th
Good Friday | 12 noon – Stations of the Cross on the Green
In case of rain - St. Paul’s Episcopal Church |



Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m. at Jones’ Family Farm
 Preacher - Rev. Ken Smith

Easter Worship – HCC 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

FROM OUR MINISTER...

Dear Friends,

“Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness. When one desires to alleviate the suffering of others and to promote their well-being, then generosity - in action, word, and thought - is this desire put into practice. It is important to recognize the "generosity" here refers not just to giving in a material sense, but to generosity of the heart.” –The Dali Lama

The words, “generosity of the heart’ resonated with me as I contemplated my words to you for this February 2012 Belfry. February is often considered the month of love because of Valentine’s Day.

Too often, Valentine’s Day, just like Christmas or Easter, gets lost in all the commercialization. Cards, flowers, candy are available before our Christmas decorations are put away. It’s all about buying something for someone or you will be a loser.

But, the true meaning of Valentine’s Day was to remind us to tell those we love that we love them. It’s about that generosity of the heart: wishing and hoping for the best for our loved ones.

Jesus tells us that we are to love everyone, not just our family and friends, but the entire world and its inhabitants. So, may we this February 14th and everyday take the Dali Lama’s words to heart and soul as we share that “generosity of heart”.

Peace,
 Rev. Lucille

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 Rev. Lucille’s Prayer days are Feb. 9th, March 8, & April 12th
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REMINDERS



- ❖ We continue our practice of collecting non-perishable food items for the **Valley Food Bank** each month. Stews, canned meats and meals are always needed.
- ❖ **Spooner House** - We will continue to furnish the residents of Spooner House with a special meal on the second Friday of each month. You are asked to sign up for any part of the meal on the bulletin board in the alcove and have the food item in the church kitchen by 5:15 p.m. on that Friday. Please check the bulletin board in the alcove each month and fill a slot! Various months will be the responsibility of church committees.
- ❖ **Lenten/Easter Bulletins** – If you would like to dedicate a bulletin in memory/honor of a loved one(s), please sign up on the poster on the office window in the alcove or you can call Karen in the church office at 203-929-1223. The cost is \$18 (price of bulletins). This also helps defray the cost to the church.
- ❖ If you have a loved one going into the hospital please notify the church office as soon as you're able.



SAVE THIS DATE: JULY 6th-13th, 2013
ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP
TO THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE
RESERVATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA!!!!

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.

ADULT STUDY GROUP

Adult Study Group continues on Thursday evening's 7:30 p.m. except the 2nd Thursday of the month. We are making our way through the Gospel of Mark.

— YOUTH NEWS —

LENTEN WORKSHOP

Please join us in Fellowship Hall, following Sunday worship, on Sunday, February 19th for the Lenten Workshop. Come to the workshop, enjoy the crafts, devotionals and begin to think about the upcoming season.

We look forward to seeing you there.

INDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Bring your sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, bean bag chairs and come on down to Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 16th from 6-8pm!! We will be holding an indoor movie night. The movie will be **SOUL SURFER** an inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack. It's just a fabulous movie for the whole family!!!! Bring your own drinks and some friends, we'll provide the popcorn.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
NEWS

**LENTEN CLAM CHOWDER
AND
HOMEMADE BREAD**

Circle I of the Women's Fellowship will prepare and sell Manhattan and New England Clam Chowder and a variety of homemade breads. To place your order, sign up on the sheet in the alcove or call the church office (203-929-1223). Pick-up will be on Sunday, March 4th and Sunday, April 1st. Chowder will be \$8.00 per quart. The price on the homemade breads will vary.

The proceeds will go toward Reuman House renovations.



The next Circle I meeting will be held on
Thursday, February 9, at Reuman House - 7:30 p.m.



LENTEN QUIET HOUR

All women of the church are invited to attend our annual 6 week Quiet Hour sessions beginning on **Wednesday, February 29th at 10 a.m.** in the church. The title of the book will be announced. The discussion will be led by Rev. Lucille. Watch for the sign-up sheet or you can call Karen in the church office (203-929-1223).

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

HCC Women's Fellowship will once again participate in the CWS "Gifts of the Heart" program.

We will be collecting much needed items and assembling hygiene, baby and school kits. These "Gifts of the Heart" are sent to provide relief in distressed areas in the United States and around the world.

Circles with the help of our church members and friends have donated kit items and we send over 200 kits annually to CWS.

Visit the CWS display of kits in the alcove, where you can also leave donations in the CWS boxes.

Items needed for the kits are listed below:

School Kits:

- ~ blunt scissors
- ~ Pencil sharpeners-hand held
- ~ 30 centimeter ruler (12")
- ~ Large eraser
- ~ Box 24 crayons
- ~ Spiral notebooks-70 sheets
- ~ Pencils w/erasers
- ~ 2" eraser

Hygiene Kits:

- ~ Combs (wide tooth only)
- ~ 3 " Band-aids
- ~ Toothbrushes - packaged
- ~ Hand towels (16"x28")
- ~ Bath size soap
- ~ nail clippers
- ~ Washcloths

Baby Kits:

- ~ Infant nightgowns or sleepers
- ~ Cloth diapers
- ~ Washcloths
- ~ Diaper pins
- ~ undershirts - no onesies
- ~sweaters/sweatshirts
- ~ receiving blankets
- (New Items Only)

All donations will be greatly appreciated and thank you for your continued support of our mission project.

Shirley Bleston, Material Aids (203.929.0350)

*Mark Your Calendar
For the Women's Fellowship Annual
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner*

Women's Fellowship will hold their Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 17th at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and under. Hot dog dinners: 2 hot dogs w/vegetables-\$7.00; 1 hot dog w/chips-\$4.00.

Tickets will be on sale after church or see Karen in the office.

Proceeds will benefit the church's Operating Budget.!!!

THANK YOU

Children's books, shirts, tote bags, socks and personal care products were recently delivered to the Umbrella, the area battered women's shelter. Also donated were kitchen paper goods and utensils, all of which will be appreciated by the clients.

The Umbrella welcomes donations of new clothing and accessories, toiletries and used cell phones. The phones are programmed to dial 911 only, to enable clients to reach assistance in an emergency situation.

This is a local mission project of Circle IV of the Women's Fellowship.

The Circle also collects Box Tops for Education and Campbell proofs of purchase to support the Elon College school for children, used postage stamps for rehabilitating veterans and used eyeglasses which are refurbished and distributed to those in need around the world.

The Circle greatly appreciates the support received from members and friends of the congregation.

Barbara Henschel, Circle Leader
203-929-1246

Credit Card Giving is now available at HCC

The Stewardship Committee would like to remind you that in addition to EFT giving, you now can give to HCC via credit card or direct withdrawal from your checking account using our website, www.huntingtonucc.org.

Just go to our website and click on the "Online Giving" button. This will take you to our secure credit card giving page which is hosted by Vanco, our EFT and credit card provider.

You will be able to give to Operating, Missions, Memorial Donations, Special Missions of the season and General/Miscellaneous giving such as flowers, bulletins or directed donations to budget line items.

You can also schedule recurring giving on the site.

Why not use your credit card to make or catch up on your pledge and earn reward points in the process.

When using a credit card, you will be given the option to give a little more to offset the credit card charges for the church.

Try it out and please give generously. Thank-you.

***"UR" Support Completes our "CH__CH"
Stewardship Campaign 2012***

Included below is a list of members that have returned their pledge cards in time for determining our budget for 2012.

Thank-you very much for the return of your "Faith Promise" and your generosity.

Those names marked with a "*" have increased their pledge for 2012 and the Stewardship Committee would like to extend a special Thank-You for your faithfulness and increased generosity.

If your name is not listed, it is not too late to pledge. If you want to increase your pledge it is not too late for that either. Your pledge and giving will help reduce the withdrawal from Endowments.

God is calling us to do great things and HCC cannot thrive and grow our Missions and Outreach without your pledges and your generosity.

*Kim ADLER**
Christie BAILEY
Theodore BARTRAM
Gordon & Thelma BAUER
*Barry & Jean BELYEA/SKINNER**
Anita BENNETT
*Shirley BLESTON**
*Joan & Joe BLOEMEN**
*Rob & Stacy BOROSKI**
*Jameson BOROSKI**
*Karen BOROSKI**
*Mark & Suzanne BRACCHI**
Ed & Margie BRIGHINDI
*Sue CARLSON**
Sandra CHANDLER
*Merle & Jill CHASE**
Virginia CLARKE
Jim & Barb CONNERY
*Edwina CORNER**
Jennifer CRAWFORD
*Tracy DAWLEY**
Fran DE LAND
*Dick DORMER**
Sheri DUTKANICZ
Emil & Nancy FABER
Dick & Marion FAIRBANKS
Gerry & Holly FASSBENDER
*James & Marilyn FERRIS**
*Roger FRIEND**
*Lucille FRITZ**
*Cheryl FROLISH**
*Arlene GREY**
Ed & Barb GRISGRABER
Rich GRISWOLD
Gordon & Linda HARRIS
Bruce & Robin HARTEL
Sheri HATFIELD
Walter & Carolyn HEMPEL
*Walter & Barbara HENDERSON**

*Barbara HENSCHER**
*Judy HEYSE**
Dawn HIGGINS
*Soren & Lynn IBSEN**
*Terri JOHNSTON**
*Zaida JUNE**
*Cindy KANE**
Frank KAWALAUTZKI
Frank & Pat KEEGAN
*Andy & Kirsten KEITH**
*Kevin & Karen KELLOGG**
Rod KNEEN SR
*Patti & Leon LEUNG**
*Bob, Mary Jane, Robert & James LIDDEL**
*Sue LINDLEY**
*Gary & Maria MAFFE**
Robert & Louise MANGER
Bob & Deb MARGOLIES
Julia MARKARIAN
Kevin & Jenny McCARTHY
*Denise MELSENTI**
*Marie MITCHELL**
*Bob MOSELEY**
*Lin MULFORD**
*Bob & Lois NAGY**
Bill & Lupe NICHOLAS/MAYBECK
Linda NICHOLAS
H. Tom NICKSE
Hillie OLOFSON
*Ray & Debbie OPPEL**
Mario & Barb PARRELLI
Nancy PASSARO
Don & Justine PATCHKOFISKY
*Ruth PESAVENTO**
*Rob & Deborah REEVES**
Lois RICKER
*David & Sue ROBERTS**
Steve & Laurie RONNING
*Harry & Mary Ann ROSCOE**
Tom RYDER
*Carl & Laura SALVIO**

*Sue SCHLUMP**
Sue & Dan SCHMITT
Gail SCHOENNAGEL
Linda & Bob SEMBER
Bill & Linda SIMICS
Rich & Evelyn STEINIS
*Ruth STEWART**
Bill THRESHER
*Ken & Pat TOBER**
*John & Madlyn TOTH, JR.**
Judy & Terry TUCKER/MULHERIN
Jean VOLLARO
Roland & Diane WEHGER
Roy & Arlene WELLS
*Nate WELLS**
Shirley WELLS
Elma Jean WIACEK
John WILMOT
Gertrude WILSON
*Steve WILSON**
Henriette WILSON
Lori WITIAK
*Donna WITKOWSKI**
Paul & Wendy ZELANIN

2 Corinthians 9:7 "You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly."

A word from Rev. Lucille....

Dear Friends,

Most of you have certainly noticed the wonderful improvements that have been made here in God's house that we call Huntington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Some were voluntary improvements like the handicap accessible rest room and the enlarged sanctuary entrance. Some improvements were not voluntary such as the repair of the cracked rafter beams above the office area and the replacement and reinforcement of a supporting beam in the sanctuary basement.

These were needed improvements, but they have seriously depleted our capital improvement fund. Since we have been having budgetary short falls, we have not added to that fund.

I would like to ask you as members of HCCUCC to make a donation to replenish our depleted capital fund so we may have the resources for continued improvements to God's house here at 19 Church Street.

A certificate of appreciation will be posted in the alcove or hallway listing those folks who have donated. If you wish to remain anonymous, please let your desires know.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation today. It is our solemn and our joyful responsibility to maintain the wonderful buildings which God has given us.

Peace,

Rev. Lucille

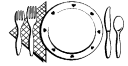





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Feb 2012 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:30am - Worship/S 1pm - Shelton	30 7:30pm - Zumba	31 9:30am - Circle III 7:15pm - Business 7:15pm - Deacon	1 7pm - Choir 7pm - Troop 101	2 Groundhog Day 10am - Rotary-FH 6:30pm - TOPS 7:30pm - Karate-FH	3 7pm - Den 5	4
5 WF Sunday 9:30am - Worship/S	6 7pm - CE meeting 7:30pm - Zumba	7 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Committee	8 7pm - Choir 7pm - Troop 101	9 Lucille's Prayer Day 10am - Rotary-FH 6:30pm - TOPS 7:15pm - Circle I-RH 7:30pm - Karate-FH	10 Spooner House meal 	11 12noon-Boy Scout
12 Boys Scout Sunday Lincoln's Birthday 9:30am - Worship/S	13 7:30pm - Zumba	14 Valentine's Day 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Council 	15 7pm - Choir 7pm - Troop 101	16 6:30pm - TOPS 7:30pm - Karate-FH	17 7pm - Den 5	18
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26 9:30am - Worship/S	27 7:30pm - Zumba	28 9:30am - Circle III 7:15pm - Diaconate	29 7pm - Choir 7pm - Troop 101	1 6:30pm - TOPS 7:30pm - Karate-FH	2	3

You may view the Belfry & Calendar on our website at www.huntingtonucc.org.