

**"THE
BELFRY"**

HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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9:30 am
*Sunday Worship/
 Sunday School
 & Child Care*

Tim Tritt	Barbara Supernaw
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Sophorn Kong	Tim Kiernan
Ann Hatkoff	Robert Olsson
Gina Raucci	Rev. James Adam
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Monsignor Gilmartin	Connor Shaw
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Gary	Tom Marrison
Harry Minot	Tara Simantel
Joe Caputo	Ralph Gainer
Sal Tuttlolmundo	Doris Roscoe
Bob & Ruth Johnston	Al Waters
Jim & Nancy Dunker	Jack Alessi
Kate D'Alessio	Tim Leonard
Michael Scoopo	Jan Eucalitto
Dorothy Wilson	Debra
Rose Carcova	Eugene Martin
Marilyn Lamy	Craig Vincent
Bill Stewart	
Cherylyn Lee & Daniel Vigezzi	
Lt. Dymitri A. Dutkanicz-Afghanistan	



...to the family of Frances Litalien, Jason Mitchell's grandmother, who passed away on July 3, 2011.

...to the family of Robert Miller, brother of Fran DeLand who entered into rest on July 20, 2011.

...to the family of Lyman Wells, husband of Pat, brother of Royal & Nate, who passed away on August 5, 2011.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during their time of bereavement.



Stewardship Report

Thank-you for your generous pledging and giving.

Now with fall upon us, please try to catch up with your pledges.

Your timely giving is needed so the church can maintain its financial stability and maintain its missions and outreach to the local community and the world.

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.”*

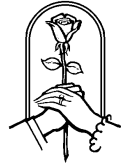


the following who will celebrate during the month of September:

- 4 Ray Oppel, Jane Ryder
- 5 Debbie Oppel
- 7 Shirley Brisch
- 8 Pat Balkonis, Gigi Brighindi, Daniel St. George
- 10 Fred Kunesch
- 11 Carl Salvio
- 12 Diane Wilkes, Mary DiRienzo
- 13 Joseph DiRienzo
- 18 Bob Margolies
- 20 John Balkonis, Schuyler Wells
- 21 Valerie Mingrone, Don Patchkofsky
- 23 Emily Bacchiocchi
- 24 Paul Zelanin, Mackenzie St. Germain
- 26 Alex Harris
- 30 Lin Mulford, Debby Sands

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

- 2 Maria & Gary Maffe
- 4 Pat & Frank Keegan, Jane & Tom Ryder
- 5 Mim & Jim Ferris, Jean & Charles Vollaro
- 8 Pat & John Balkonis
- 12 Louise & Bob Manger
- 15 Cindy & Jeffrey Kane
- 17 Justine & Don Patchkofsky
- 18 Arlene & Steven Grey
- 20 Sue & Dan Schmitt, Linda & Bill Simics
- 22 Linda & Gordon Harris




Thank You, Belfry Workers!!

A **HUGE** thank you to our faithful Belfry workers who put together our Belfrys each month: A special thank you to Fran DeLand and Joan & Joe Bloemen for their time.

Watch for future Belfrys online at www.huntingtonucc.org or you may pick one up on the table in the alcove or see Karen in the office.

If you have any questions, contact Karen at 203-929-1223.

September 11, 2011
Worship begins at
9:30 a.m.



RALLY DAY

From Our Minister...

Dear Friends,

Ah, another summer is almost passed (sigh). I sure hope you all had a chance to recharge your batteries.

But, with the sad end of summer comes happy news: all the exciting activities here at HCCUCC are about to start!

Besides regular Sunday School, choir, a normal meeting schedule, and special activities, we also be starting a new round of Adult Study Groups.

On Thursdays, September 15 & 22, October 6, 20, & 27, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Mark is the oldest gospel in the New Testament. It is so important to keep our faith grounded in God's word, which is contained in the Bible.

Future Adult Study Group topics will be announced in the October "Belfry". If you have any questions about the Adult Study Group, please contact me.

Please, come and join us for this time of study, reflection, fellowship, and prayer.

Peace,
Rev. Lucille

~ ~ ~ SPECIAL THANK YOU ~ ~ ~

"Dear HCC Family,

Many thanks for your calls, cards and delicious goodies. I was given a step in the right direction because of your love and concern. Knee surgery has slowed me down but not out!

God bless all of you –Lin Mulford"

"Thank you to our many church friends and family for their kind expressions of sympathy in the death of my brother, Lyman Wells. Your cards and donations were very much appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Royal & Arlene Wells"*

NOTICE
TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
All budgets are due to Rob Reeves
(robreeves49@comcast.net)
NO LATER THAN
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2011.

MISSION MEETING

The Mission Committee will meet
Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m.



4TH GRADE REMINDER COMMUNION TRAINING

Communion Training class will be held **Sunday, September 25th** after worship service to all 4th graders. Students who have completed communion training will join the congregation in a celebration of the Lord's Supper on October 2nd during the worship service.

If you have not taken this class and are interested, please see Rev. Lucille or call the church office at 203-929-1223.

September 25: The Rev. Peter Allen

The Rev. Peter Allen, the Vice President of "Simply Smiles" and former pastor of the Monroe Congregational United Church of Christ, will be with us. He will preach at the 9:30 A.M. worship service, then, during fellowship time, will share about the mission work that Simply Smiles does in Mexico and South Dakota. Rev. Allen will be priming us for our 2013 mission trip to South Dakota to work with the American Indians. Please join us for this special day!

Confirmation Class

An organizational meeting of the 2011/2012 Confirmation Class (9th graders), including parents, will meet on September 11th after worship in the church library. If there are any questions, please contact Rev. Lucille.

REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAYS

Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be Thursdays, September 8th and October 13th. Please let her know if you have any joys or concerns you would like her to lift up.

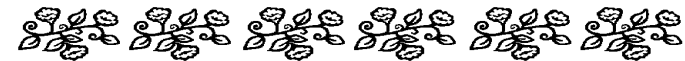


"Thank you so much for the generous scholarship that you granted me to help further my education.

*From,
Nathan Salvio"*

"Thank you soo very much for the scholarship that you gave me.

*Love,
Steve Salvio"*



QUESTIONS ABOUT

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST?

CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES:

*The United Church of Christ: www.ucc.org
The Connecticut Conference UCC: www.ctucc.org*



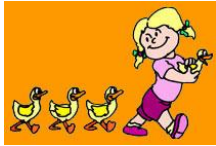
Norwalk Oyster Festival September 11th – September 13th

It's not too late to sign up for the annual Norwalk Oyster Festival! Call Mike Keirstead at 203.926.1618 if you would like to volunteer at our German Booth. This year the Festival will be held on **Friday, September 9th, Saturday, September 10th and Sunday, September 11th.**

Admittance to the Festival is FREE to all volunteer workers! If you have any questions, please contact Mike Keirstead

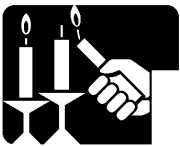
Lots of help is needed to make it a success!!

HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL



Huntington Center Nursery School is accepting registration for the 3 yr. old class for the 2011/2012 school year.

If you are interested in more information, please call our director, Lori Witiak at 203.929.7197.



CANDLELIGHTER TRAINING

Candlelighter Training will be held on Sunday, October 9th following the worship service. If you are in 4th grade and up and would like to participate as a candlelighter, please join us. The session will take approximately 15 minutes.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Gifts From the Heart School Supplies Needed

The need for things in life that we have daily access to in many parts of the world are almost not available or very expensive for people to acquire.

Church World Service Gifts of the Heart program help many people here in our country and around the world whenever a need, such as recent tornadoes, floods, earthquakes.

Our need is our school kit program. In April our Women's Fellowship Circle III ladies filled 50 school bags with your help. Can you help us again?

School supplies are available now at very reasonable prices. While you're shopping, will you consider helping us fill another 50 school bags for CWS? The following school supplies are needed for each kit:

Items needed for each kit are:

- ~ 3 spiral notebooks-70 count (rounded)
- ~ 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- ~ 1 12" ruler (30 centimeters)
- ~ 1 large eraser
- ~ 1 pair blunt scissors
- ~ 6 new pencils w/erasers
- ~1 box 24 crayons (only 24)

There is a box located in the alcove marked School KitSupplies. If you can donate one or two of these items it will be greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please call me.

Thank you for your help.
Shirley Bleston, Material Aids
203-929-0350

*Being Vessels Through Which
Grace Is Working*

EASTERN DISTRICT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ANNUAL RETREAT

Saturday, September 24, 2011, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mystic Congregational Church, 43 East Main St, Mystic
Retreat Leader: Rev. Lee A. Ireland

"Last year as we walked together, we learned about how grace occurs in our lives when we have prepared our hearts and minds to welcome God's love in a whole new way. When we do, we receive insights that move us beyond the complications of the past or present moment and we become those who know a freedom beyond words and a new joy in living in this world. We then become those who can help invite others into awakening to God's grace in the world. To get there though, we sometimes have to 'get ourselves out of the way' so that God's light can shine through us. Come and strengthen your ability to shine."

Registration fee, which includes lunch, is \$35.00 per person. Please register by September 14. Detach the registration form below and mail with check made payable to: **Eastern District Women's Fellowship** c/o Liz Longacre, 115 Cook Hill Rd, Griswold, CT 06351.

For additional information contact: Liz Longacre: e-mail -
jemlongacre@netzero.net or 860.376.5837

Name: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
Church: _____
Emergency Contact: _____
Phone _____

Special diet needs:

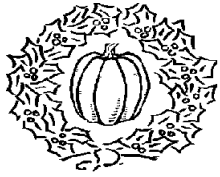


We have joined the *Sound Coalition* which is a group of churches that are combining our efforts to build one house at 1307 Pembroke Street in Bridgeport. We are also providing support for the **Work Blitz** which will be held the week of September 12th to the 17th. The Work Blitz is a week-long event when people from coalition churches work along with Habitat professionals to construct the frame of the house. This is the major week long effort to get the frame of the house in place so that the professional contractors can install the electricity, plumbing and other needed components. As with the August 20th warehouse work, no experience is needed for the Work Blitz. It is a great opportunity to work with members of other churches and have fun. If you are available to assist during any of the week days of September 12th through the 16th or on Saturday, September 17th, please either sign up in the alcove or call Tom Ryder at 203-944-0406.



The CT Hospice, Inc. is sponsoring its FALL Volunteer training in OCTOBER 2011. This course will inform & prepare prospective volunteers in all aspects of Hospice Care.

For more information, call Pat Corradino at 203.315.7510.



Pumpkin & Holly Fair
Friday, November 18, 2011
5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 19, 2011
10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Once again we will be opening our doors at 5:30 p.m. on Friday so that our visitors will be able to come right from work and have their dinner with us. We will be offering wonderful soups, and a slice of one of our delicious pies makes a perfect dessert.

There are many opportunities for everyone to help make the Pumpkin and Holly Fair a success:

Did you try any of our wonderful homemade candies last year? The **Sweet Shoppe** is hoping to expand. If you make candy or would like to learn please contact Terri Johnston, Pat Tober or Laura Salvio.

Christmas Fantasy – Workshops are Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. upstairs in Reuman House. Many workers are needed to create the beautiful decorations and ornaments for the home that fill two rooms in Reuman House. This year, we are making gifts for all seasons, so come join the fun!

Shirley Bleston – 203-929-0350

Needlework and Attic Treasures – Those who crochet, knit or sew will find a warm welcome in this group. And, if you have a treasured item that you would like to donate, this is the area that will showcase it.

Lois Nagy – 203-261-0887

Potpourri – Bring your ideas and join us in Reuman House to create jewelry, gift items and decorations. Contact Gail or Sue for dates and times.

Gail Schoennagel – 203-929-7178 Sue Lindley – 203-924-4729

Jams and Jellies – People to pick fruit and, in the fall, help in preparation of our delicious jams and jellies would be welcome. No experience necessary!!

Linda Sember – 203-929-5853

Gourmet Baskets – If you are looking for a home for those various sizes and types of baskets you have been storing, please donate them to this group to fill with wonderful foods. If you would like to help with food preparation, please contact one of the chairpersons.

Laura Salvio – 203-925-0756 Linda Harris – 203-924-7900

Santa's Attic - Do you know someone who is moving and has some items to donate? We will be accepting items for Santa's Attic starting on Sunday, October 30th.

Raffle – We would like to expand this committee in order to sell more tickets to the public. If you can give a few hours of your time in the weeks leading up to the fair please contact one of the chairpersons.

Note: There will be a meeting for the chairpersons on Sunday, September 25th immediately following worship service.

Future Belfry articles will talk about other areas of the fair where volunteers will be needed. It takes many workers to create our wonderful fair. Wouldn't you like to help and share in the fellowship?

Pumpkin and Holly Fair co-chairs:

Terri Johnston, Pat Tober and Laura Salvio

AGAIN, THANK YOU!

A midsummer delivery of new women's and children's clothing, toiletries (toothpaste, soap, lotions, shampoos and conditioners), cleaning supplies and kitchen paper goods was made for use by clients of the Umbrella, a support service for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Support of the Umbrella is a local mission project of Circle IV of the Women's Fellowship. Deliveries (a car full) of needed supplies are made several times a year. Support of the project by members of the congregation is greatly appreciated by the Circle and the clients.

Barbara Henschel – 203-929-1246

**THE SENIOR CHOIR
will welcome our new
organist/choir director, James Bruni,
AND NEW and Returning Members**

Senior Choir, ages high school through adult age, welcomes new members! No experience is necessary. Rehearsals will resume for previous and new members at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 in the Choir Room (lower level of Fellowship Hall). Choir will begin singing in church on September 18th.

Come and join this dedicated group!

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR JAMES BRUNI

A welcome reception for our new organist/choir director, James Bruni, will be held after worship on September 4th in Fellowship Hall.

GOODIE VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy the goodies that are provided at coffee hour after worship? Diaconate is looking for volunteers to provide goodies. Volunteers can contact Ray Oppel, Deacon co-chair at 203-929-1770 and let him know what Sunday donations are needed.



“Imagining Another World is Possible”

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Neighbors in Need is the UCC’s annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries.

This offering will be collected on Sunday, October 2, 2011.

SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED

Our Sunday School is in need of one Superintendent for next year. Mrs. Bailey will continue on but Mrs. Ferris is retiring. Thank you to her many years of help!!! If interested please contact Kirsten Keith at 929-4225.

VBS BIG THANKS!!!!

Wow!! Our VBS was amazing this year and it was all because of all the love, support and help of our amazing congregation!! Thank you so much to everyone who helped with: decorations, preparing food, serving food, signing children in, camp counselors, crafts, recreation, Bible Stories, science, and every aspect of this great program. Another big thank you to the McCarthy family for donating the crafts and the Kellogg family for donating the Rita's Italian Ice for all the families. We are so fortunate to have been able to bring children closer to God.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC



On Sunday, September 18th the Christian Education Committee and the Council will hold an all-church PICNIC to be held at the parsonage and kick off the new church year.

A registration form can be found in this Belfry or in the church alcove.

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL



The next Sunday School year promises to be fun and exciting! We need 2 teachers a month to teach the preschoolers-3rd graders. You can sign up for one month or the full year. Please join us and speak to Kirsten Keith or Christie Bailey if you're interested.

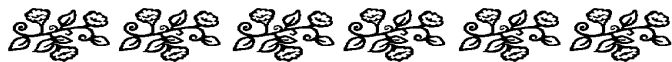
RALLY SUNDAY

Mark your calendars!! September 11th, Rally Sunday, will be here before you know it. The teachers, aides, and superintendent Christie Bailey, will be commissioned. Plan on attending church on September 11th as HCC celebrates the exciting start of another Sunday school year.

I'm happy to announce that there will be 3 groups for Sunday School this year. We will have a Preschool-3rd grade group, tween group (grade 4-6), and a Jr PF group (grades 7-8). More info. will be emailed to your homes to describe the groups in more detail.



Circle I of Women's Fellowship
will meet on Thursday, September 8th
at 7:30 p.m. in Reuman House.



CONGRATULATIONS!

*We congratulate Royal Wells
on his first hole-in-one at Brownson Country Club!*

**Huntington Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

**Sunday School Registration
2011-2012**

Name of Parent(s)/Guardians(s) _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Please complete one section for each child you are registering:

Child's name: _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Allergies/Medical/Developmental

Information: _____

Special Interests/activities: _____

Child's name: _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Allergies/Medical/Developmental Information: _____

Special Interests/activities: _____

Child's name: _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Allergies/Medical/Developmental

Information: _____

Special

Interests/activities: _____

Designated individuals who will be allowed to pick up your child from HCC and their relationship to your child. _____

All Church BBQ

Where? 160 Huntington Street (The Parsonage)

When? Sept. 18, 2011

Time? NOON

\$5- Per person

or

\$10- Per family

Come for lunch and fun activities!!!

Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided-Lunch served at
12:30pm

Please bring your favorite dish- salads, fruit, desserts

Whatever your specialty is!!!

RSVP by Sept. 11th

Feel free to bring blankets and lawn chairs

If you have any questions please call

Kirsten Keith at 203-929-4225

Please mail in or bring the bottom section to church and put in the picnic basket

Name: _____

Adults _____

Children _____ Total \$ _____

Will bring: _____

I am willing: To grill _____ Help set up _____

Help clean-up _____

2011/2012 Sunday School Schedule

Sept. 11th - Rally Sunday- Sunday School year begins

Nov. 13th - Advent Workshop

Nov. 28th - Thanksgiving- No Sunday School

Dec. 11th - Christmas Pageant

Dec. 25th - Christmas- No Sunday School

Jan. 1st - New Year's Holiday- No Sunday School

Feb. 19th - Lenten Workshop

April 8th - Easter- No Sunday School

May 27th - Memorial Day- No Sunday School

June 10th - Children's Sunday- Sunday School year ends

June 24th - Summer Sunday School begins

Aug. 26th - Summer Sunday School ends

Attendance is taken every Sunday that classes meet and children are allowed 25% absences in order to receive an attendance wreath, pin, or bar at the end of the school year. However, attendance at another church or a Scout function at which a worship service is conducted will not be considered a missed class. Please bring a bulletin or a note with all the details to the next class so the attendance record can be corrected.

Thank you and have a wonderful year!!



**144th Fall Annual Meeting
Connecticut Conference of the
United Church of Christ
Saturday, October 22, 2011
First Congregational Church 122
Broad Street, Guilford**

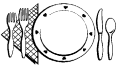




SEPTEMBER 2011



huntingtonuccblog@gmail.com, US Holidays

Sep 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - OutdoorWo	29 7:30pm - Zumba	30 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Council	31	1 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas	2	3
4 9:30am - Worship/C	5 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 7:30pm - Zumba	6 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Committee	7 6:30am - Mission 7pm - Choir	8 Lucille's Prayer Day 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas 7:30pm - Circle I-RH	9 Norwalk Oyster Festival Sooner House 	10
11 Norwalk Oyster Patriot Day RALLY SUNDAY 9:30am - Worship/S 10:30am - Confirmt 	12 Habitat for Humanity Blitz Week 7:30pm - Zumba	13 9:30am - Circle III	14 7pm - Choir	15 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas 7:30pm - Bible	16	17 
18 12noon-All Church 9:30am - Worship/S 10:30am - Conarea 	19 7:30pm - Zumba	20 9:30am - Circle III	21 7pm - Choir	22 Belfry Article 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas 7:30pm - Bible	23	24
25 9:30am - Rev. Peter 10:30am - Communi 2pm - Court of	26 7:30pm - Zumba	27 9:30am - Circle III	28 7pm - Choir	29 Belfry available 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas	30	1

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