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Doris Roscoe
David Yoder
Al Waters
Ralph Gainer
Jack Alessi
Tim Leonard
Ines Queiros
Debra
Eugene Martin

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

1 Samantha Mingrone
2 Brian Crowley, Lorelei Bordas
3 Ryan Oppel
5 Emma Crawford, Olivia Gill
7 Paul Passaro
8 Nate Wells
10 Ace Ricker
11 Trish Wells
13 Jean Belyea
14 Cory Fuller
15 Sarah Ronning-Grant
16 Linda St. George
17 Patti Oppel, Billy DiRienzo, Megan Dawley
19 Lois Nagy, Caden Mitchell
20 Jocelyn Boroski
21 Joey Mingrone, Lori Wannagot
23 Lucille Fritz
24 Kristen Oppel-Stone
26 Edwina Corner, Rick Goodman, Julia Markarian, Derek Long
29 Jackson Taylor

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

30 Eva & Dick House

Our church families honor our congregation's Eagle Scouts:

Eric Chase, James Connery, Geofry Glenn, John Glenn III, Joshua Glenn, Matthew Glenn, Alexander Harris, Erik Keirstead, Rod Kneen, Rod Kneen Jr., James Liddel, Robert Liddel Joey Mingrone, Tom Mingrone, ***Alex Oppel****, Ryan Oppel, Brad Wells, and Schuyler Wells, who have attained what only 2% of scouts do—Scouting's highest honor.*

Members of Troop 101

YOUTH	ADULTS
Randy Boland	Patrick Boland
Angelo Ciambreillo	Rita Boland
Chandler Duhaime	Merle Chase
Jared Duhaime	Richard Dormer
Stephen Duhaime	Gary Duhaime
Quinton Hongo	Kyra Duhaime
David Keith	Rev. Lucille Fritz
Jared Krugel	Andrew Keith
Francisco Mantero	Tony Kuczynski
Adam Patrick	David Patrick
Christopher Patrick	Tanya Ries
Matthew Riberio	James Rosa
Glen Richard	Fred Rottjer
Nicholas Ries	Steve Steiner
Anthony Rosa	Daniel Symski
Bruce Rottjer	Nancy Symski
MacLaren Tobin	Steven Symski
David Walsh	Tom Symski
Matthew Zarrella	Tom Taylor
	Brad Tobin
	John Walsh
	Lawrence Zarrella

FROM OUR MINISTER…

Dear Folks,

The season of Lent starts on March 9th, later than usual. We've had a long season in between Christmas and this coming 40 days of examination.

Lent is usually a time when we hear about the things that people give up, like chocolate, coffee, or some other favorite thing to show willingness to sacrifice for our God. But, this year, instead of giving something up, why not take something on, something that will enhance the lives of others? Here are some suggestions:

-Give more of your time, talents, and treasurers in support of the ministry at HCCUCC.

-Volunteer: Soup kitchens, Spooner House, hospices, hospitals.

-Take on a daily devotional or prayer time.

-Visit someone who is sick or shut in.

-Be mindful of the people that are around you and make sure you share a smile or a kind word.

-Be creative, and think of other ways to enhance the lives of others around you.

Doesn't this make more sense than giving up chocolate?

Thanks be to God!

Peace,
Rev. Lucille

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Rev. Lucille's Prayer days are April 14th & May 12th

ADULT STUDY GROUP

Adult Study Group continues on Thursday evenings 7:30 p.m. except the 2nd Thursday of the month through April 7th. The book being discussed is *"The God Question"* - by Andrew Pessin.

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Rev. Lucille will be away March 5th thru March 11th. If you are need of pastoral assistance, please contact the Rev. Tim Hare (203)925-0624 or the Rev. Heather Sinclair 203-929-3537.

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"Thank you to all for your cards and well wishes during my recovery. I hope to be standing on my own two feet with little to no assistance in the next few weeks. I look forward to seeing everyone again very soon.

Sincerely,
Justine Patchkofsky"

Scholarship Applications for Silver Lake Summer Camp

If your child has enrolled in the Silver Lake Summer Conference camp program, they are eligible for scholarships from HCC and Fairfield East Association. Applications are available in the alcove or see Rev. Lucille.

We wish to thank the Boy Scouts for their participation in today's service. They are our church sponsored Troop 101 and other various Packs and Troops in the community.

Scouts & Leaders from Huntington Congregational Church:

YOUTH	ADULTS
Ian Boath – Pack 28	
Caitlin Boland – Crew 65	Pat Boland – Troop 101/Crew 65
Randy Boland – Troop 101	Rita Boland – Troop 101/Crew 65
Max Bracchi – Troop 3	Mark Bracchi – Pack 28
Sam Bracchi – Pack 28	Suzanne Bracchi – Pack 28
Kyle Heiden – Pack 24	Merle Chase – Troop 101
Quinton Hongo – Troop 101	Jim Connery – Troop 3/Crew 33
David Keith – Troop 101	Richard Dormer – Troop 101
Spencer Keith – Pack 28	Gordon Harris – Merit Badge
Zachary McEwen – Pack 28	Erik Keirstead – Troop 55
Tom Mingrone – Troop 27	Mike Keirstead – Merit Badge
Alex Oppel – Troop 3	Kirsten Keith – Pack 28
Bruce Rottjer – Troop 101	Rod Kneen, Sr. – Troop 3
Jackson Taylor – Troop 27	Bob Liddel – Troop 3
Richard Taylor – Pack 28	James Liddel – Troop 3
Matthew Tucker – Troop 28	Mary Jane Liddel – Troop 3
Daniel Vigezzi – Troop 27	Robert Liddel – Troop 3
Joey Wannagot – Troop 28	Bob Mingrone – Troop 27
	Margie Mingrone – Troop 27
	Debbie Oppel – Troop 3
	Ray Oppel – Troop 3
	Ryan Oppel – Troop 3
	Tom Taylor – Pack 28/Troop 27
	Cherylyn Lee – Pack 27

Our church families honor Troop 101 Eagle Scouts:
Brian Barmmer, Matt Barmmer, Eric Chase, Rich Denton, David Holden, John DiGiacomo, Tim DiGiacomo, David Donnelly, Kevin Donahue, Gregory Holden, Mike Kuczynski, Terence Mallon, Jim Singletary, Kurt Steiner, Ian Strever, Daniel Symski, Dan Young, Robert Fairbanks, Kenneth Oleynik, John Welch, Mark Hanshall, Thomas Taylor, Bob Araujo, Bill Araujo, Ted Baker, Ron Fiore, Steven Symski, Brendon Wall, Jay Marik, Glenn Taylor, Zachary Krugel, Ben Miller, ***Adam Patrick, Matthew Ribeiro, Randy Boland.***
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The Shelton Clergy Ecumenical Lenten Services

will begin with a supper at 6 p.m.
provided by the host church,
with the service to follow at 7 p.m.
Offering will benefit "Get the Lead Out" campaign.
Please make checks payable to: *Shelton Clergy Association*

Ash Wednesday – March 9th
7 p.m. – 1st United Methodist Church of Shelton
526 Long Hill Avenue

The Wednesday Lenten service schedule is as follows:

March 16th - Preacher, Rev. Heather Sinclair	Trinity Lutheran Church Huntington 183 Howe Avenue
March 23rd - Preacher, Rev. Janet Waggoner	Huntington United Methodist Church 338 Walnut Tree Hill Road
March 30th - Preacher, Rev. Ken Smith	Huntington Congregational Church, UCC 19 Church Street
April 6th - Preacher, Rev. Jack Whitenour	First Baptist Church 178 Leavenworth Road (Rte 110)
April 13th - Preacher, Rev. Lucille Fritz	Shelton Congregational Church, UCC 269 Coram Avenue

April 21st	Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 p.m. Huntington Congregational Church
April 22nd Good Friday	Huntington Green -12 noon – 1 p.m. Huntington Green

Handicap or inclement weather, in St. Paul's Chapel
Service @ 7 p.m.
Huntington Congregational Church

Sunrise Service – 6 a.m.
at Jones' Family Farm

Easter Worship – HCC 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

From Our Parish Nurse…

SUICIDE

Each year more than 30,000 persons in the US take their own life. It is the eighth leading cause of death and the third leading cause among persons age 15-24. These numbers speak of individuals whose stories and relationships are unique. They speak of persons with whom we live in our families, congregations, neighborhoods and work places. It testifies to life's tragic brokenness.

Increasingly, suicide is being viewed as a serious and preventable public health problem. Suicide occurs in all social groups. It occurs among young, middle aged, older people, men, women, rich, poor and middleclass, all ethnic and religious groups. The employed and unemployed, the healthy and the sick.

While there is no one cause of suicide, it is believed that suicidal behavior is associated with a number of risk factors that frequently occur in combination.

More than 60% of all people who complete suicide suffer from major depression. Alcohol and substance abuse, adverse life events, family history, prior suicide attempts, aggressive tendencies, an exposure to the suicidal behavior of others, family members or peers or through inappropriate media coverage or fiction stories. Suicide among young people sometimes occur in clusters and may even become an epidemic. Young people are particularly susceptible to imitating behavior leading to unintentional suicide.

Certain social attitudes form obstacles to suicide prevention. One such set of beliefs says that nothing can be done, "If it's going to happen, it will." Failure to understand major depression as an illness also obstructs suicide prevention.

It is important to take threats seriously, be accepting, do not judge. Get help, mental health services, police, family friend, relative, clergy, teacher, counselor, family doctor, or crisis line.

Barbara Grisgraber, P.N.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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 Sunday, March 13th 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.

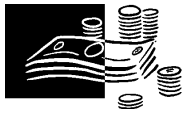
Tickets will be on sale after church or see Karen in the office.

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

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, April 10th. Chowder will be $7.00 per quart. The price on the homemade breads will vary.

The proceeds will go toward Reuman House renovations.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January	**YTD Totals**
Church Expenses $26,612	Church Expenses $26,612
Pledged Income: $19,094	Pledged Income: $19,094
Collected Income: $18,409	Collected Income: * $22,013

* Note: YTD Collected Income includes $3,604 in 2011 pledges prepaid in Dec. 2010.

Thank-you for your generous pledging and giving.

Your timely giving and fulfilling your pledge 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*."

Dinner & A Message

The Christian Education Committee will be sponsoring A Dinner & a Message on Thursday, March 10th from 5:30 – 7 p.m. for grades K – 5 in Fellowship Hall.

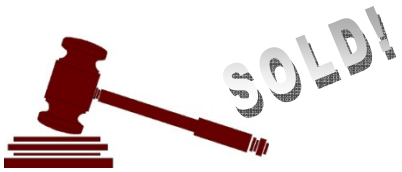
Information will be given out at Sunday School. Any questions, please contact Kirsten Keith at 929-4225.

3nd Annual
Treasures, Talents and Tastes Auction

Saturday, June 6th, 6:00pm to 8:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Various Auction type

- Live Auction
- Silent Auction
- Bag Auction
- Want Ads



There will be a $10 per person registration fee. A portion of the registration fee will once again go to support Spooner House. Each registrant will also receive three tickets for use in the bag auction. It will be an evening of FUN and FUND raising for our church.

New this year are "Want Ads." Is there something you need done around your house? Would you like to learn a craft of skill? Do you need someone to shop for you? Place a "Want Ad" in the Auction Booklet with the amount you are willing to spend and when someone completes your request you donate the money to the church.

There's something for everyone—delicious treats and talents, treasures and services to bid on.

Auction packets will be available in the Alcove and will include:

- donation forms and examples of the types of treasures, talents and tastes that may be donated
- registration forms
- Want Ad forms

This has become a great annual event and we hope that you will not only donate and attend but help on one of the committees. There is a signup sheet for volunteers in the alcove.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Linda Sember at 203-929-5853.

SPRING VENDOR FAIR

On Saturday, April 16th, Women's Fellowship is excited to be hosting another Vendor Fair. This fair is open to vendors only (such as Pampered Chef, Tupperware, etc.)—it is not a crafts fair. To make the event more appealing, only one vendor will be accepted per company. Tables will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis with preference given to church members. More information will be available shortly or contact Denise Melsenti at 929-2656.

ALTAR FLOWERS

By donating flowers, you will be celebrating with your families and friends, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, special events and remember family and friends who are ill or traveling in the military or have passed away. Sign up is posted in the alcove. If you have a special request on the kind of flowers, color, please contact Judy Tucker at 203-929-5174.

LENTEN QUIET HOUR

BOOK – "FEARLESS" BY MAX LUCADO
MARCH 16TH ~ 10 A.M.

Can you imagine your life without fear? Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain?

Envision the day when you can trust more and fear less.

New Church Cookbook

Women's Fellowship is working on a new church cookbook! You can get involved…

• ***Submit recipes***…there are forms available on the board in the alcove or just photocopy what you have…we'll take it! Just drop them in the box in the alcove.

• ***Buy them!*** Pre-order by March 15 and save (one for $9 or 3 for $24); after that they will be $10 or 3 for $25.

• ***Advertise…***Buy an ad for your business or services. Prices and forms are available on the board in the alcove or ask us!

•***Be a Patron…***We will list your name, your family's, or leave a message (In honor of…In memory of…etc.) to show that you support our endeavor. Cost is $15—information available in the alcove.

This promises to be a cookbook to be proud of—one you will want to give to friends and family. We know that this can be a success, but we need YOUR input! Any questions, just ask Denise Melsenti, Linda Sember, or Lois Nagy.

Have you filled out the questionnaire on the Pumpkin & Holly Fair yet? They are in the alcove—forms and a place to put them. Thanks!

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, administered by Wider Church Ministries, is the refugee, relief and development fund of the United Church of Christ. It provides support to people in more than eighty countries: in flood ravaged Cedar Rapids, Iowa, working to make major repairs and helping families return home: in Haiti, helping to provide vital food, water, medical aid, psychosocial care for those traumatized by their loss: in Guatemala, teaching families to manage soil and water resources, increase and diversify their crops using sustainable farming practices and market their surplus; in Mozambique, encouraging students to stay in school with after school programs, assistance with fees, and textbook costs; in Kenya, with a local partner working to install a borehole well ensuring people will not have to travel long distances in search of water; in Chad, helping to provide a wide range of vital assistance to people from the Darfur region of Sudan uprooted by violence; in Myanmar (Burma) providing emergency and recovery assistance following a devastating cyclone.

One Great Hour of Sharing is proud to support people the world over as they work to make their communities safer places for themselves and their families. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are utilized on average every 2.5 days to respond to a disaster.

Around the World, Around the Year
OGHS Changes Lives

This offering is received most often during Lent. Our church has designated March 27 as OGHS collection Sunday. Envelopes have been enclosed in your Belfry and will be available in the pews.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous contribution.

Mission Committee: Edwina Corner, Deborah Margolies, Debbie Oppel, Lois Ricker, Laurie Ronning, Laura Salvio

STILL COLLECTING

Despite the weather, the need continues for new women's and children's clothing, toiletries and kitchen supplies by the clients of Umbrella and residents of the safe house for battered women.

Also being collected is proof of purchase of Campbell & Pepperidge products, Box Tops for Education to help receive supplies for Elon College which benefits children of all ages at the facility.

Used postage stamps for veterans, eyeglasses and used cell phones are still welcome.

Circle IV sponsors all of the collections and appreciates the support received for the projects.

Barbara Henschel - Circle IV- 203-929-1246

23rd Annual Bowl-to-Benefit
The Umbrella
MARCH 5, 2011

It's time for the annual *Bowl to Benefit* to help the Umbrella Group for battered families – our church has always been a great supporter of this event and we are hoping you will come through again this. Cliff Brisch always loved to participate with his grandkids, so it would be especially nice to honor Cliff this year by having a stellar turnout and a generous monetary donation in Cliff's honor.

If you are interested, please see Judy Tucker or Sue Lindley for more information. This is open to both adult and youth teams and is always a fun time! We will be bowling at the Milford Lanes again this year so plan to join in the fun. There are times open all throughout the day so get a team together or join one already in progress. Let's make Cliff proud of HCC!!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Alcove as well.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Women's Fellowship Circles will be collecting and assembling our *Gifts of the Heart* kits for Church World Service through April. Stop by the CWS table in the alcove where the kits are on display.

Items needed are listed below:

Baby Kits – must be new & under 12 months in size
~ receiving blankets – 1 can be handknit or crocheted)
~ loth diapers
~ washcloths
~ undershirts - no onesies
~ sweaters
~ gowns or sleepers

Health Kits:
~ Wide-tooth combs (wide tooth only)
~ Bath size soap in wrapper
~ nail clippers
~ Band-aids – standard size
~ Washcloths
~ Toothbrushes in original package
~ Hand towels (16"x28")

School Kits:
~ blunt scissors
~ Box 24 crayons (only 24)
~ Pencil sharpeners-hand held
~ Spiral notebooks-70 sheets
~ 12 inch rulers
~ New Pencils w/erasers
~ Large eraser

Donations can be left in the CWS box on the table.

Your generosity and help is greatly appreciated with this very important mission project. These kits provide relief in distressed areas in the United States and around the world.

Shirley Bleston, Material Aids (203.929.0350)

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Bruce Hartel & Joan Bloemen for preparing and calculating the February Belfry for mailing. If you would like to lend a hand on Thursday, March 24th, please join us at 9 a.m. in the church library!

MARCH 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am - Worship/S	28 7:30pm - Zumba	1 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Committee 7:30pm - Karate-FH	2 6pm - Court of 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - Troop 101	3 7pm - Adult Study 7:30pm - Karate-FH	4 7pm - Den 5-FH	5 Rev. Lucille vacation
6 9:30am - Worship/S 10:30am - Lenten	7 7pm - CE meeting 7:30pm - Zumba	8 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Council 7:30pm - Karate-FH	9 ASH WEDNESDAY 7pm - Worship@1st 7:30pm - Troop 101	10 5:30pm - Dinner & 7:30pm - Karate-FH	11 Spooner House meal 7pm - Den 5-FH	12 Rev. Lucille returns
13 Daylight Saving 9:30am - Worship/S 6pm - Corned Beef	14 7:15pm - WF Ex Brd 7:30pm - Zumba	15 9:30am - Circle III 7:30pm - Karate-FH	16 10am - Quiet Hour 6pm - Lenten 7pm - Choir 7pm - Worship@Trin 7:30pm - Troop 101	17 BELFRY ARTICLE St. Patrick's Day 7pm - Adult Study 7:30pm - Karate-FH	18 7pm - Den 5	19
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You may view the Belfry & Calendar on our website at www.huntingtonucc.org