



# NORTH WIND

## *Rejoicing in the Spirit ~ Celebrating Community*

North Congregational Church New Hartford, CT 06057 April/May 2018

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Pastor's Thoughts: "The Resurrection *Should Be* Televised"

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" –  
Matthew 5:16

I have been giving it *a lot* of thought lately. What makes North Congregational special/unique? What is the *one thing* that makes this church different from all of the other churches I have served? What special ministry does NCC have to give to the world? If there's anything that I think everyone would agree to, it's that "NCC is *kind*... in the name of Christ". Even as a small fellowship, no Sunday goes by where kindness and community doesn't happen here. You can see it in the passing of the peace. You can see it at coffee hour. If you are in the choir, you can see it in the smiles and giggles that happen just before church. You can see it in Bible Study as people pass around ideas about scripture and help each other out. You can see it at missions' meetings or discussions about Peach Festival. You can see it in deacons meetings and the prayer circle. You could see it in private conversations, if they *weren't* private -- but, of course, they must remain so.

"People enjoy each other's company" and "It's like a family here". We do things because "it's the Christian thing to do". These are things I hear all the time. In short, *this is a good, Christian church* and one I enjoy being the interim for. But if I weren't here, I wouldn't know all the good works and kind faces that North Congregational Church in New Hartford has to offer.

As we approach Easter, and I'm thinking about the resurrection, I wonder what would have happened if the three women who ran from the empty tomb that day *just became nice people*, but didn't tell anyone about the experience? What would happen if the disciples became a great community, *but never left the building where they heard the Good News*? We wouldn't be here today. Whatever good Christianity has done in the world beyond Roman-occupied Israel wouldn't have happened. It wouldn't detract from the beauty of the way people were *inside* the community, but it wouldn't be the same to the rest of the world.

The resurrection needed to be "televised", and *it was* using the technology of the times: the human voice, and later the written word. When we think of "television", we think of that box that sits in our living rooms where we can watch football or movies or whatever. In reality, the word for that box comes from two Greek words "tele", which means "far away" and "vision", which means "sight" – being able to see from far away. Mary and the women, the disciples and, later, Paul televised the resurrection in their own way.

Now, we must do the same, in ours. We must televise. We must publicize. We must evangelize. *Before you freak out about that, hear me out.* Yankees are notably quiet about their faith -- because they are *polite*. No polite person would ever talk about politics, religion or sexuality in polite society – and being polite is a good thing. I know this. *I'm a Yankee, too.* I have opinions about *everything*, but I wouldn't ever foist those opinions on someone unless they asked me to or began the topic. It's not my place to impose on someone else. Needless to say, this makes it hard to tell the Good News about what is here at New Hartford. That's where social media comes in, and here's why:

You don't have to actually make a fuss to be on social media. You don't have to tell long stories or write lengthy, impersonal committee reports for it. You just have to do what you already do: Be kind for Christ and let pictures tell the story. If you have a camera on your phone (like most people do), and you see kindness happening here, take a picture. Send the picture via email or message to the church. We'll figure out how to put it on the Web – on our website, on our Facebook page, on Instagram or Snapchat if we get those (no, I don't really know what those *are* yet, but I'm learning).

If you think that seeing kindness has no effect on the world, former Vice-President Joe Biden spoke with a homeless man the other day, *without knowing he was being filmed*, and that simple kindness was viewed 130,000 times! The world is hungry to know that kindness still exists and we have buckets of it here.

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We can advertise big events in advance, we can publish sermons if you'd like, we can share theological insights from the Bible Study group, we can show pictures of kids playing or singing or whatever. For people who can't get to church on a Sunday, we could videotape it week by week and put it on the web. We could put audio recordings of the choir out there, and so on. No matter what we choose to do, because privacy *is* still important, we will never put things out there without *your* permission so you don't have to worry.

If you're not comfortable with all of that, "televise" the church in your own way. If you know about the Tag Sale, tell someone about it. If you heard a good sermon, tell someone about it. If you like the coffee, mention that in passing. Give someone a ride to church if you think they'd like it. *No standing on street corners with tracts is required for this kind of (dare I say it?) evangelism.* We're still Yankees, after all.

I hope you'll help in some way or another, at whatever your comfort level is, because the resurrection *should* be televised.

Peace,  
Rev. John

## DEACONS

- Rev. John has begun making pastoral visits, and the deacons are reaching out to some friends/members who have not been attending worship lately.
- Directory revision still pending.
- Frank Owens has joined the deacons and will begin as deacon of the month in June.
- Bread for the World Lenten prayer table tents and "Daily Prayers for Hungry People" are being distributed.
- Tenebrae service on Holy Thursday will be held in sanctuary. The brass cross will be draped in black and candles extinguished. Rev. John is looking for readers for the service.
- No Good Friday service.
- Rev. John will preach at the ecumenical Easter sunrise service.
- We will drape the large wooden cross and hang an Easter banner from the pulpit on Easter Sunday.
- Easter lilies are available for purchase.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

There was only one response to the Foothills Trader ad for C.E. Director, and the candidate had no appropriate skills. Continuing to use word of mouth, contacting other churches, etc.

### HELP WANTED

Director of Christian Education. Must enjoy working with children. Part-time position, responsible for curriculum planning and coordinating with volunteer teachers. Background check required.

Contact Rev. John in the church office if interested.

## MODERATOR

### Lots happening at NCC!

Council members are working on enhancing our social media presence, specifically our website (northchurchucc.com) and our Facebook page. We have hired a consultant to advise us.

We are exploring ways to advertise the use of our building to generate more revenue. Some ideas are office space, classes, and meetings. Any other ideas?

Upcoming events include concerts in April and August, a rummage/tag sale in May, quarterly community dinners (next one is April 27<sup>th</sup>), and the Peach Fest/Craft Fair is August 25<sup>th</sup>. A peach fest meeting will be scheduled in April, date to be determined; all are welcome. Stay tuned for specific dates for events!

Social issues that NCC engages in include donations to local food banks thanks to the monthly Fourth Sunday food collection. In April, there will be a documentary film followed by a discussion period about reducing gun violence. In May, the Winsted Area Peace Action group will be using fellowship hall to judge peace posters that local school children have produced (see <https://peaceposter.weebly.com/>).

We want to develop approaches to attract more folks to worship in addition to understanding why participation is in decline. Christian education for youngsters is a crucial part of our outreach. Donna Howard and Gail Embrey, delegates to the UCC conference, have many new ideas to share with the congregation regarding these contemporary concerns.

We welcome everyone's input to these issues as we work with Rev. John during this interim period. Of note is that NCC's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be on 12/25/2028, only 10 years away.

Sue Lachowicz, moderator

## FELLOWSHIP

February Expenses	None
February Donations	\$29.00
March Expenses	None
March Donations	\$17.83 as of March 11, 2018

I also made a schedule for the committee's for fellowship Months.

I hung one in the fellowship hall and also one in the Hallway on the bulletin board.

Committees can see what month they will do fellowship.

I gave the committee heads a copy of the schedule at the Council meeting on 3/18/18.

Cele Hoffman, Fellowship Chairperson

## TAG SALE

The Tag Sale Is Coming! On Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th! Missions will sponsor this fundraiser and we're doing some new things this year. We'll be adding a rummage table featuring clothing for folks of all ages and sizes, and we'll be offering a coupon for \$2 off a purchase of \$5 or more. Please put your donations on the tables in the basement of the Fellowship Hall. (Books and electronics less than 5 years old are welcome!) We'll be accepting clean clothes and shoes starting Sunday, April 22nd. If you want to help in other ways, call Donna Howard at 860-738-2207 or Gail Embry at 860-379-9667. There's plenty of work for everyone.

## MISSIONS

Local level:

- Fourth Sunday Food Collection continues in 2018. Cele Hoffman has put grocery bags in the narthex, each with a list of items that the food banks need. Please take a bag and bring it back containing your donation. Keep the list as your reminder. If you miss Fourth Sunday, put your donation in the box in the entryway to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

State level:

- The Refugee Resettlement Project meets twice monthly for co-sponsoring the Aljasem family of 7 from Syria. Mary Wilson has been tutoring on ESL weekly. Both parents passed their student driving exams and are now student drivers. Both parents are working too. The kids learned to ski this winter...Mohawk Mountain is just a short drive from their home in Cornwall.

National level:

- UCC special Sunday offerings continue. We collected \$45.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing on March 11th.
- Donna and Gail will be our church delegates to Super Saturday in Wilbraham, Mass. on March 17th. This is our annual UCC tri-state conference for Conn., Mass. and R.I. We always get great ideas at Super Saturday and will return with lots to share.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Howard, Missions Co-chair

## PEACH FESTIVAL

### NEWS FLASH!

Peach fest planning has begun.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Peach Festival and Craft Fair is Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. We have the Pine Meadow green reserved. Pie and shortcake bakers are getting organized. Ingredient donation sheets are on the bulletin board. We will have a raffle table with great prizes.

While we have not scheduled a formal meeting, we are coordinating via email. Please email the church if you would like to be included in the planning emails. Hope the peaches are luscious this year! All are encouraged to help with this successful annual fund-raiser! Please contact the church office to volunteer for pie baking and the raffle table.

## SILVER LAKE SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration for Summer Camp for grades 4 through 12 is now open, register online at [silverlakeect.org](http://silverlakeect.org).

Summer 2018 Conference dates:

Precamp: June 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Week 1: June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>

Week 2: July 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>,

Week 3: July 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

Week 4: July 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Week 5: July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Week 6: July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>

Week 7: August 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Open House at Silver Lake.

## NEIGHBORING CHURCHES' EVENTS

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Dementia Family Support Group hosted by Arden Courts**

**Every Second Wednesday of the Month at 12:00 p.m.**

100 Fisher Dr., Avon, CT 06001. Coffee and conversation specifically for people with dementia and their caregivers. Questions? Call (860) 678-7500 or email [Avon@arden-courts.com](mailto:Avon@arden-courts.com).

**Hartford Yard Goats**

I want to personally invite you and your community at North Congregational Church to be a part of Faith & Family Day this season at Dunkin' Donuts Park!

Faith & Family Day is a special event where we celebrate the religious communities of our region with special activities and promotions at the ballpark. The event includes an On-Field Ceremony Celebrating Community Leadership as well as an Open Forum on faith featuring Yard Goats Players. Due to popular demand we will be hosting Faith & Family Day multiple times this season, including; **Saturday, August 25th** for our late summer date and **Saturday, May 5th** for our Spring date as well as potentially a third date.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me to learn more as these dates are filling up fast and we offer special rates to religious organizations during all of our 70 Home Games, including on Faith & Family Day.

Kind Regards,  
Shawn Perry

## APRIL CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.  
Pleasant Valley United Methodist  
Church, 93 Rover Rd., Barkhamsted  
Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

### Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

### Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Church Council 11:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

### Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

### Fourth Sunday Food Collection

### Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

Film

### Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

### Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.  
Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Office Hours most weeks:** Wednesdays and  
Thursdays-10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **or as posted\*.**

## APRIL LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

### April 1<sup>st</sup>, Easter

Acts 10:34-43, Isaiah 25:6-9,  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18,  
Mark 16:1-8.

### April 8<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1-2:2,  
John 20:19-31.

### April 15<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3:1-7,  
Luke 24:36b-48.

### April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24,  
John 10:11-18.

### April 29<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24,  
John 10:11-18.

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### April

Dave Brunt	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Sue Cary	10 <sup>th</sup>
Reid Sullivan	14 <sup>th</sup>
Brook Ferguson	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Ann Sullivan	28 <sup>th</sup>

**Office Notes:** If your or your child's information is missing or incorrect in the Northwind birthday lists, the church directory or the all church email, please let me know so the information can be added or updated. *Please remember to mark upcoming church events and committee meetings on the calendar on the kitchen counter, or call or email the church with any information that needs to be in the bulletins, all church emails or the Northwind.*

Thank you,

K.T. 'Sulli' Sullivan, Church Secretary

## MAY CHURCH CALENDAR

**Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Tag Sale,

Early Bird \$5.00, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Tag Sale 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Council meeting following worship

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday Food Collection**

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

**Office Hours most weeks:**

Wednesdays and Thursdays

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

or as posted\*.

## MAY

### LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6,  
John 15:9-17.

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13,  
John 17:6-19.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21, Ezekiel 37:1-14,  
Psalm 104:24-35b, Romans 8:22-27,  
Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17,  
John 3:1-17.

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### May

Jennifer Zenuh	14 <sup>th</sup>
Whitney Heuschkel	18 <sup>th</sup>
Lisa Barbieri	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Frances Phelps	24 <sup>th</sup>
Colby Brunt	25 <sup>th</sup>
Virginia Yoon	28 <sup>th</sup>

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