



NORTH WIND

Rejoicing in the Spirit ~ Celebrating Community

North Congregational Church New Hartford, CT 06057 Sept./Oct. 2017

Dear members and friends of North Congregational Church,

In May, the Church Council officers formed an Interim Pastor Search Committee. The members are Kelly Pierson, Fran Herman, Jane King and Joan Egbertson. We are working with our regional conference ministers, Rev. Tamara Moreland and Rev. Michael Ciba. We interview candidates that they refer to us, contact references, listen to candidate's sermons and work with our finance and personnel committees to formulate a potential covenant with an Interim/Transitional minister.

While the search process continues the deaconate has arranged "supply ministers" to meet our weekly needs. The search committee welcomes your support, encouragement and especially your prayers.

Nehemiah 1:11

"O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today..."

Through the Northwind, weekly church e-mail, church bulletin and letter, we will keep you informed of our search progress. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.(860-379-1721; joan.s.egbertson@snet.net)

Peace,
Joan Egbertson, Chair
Interim Pastor Search Committee

Notes:

Sarah Pradhan, our CE director, has taken on the additional task as our Facebook administrator.
Facebook: North Congregational Church, New Hartford, CT

David McCunn, chair of Trustees, has taken on the additional task as webmaster on our web site
www.northchurchucc.com.

Fellowship hall can be rented for events. In an effort to raise additional funds for the church please let people know it is available to non-members for luncheons, receptions, seminars, classes, dances... Building Use forms, with pricing, can be found in the church office.

Thank you

PEACH FESTIVAL

Gross Income *\$8364.00 (includes pre- and post- pie sales)

- 200 peach pies made and sold

Expenses:

Pie shells	\$247.50
Start up cash	\$607.00
Food	\$513.65
Peaches	\$422.00
<u>Marking paint</u>	<u>\$25.05</u>
Total expenses	\$1815.20

Individual table totals /net (minus start up cash):

Food table	\$4713.25
Raffle table	\$ 769.10
CE	\$ 31.00

Net profit **\$6548.80**

Food table details:

Coffee	26 cups
Water	127 bottles
Soda	61 cans
Hot Dogs	133
Shortcake	405
Peach pie slice	90
Peach pecan slice	56
Peach pie/whole	113
Peach pecan /whole	22

We had 39 vendors signed up this year with all 42 spaces assigned. Several vendors needed 2 spaces. A few were new to the Peach Fest. A number of vendors and patrons commented on how much they enjoyed the Festival. 3 of our vendors cancelled because of ill health and a family death and were added to the prayer list. One vendor didn't come because she had an opportunity to work the Terryville fair for 3 days. When I spoke with her the following week she said next year she will skip Terryville because she missed being at the Peach Fest.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Greetings parents, youth and families!

I hope everyone is wrapping up on a beautiful summer! Looking ahead there are a few things I want to share with you all. First off, I enjoyed seeing those of you who stopped by the CE table at the Peach Fest! We had some fun prizes and all proceeds go towards supplies for our program. Secondly, our rally day is scheduled for September 10. It's the start of our Sunday School year and we have again purchased new curriculum to spiritually challenge, engage and entertain our kids! Following worship we will have an all-church picnic. We welcome everyone to bring a dish to share! Lastly, I wanted to share with the congregation and families that we will be coordinating more youth events with the UCC church in Canton. I am going to be acting as a temporary CE director for their church as they continue to seek a permanent staff member to fill their need. I've had a meeting with their Pastor and several CE folks already where we were able to brainstorm and discuss ways to combine and support each of our programs. I'm certain this collaboration will be beneficial and enjoyable.

Blessings to all as we move into the Autumn season.

Sarah Pradhan
CE Director

MISSIONS

FROM QUNEITRA, SYRIA, TO CORNWALL, CT

Note: This article was submitted by Bob Pohl, Pastor of Cornwall Lutheran Church, one of our sponsor churches for the Aljasem family. It has been edited to save space. -- Donna Howard, for Missions

The refugee family our churches have welcomed to a new life in Cornwall, CT comes from Quneitra, Syria. Quneitra was once a bustling town in the Golan Heights, population 37,000. But in the 1960s and '70s, it became the center of the Syrian/Israeli war over control of the Golan Heights. Captured by Israel, it became the site of many battles but remained in Israeli hands until 1974, when a United Nations agreement led to an Israeli pullback. Before withdrawing, the Israeli army evacuated and systematically leveled Quneitra.

At that time *The Times* of London reported: “*Today the city is unrecognizable. The houses with their roofs lying on the ground look like gravestones. Parts of the rubble are covered with fresh earth furrowed by bulldozer tracks. Everywhere there are fragments of furniture, discarded kitchen utensils....*”

A visitor later wrote: “*Quneitra lies undisturbed ever since, a ghost town riddled with land mines, an open-air museum of Middle-Eastern wars (Syria now shows it off as proof of Israeli malice). Church domes and minarets, blackened and broken, rise above the wasteland.*”

Soon after this war, the father of our refugee family was born, amid the ruin. By June, 2004, the population was down to 150 people. By 2013, as 4 of the family's 5 children were growing up, the Golan Heights become a battleground again, this time Syrian army forces and rebel groups exchanging bullets and bombs destroying the family's home. After living amidst the violence and surviving on scraps of food, even grass, the family eventually escaped to Jordan, with millions of other fleeing Syrians. They remained about 2 years, while their application to come to the US was being processed, background checks conducted, etc. Finally, last August, the family arrived here, free from the destruction.

Last Friday, July 28th, nearly a year later, I came upon the dad, his young son at his side, sitting on a small John Deere tractor in Cornwall, where he was working. The day was warm, the fields were green, birds could be heard chirping, and he was smiling. This family is now safe, in an oasis of peace at last, a place to call home. Thanks to all of you who have worked together to welcome them from a world of violence and despair, to share our land of freedom. Thank God.

Sources: Wikipedia - <http://www.shunya.net/Pictures/Syria/quneitra/Quneitra.htm> - family recollections

Local level:

- Fourth Sunday Food Collection is ongoing.
- Missions had a table at Peach Fest. The Can Tab Recycling Game was a great success!
- Kristen Phillips was in charge of Covenant to Care backpacks for kids. This year's commitment was 31 bags, the highest number ever requested. Thank you, everyone who donated a backpack!

State level:

- We continue to collect plastic grocery bags to donate to Cornwall UCC's project to crochet sleeping mats for homeless folks. Donna Howard regularly delivers huge garbage bags filled with plastic bags to Cornwall.
- A Missions member made a private donation of \$300 to the Refugee Resettlement Project. The Refugee Resettlement Project budget was down to \$94. This donation helped the Aljasem children continue their dental appointments. With the father now working for a good wage, our church's financial commitment is completed!
- Refugee Resettlement Project meetings at Goshen UCC continue weekly for co-sponsoring the Aljasem refugee family from Syria. Mary Wilson, Shirley McCunn and Donna attend. We have helped with ESL tutoring, more furnishings, driving, etc. The Aljasems were successfully moved into their new home in West Cornwall.

National/International level:

- UCC Sunday offerings continue.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Howard, Missions chairwoman

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP

The whole community along with the congregation had a wonderful time at this year's Peach Fest & Craft Fair on August 26th. It has become a traditional summer event on Pine Meadow Green. There were some new vendors and vendors who have been returning for a number of years. This event is one of our big fundraisers.

The church is looking for new and refreshing ideas for future fundraisers. Several viable suggestions have been proposed and we would love to have your input. Perhaps a conversation café can be held where we can brainstorm ideas. Please stay tuned while we organize one or two church-wide get-togethers to stimulate our thoughts.

Our goal is to maintain an active spiritual and mission-oriented presence within the community.

Note: this committee will be drafting the church's budget to present to the congregation at the annual November meeting. Please consider becoming a member of the finance committee as we do have a couple of openings.

Susan Lachowicz, finance chairwoman

Tag Sale Update

Both Cele and I want to thank all who helped us in so many ways for this year's Tag Sale. Whether you donated items, purchased items, helped move boxes of items from the basement to the Fellowship Hall, set up tables, worked Friday and or Saturday of the event, or cleaned the hall and boxed up unsold items on Saturday afternoon, we just can not thank you enough. At the end of the sale, John and Donna Burdick from Hands of Grace and Rosa and her workers from the San Juan Community Center in Hartford came and were given unsold items, which will help in their missions. Also, books were donated to St. Anne Catholic Church in Avon and also to Rev. Margret's home church in Branford. The remaining items were donated to the Barkhamsted Senior Center. The Tag Sale started off with 20 Early Birds, paying \$5.00 each. The final tally for the two day event was \$1612. A special thank you to Sulli, for all of her record keeping and to Rev. Margret, who supplied a gift certificate from Pizza Pete's that was used to feed the workers on Saturday. From 2011, when Joan and I first took over running of the Tag Sale, up to and including this year's amount, we raised approximately \$18,450 to help our Church in it's mission.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

Cele and Dave Hoffman, Tag Sale Co-Chairs

FELLOWSHIP

During the months of July & August I do not have fellowship following worship.

We had our Community meal on July 28th and it was a huge success. On Thursday Fran Herman and I prepared the entre which was Pulled pork sandwiches and Pulled chicken sandwiches. On Friday morning, Karen Hotchkiss, Dave Hoffman, Fran and myself prepared the rest of the meal. We had an appetizer of cucumbers with a GREEK yogart topping and everyone enjoyed it. We also had a vegetarian dish of black beans. Fran made her coleslaw, which was delicious. For desert we had fresh fruit and ice cream. We also served coffee, tea, cold water and juices. We had a total of 53 people who attened and were very happy with the meal. Joan Egbertson was in charge of the fellowship team who helped serve and cleanup after the meal. We also had volunteers who helped in the kitchen clean up.

Every thing was done and we all were happy. The volunteers were able to eat and enjoy the meal also.

Each week families are asked to sponsor fellowship following worship service by providing juice for the children and snacks for the members and friends. We have openings for members to sign up for Fellowship. Please sign the clipboard, which is located in the fellowship hall on the counter near the refreshments. Also you may call or see me on Sunday after service. I will be very happy to explain what is needed and what you can bring for that Sunday.

Cele Hoffman

Deacon 860 489-0577

NCC MAILBOX

From Pleasant Valley Children's Center.

Dear Rev. Margret and North Congregational Church, Thank you so much for loaning us the tables. With your help we were able to host a successful event that raised over \$5500 for our school. Our partnership is an important piece of our organization. Best, Molly

From Rev. Margret.

"My heartfelt thanks for all the words of kindness and gratitude. For the donations to Oxfam, Bread for the World, and Community Food Bank – Thank you! The beautiful bowl! You have been such a caring, supportive community of faith as I started my ministry – you have been a blessing to me and Linda. As I continue on my faith journey, please know that you all will be in my prayers, especially during this time of transition. Peace be with you friends, Rev. Margret"

From the Refugee Resettlement Committee, Church of Christ Congregational, Goshen, CT.

"Dear Members of the North Congregational Church, Thank you for your most generous and thoughtful donation of \$300.00 to the Refugee Resettlement Committee, and the Aljaseem family. Please accept my sincerest apology for being so late in acknowledging your generous gift and support, for which we are most grateful. Thank you again. Sincerely, Donna Devanna

NEIGHBORING CHURCHES' EVENTS

They will be here soon! The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra

Sunday, September 17th at 3:00 pm

First Congregational Church of Madison,
26 Meetinghouse Lane, Madison, CT 06443

The First Congregational Church of Madison's Music at the Meetinghouse concert series is thrilled to welcome the World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra! With its unique jazz sound, the Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered to be one of the greatest bands of all time. Don't miss this special event!

The legendary Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all dance bandleaders back in the Swing Era of the 1930's and 40's. A matchless string of hit records, the constant impact of radio broadcasts and the drawing power at theatres, hotels and dance pavilion, built and sustained the momentum of popularity. On December 15, 1944, Major Miller took off in a single engine plane from Europe to precede his band to France, disappearing over the English Channel, never to be seen again.

With the release of the major motion movie "The Glenn Miller Story" featuring Jimmy Stewart and June Allyson in 1954, interest and popular demand led the Miller Estate to authorize the formation of the present Glenn Miller Orchestra. In 1956, under the direction of drummer Ray McKinley who had become the unofficial leader of the Army Air Force Band after Glenn's disappearance, the reformed Glenn Miller Orchestra performed its first concert and has been on the road ever since. Today, the 18 member ensemble, under the direction of vocalist Nick Hilscher, continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements. Just as it was in Glenn's day, the Glenn Miller Orchestra today is still the most sought after big band in the world.

Contact: Nathan Bayreuther, Director of Music Ministry, (203) 245-2739, ext. 21,
nbayreuther@fccmadison.org

Earth Film & Soup Supper FREE Event!

September 20, 2017, the evening begins with a free soup supper at 6:30 followed by the film at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room (under the church in the back).

Church of Christ Congregational, 5 Old Middle St., P.O. Box 216, Goshen, Ct 06756

Phone: 860-491-2793, Email: goshenchurch06756@sbcglobal.net

On the third Wednesday of each month, the 4/1 Earth Ministry Team is happy to again present films that explore the miracle of this planet Earth and our relationship with it.

"ISLAND EARTH"

Island Earth is a rich tale of a young indigenous scientist's struggle for truth between science and tradition as he enters an industry that many feel is threatening his homeland. His complex journey through the corn fields of GMO companies to the loi patches of Hawaiian elders reveals modern truths and ancient values that can save our future.

Island Earth focuses on the land rather than the sea, exploring the many complicated facets of farming in the state of Hawaii—a state that's rich in fertile soil yet still imports the vast majority of its food.

Hawaii is a particularly fraught battleground in the GMO debate, and pro surfer/director Cyrus Sutton dives right into it with three locals' opinions and experiences.

Winner of the Best Film prize, "Earth Day Festival" 2017 Copyright © *2015* *Church of Christ Congregational Goshen, CT*, All rights reserved.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3rd

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 10th RALLY DAY

Choir Practice 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Pot Luck Picnic following worship

Tuesday, September 12th

Peach Fest Debriefing Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 17th

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Church Council 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 24th

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday Food Collection

Office Hours most weeks:

Wednesdays and Thursdays

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

or as posted*.

SEPTEMBER

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

September 3rd, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b,

Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8,

Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28.

September 10th, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149,

Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40,

Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20.

September 17th, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114,

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21, Genesis 50:15-21,

Psalm 103:1-13, Romans 14:1-12,

Matthew 18:21-35.

September 24th, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45,

Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8,

Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16.

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September

Jane King	5 th
Nolan Zenuh	10 th
Carol Heath	13 th
Thomas Barbieri	22 nd
Donna Howard	27 th

OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1st

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Neighbors In Need Collection

***Tuesday, October 3rd**

Office open 9:00-2:00

Wednesday, October 4th

Office open 9:00-2:00

***Thursday, October 5th**

Office closed

Sunday, October 8th

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 15th

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Council Meeting 11:15 a.m.

Saturday, October 22nd

Northwind articles due
4th Sunday Food Collection

Friday, October 27th

Free Community Meal 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Contact Fran Herman (860-379-0327)
to volunteer for this outreach event.

Sunday, October 29th

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours most weeks:

Wednesdays and Thursdays
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
or as posted*.

OCTOBER

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

October 1st, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16,
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9,
Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32.

October 8th, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19,
Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15,
Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46.

October 15th, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-30,
Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23,
Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14.

October 22nd, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99,
Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-13,
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22:15-22.

October 29th, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17,
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1,
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46.

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Office Notes

If your or your child's information is missing or incorrect in the Northwind birthday lists, please let me know so that the information can be added or updated. Also, let me know if there are any corrections that need to be made to your information in the church directory—new phone number, address, or e-mail address. If you would

like to be included in the directory or the weekly all church email, let me know. And please remember to mark upcoming church events and committee meetings on the calendar on the kitchen counter, or call or email the church so I can list them in the all church emails and the next edition of the Northwind.

Thank you,

K. T. 'Sulli' Sullivan

Church Secretary



October

	Sue Perillo	18 th
Kelly Brunt	26 th	
Carol Beaudoin	10 th	Jenna Noell 28 th
Kylie Noell	11 th	Tyler Phillips 30 th

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Shirley McCunn, Organist and Director of Music

George Schmidt, Sexton

K.T. Sullivan, Secretary