



NORTH WIND

Rejoicing in the Spirit ~ Celebrating Community

North Congregational Church New Hartford, CT 06057 September/October 2018

THOUGHTS FROM THE INTERIM MINISTER...

"We've got what you need, even if you didn't know it"

I've just come from having breakfast at the diner and conversation got around to old toys -- Matchbox cars, Thomas the Tank Engine, and such -- and it occurred to me we used to play for hours in the sand near my house, that Kindergarten was only a half-day long, and we had a full hour recess at lunch. Sadly, none of the children of this generation can imagine having that much time on their hands, or not being "productive" or having that much direct human contact (texting from five feet away doesn't count). Many of us adults have gone the same way.

We have lost our sense of time in a seemingly urgent world, and yet God calls us to rest and listen, to re-create ourselves once a week. In a world where anger and hate seems to make the news, the church offers a place of kindness and love, compassion and caring that seldom seems to. In a world where evil seems to triumph, the church offers Bible stories where, even under the harshest conditions, love wins. You'll note that none of this comes with a big price tag or is heavily commercialized, and yet all of it does what we need it to do -- nurture our souls and repair us for the coming week or longer.

The healing power of children's laughter, renewed hope from a sermon or a song, prayer with someone, and conversation over coffee about the things of daily life -- these are things that build men and women's souls in these "times that try men's souls". They are all here and we hope you'll join us in finding them, here at North Congregational UCC.

A REPORT FROM THE IDENTITY/PLANNING MEETINGS:

Over eight weeks this summer, The pastor and members of the church have met twice weekly to discuss who we are and what's important to us. Meetings were open to anyone who wanted to attend and were held on different days and times so that people could attend. The long and short of what came out of those meetings is we at North Congregational UCC are interested in doing good things for the world, especially around hunger. We see ourselves as a small family of people and we hope to serve the needs of local families across the generations. We want to connect children and adults on one hand and adults to seniors on the other hand. With those two themes in mind, we want to be more *welcoming* to the local community. The UCC has a concept of The 3 Loves: "Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, Love of Nature" and we want to share those things with you.

As the smell of peaches wafts down the hall into my office, I want to tell you about the exciting things happening here at the church. In the next month or so...and continuing.

- 2) RALLY DAY – On September 9th, we go back to 10am for worship and we WELCOME OUR NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR, NICHOLE MISKO! You may know Nichole as the Children's Librarian at the New Hartford Public Library, but now she's work for us as well. A member of our church as well. She knows the community and kids. She has *so much energy* and experience for children and families. We are delighted she will be a part of our staff, and hope you'll experience her first-hand.
- 3) ALSO ON RALLY DAY, THE CHOIR RETURNS! Fresh from their triumphant Music Sunday in June, they return to our regular Sunday worship. If you'd like to be a part of it, call Shirley McCunn at the church office. They sing great music, and you can feel the sense of community there

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS September 19th at 11am in the pastor's office. We will study the Book of Acts to get a sense of what the early church was about. We have had a fairly large group in the past, so we may need to move to the Fellowship Room with the comfortable couches, etc. I hope you'll attend.

SUPER SATURDAY LINK (From Rev. John)

CTUCC: Super Saturday - October 2018
<https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/10002682>

CTUCC: Super Saturday - October 2018
Join us for a full day of worship, workshops and networking. All are welcome! Super Saturdays are growing in pop...

Peace,
Rev. John

MODERATOR

Lots happening at NCC!

This summer has been a busy one for NCC. We have been represented at the weekly New Hartford Farmer's Market in July and August. August saw Jen Chapin and her band in concert and the annual Peach Fest and Craft Fair. A common focus of these events was the issue of hunger, an ongoing concern locally and worldwide.

At the Farmer's Market, donations were received to benefit two local food banks: one at Pleasant Valley Methodist Church and the other at the Open Door in Winsted. A portion of the proceeds from the Chapin concert also benefitted these two, with the addition of a large collection of non-perishable goods.

WhyHunger.org was also the beneficiary of proceeds from the concert. Please visit their website for additional information.

While everyone was able to indulge in delicious peach pie and peach shortcake, the Missions table continued to place an emphasis on hunger. More donations were received for the local food banks. A guessing game used rice and beans to draw attention to the basic diet of millions of people globally.

The efforts of NCC to address the scourge of hunger continues with the C.R.O.P. Walk for hunger (date to be determined) and the quarterly community meals.

All hands were on deck, and greatly appreciated, for the annual Peach Fest and Craft Fair. It is a huge undertaking and is our biggest fund-raiser. We are looking for new volunteers to run it next year. As with any project, there is always room for improvement. New leadership will bring fresh ideas as we continue this tremendous community event.

Notes from church council:

NCC is planning to be at New Hartford Day on Sept 16. As always, volunteers are needed; please contact Fran Herman if interested.

NCC will host the ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Nov 22. Non-perishable food items are collected then.

Things to ponder for future discussion:

Should we become a sanctuary church to provide asylum for those in need?

When fellowship hall is rented for an event, should alcohol be allowed? Our current policy is no.

We will be forming a search committee soon. Please consider nominating yourself or someone whom you feel would be an asset to the team.

If you are wondering what the UCC does besides providing worship information, visit their website at ucc.org, to locate the many resources that address the myriad issues facing our society.

On a final note, YTD donations to our general fund are \$19,187. We continue to be blessed with Pleasant Valley Children's Center as a tenant in the parsonage. The Peach Fest provides a much needed boost to the general fund, while a portion of those proceeds will go toward future mission projects.

Sue Lachowicz, moderator

DEACONS

From the deacons: Turn to face the changes . . .

The sunlight is softer, days are shorter, we begin to notice some golds and reds appearing in the leaf canopy, yellow school busses are back on the road . . . Summer is on the wane and fall is on its way! Many of us have lived in New England for a long while, so you would think we would be used to this cycle of seasons, but I, for one, tend to drag my feet every year as we head into fall.

Though we know that change is inevitable (children grow up and head off to school and jobs, your best friend moves away, a new neighbor moves in, we get sick, we get better), we tend to welcome some changes and resist others.

How can our spiritual life help us to navigate this sea of change? A wonderful support can be to cultivate a sense of God's unchanging, loving presence. By intentionally spending time in prayer, in nature, in loving community, or with Scripture, we can open ourselves to receive God's faithful support. When we come back again and again to this well-spring, we can be refreshed with God's love, and this can help us to face the changes that come our way.

As our church moves through this particular sea of change called the interim process (along with welcoming a new secretary and C.E. Director!), the deacons invite you to begin, resume, or continue one of the above spiritual practices.

As the David Bowie song says, let's "turn to face the changes". And let's do so with all of the hope, courage and joy that comes from having God below us, above us, to the right and to the left of us!

Wishing you a wonder-full fall season.

Fran Herman

Personnel Note from Fran Herman

A Note from the Personnel Committee . . . Welcome Nicole and Suzanne!

The Personnel Committee is pleased to introduce our two newest employees: Nicole Misko, our new Christian Education Director, and Suzanne Czerwinski, our new Secretary. God has richly blessed our church family by bringing Nicole and Suzanne to our doors!

Nicole brings a wealth of experience, a love for children, and an abundance of energy and creativity to her new role as C.E. Director. Please check out her bio on the NCC website! Sunday School, which begins on Rally Day, September 9, promises to offer a world of opportunities for our children's spiritual growth during the coming year. Stay tuned!

In addition to possessing excellent clerical skills, Suzanne is an accomplished graphic artist and has worked extensively in various customer service roles. Her cheerful and uplifting spirit are contagious! Please join us as we bid farewell to our former secretary, Sulli Sullivan, and formally welcome Suzanne during worship service on September 16.

Fran Herman

TRUSTEES

Dave McCunn

Web page

The church webpage (<https://northchurchucc.com>) is being periodically updated. Upcoming events are listed and prior events are deleted or moved to the Posts section. The Jen Chapin concert and Peach Fest are two recent examples. They have moved from the “Events” section to the “Posts” section. Right now only the Rally Day and the next Community Meal are on the “Events” page. Anyone wanting an article on our webpage please let me know. Any upcoming events not already listed also.

Other examples:

- * Donna Howard has provided content for the history section (under “About”). More is expected in the near future.
- * The “Committees” section contains the Deacon of the month, Fellowship duties and the Trustees mowing schedule.
- * Recent North Wind newsletters are online including this one.
- * The C.E. job posting has been deleted and the “School” section has been modified since Nicole joined us.
- * Steve Egbertson has an article with pictures worth reading of his mission trip to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation. ([committees/missions/simply-smiles/](#))

Ovens

Jane has finished baking 206 peach pies in our church kitchen with the help of several members (report attached). The ovens were a little finicky to start and they went out at least once and required re-lighting. Dave Hoffman called Patterson Oil in to replace the pilots and thermocouples on both ovens. They are now good to go for the community meals and Peach Fest shortcake.

Grounds

It’s been a good year for growing grass. Lots of rain and sun. The Trustees have taken turns mowing the grass. Sometimes rain and very hot weather has interfered but in general it’s been working well. Dave Detroy is no longer with us having found a job in New Hampshire. There is a water hose in the back of the church for removing grass from the lawnmowers to prevent them from getting clogged. The gas can has been filled twice and trustees are requested to fill the tank after each use.

David McCunn, Trustee

MUSIC

Shirley McCunn

MUSIC

The new season is starting, choir rehearsals are underway and we are looking forward to another year of uplifting music old and new to enhance our worship.

The choir sings a variety of music from classical church music to modern songs. It leads the congregational singing in addition to anthems so has an important role in the service. New singers are always welcomed by this warm and caring group. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:00pm. Please talk to me or a choir member if you are interested

In addition to our weekly services, we also have music for special services.

- On Tuesday, November 22nd we will be hosting the annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving service. The choir will be joined by choirs and singers from local churches. This is an occasion for people to join who like to sing but can't commit to the choir on a regular basis.
- In December the choir will again sing a Christmas cantata. This annual event is another time for extra singers including older children.
- We always have special music for our Christmas Eve service. Since the choir will not be singing, I am always looking for other musicians to step forward.
- Looking ahead to next year, we will continue our tradition of hosting the Farmington Valley Band concert. That will be in April.

I am looking for ways to include music for the children this year. Last year we had some of our young people join us for the Christmas cantata and Easter music. This year I am looking forward to working with our new CE director, Nicole to teach the children some old and new songs and hymns. There is some wonderful music to learn!

We have had a good response for memorial donations for our new hymnals. So far we have 18, and I have book plates with names of loved ones, the donor and relationship. Please consider donating a hymnal. We suggest a donation of \$20. Fifty hymnals have been purchased by the church, but more may be needed. The 'Glory to God' hymnals are ecumenical and have an excellent selection of traditional and new hymns. Inserts will rarely be required!

I am excited about the year ahead and I hope everyone will be touched by our music.

Shirley McCunn
Organist/Music Director

MEMORIAL HYMNAL PLATES

Memorial Hymnal Plates are being offered to help offset the cost of the new hymnals. The suggested donation is \$20.00. Fill out the form in the bulletin or contact the church office

NEIGHBORING CHURCHES' EVENTS

Church Picnic!! Sponsored by United Church of Christ, Cornwall, CT

Sunday, September 9

(rain or shine)

11:30 – ??

at Cream Hill Lake

Come to worship in your picnic clothes!

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship for all ages! It is a great way to start off a new church program year!

Bring a dish to share

Hotdogs for you to grill for yourself/family will be provided, if you want something else – bring it along! Grill space aplenty!

Beverages will be provided.

Transportation from the parking area to the beach area will be provided for those who need it.

We are a “Green Church” so each family should bring their own recyclable picnic ware!

Bring a chair or two

In the case of rain we will picnic in the clubhouse so bring a table game or two to play while we socialize – rain doesn't stop our fun!!

Connecticut Women UCC

October 6th, 8:39 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

One-day Retreat; All Women. Lunch included.

Center Church, 11 Center St., Manchester, CT, 06040

860-647-9941

More info at a later date.

For more information, please contact: Pam DiDio

At pamd@ctuucc.org or call 860-761-7101 and

leave a voice mail.

SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2nd

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 9th

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 16th

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 23rd

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday Food Collection

Sunday, September 30th

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Office Hours most weeks:

Wednesdays and Fridays

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

or as posted*.

SEPTEMBER

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

September 2, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9,
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 125,
James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

September 9, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125,
Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146,
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7:24-37.

September 16, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19,
Isaiah 40:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9, Wisdom of
Solomon 7:26-81, James 3:1-12,
Mark 8:27-38.

September 23rd, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1,
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22,
Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54,
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a.

September 30th, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, Psalm 124,
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14,
James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50.

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September

Jane King 5th Thomas Barbieri 22nd

Nolan Zenuh 10th Donna Howard 27th

Carol Heath 13th

Suzanne Czerwinski 16th

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,

Suzanne Czerwinski, Church Secretary

OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 7th

Worship **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, October 14th

Worship **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, October 21st

Worship **10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, October 28th

Worship **10:00 a.m.**

Fourth Sunday Food Collection

Office Hours most weeks:

Wednesdays and Fridays

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

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OCTOBER

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

October 7th, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-20, Psalm 26,

Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8,

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16.

October 14th, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15,

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90L12-17,

Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:35-45.

October 21st, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, Psalm 104:1-0, 24, 35c,

Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16,

Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45.

October 28th, Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22),

Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126,

Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52.

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October

Mark Heuschkel	1 st
Ethan C. Hall	10 th
Carol Beaudoin	10 th
Kylie Noell	11 th
Sue Perillo	18 th
Kelly Brunt	26 th
Jenna Noell	28 th
Tyler Phillips	30 th