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CANDLELIGHT – SEPTEMBER 2021

Hello Beloved Children!

What a beautiful time of year it is! I hope you are enjoying somewhat cooler temperatures and delicious garden vegetables whether from your garden or a generous friend. We are excited about our 'homecoming' back to a more regular schedule of worship and life. Except for the over abundance of rain, this summer has hopefully afforded you time to rest, relax and renew yourself.

We will celebrate 'Welcome Back Sunday' on September 19th at 10am (hopefully outside) and a Ministry Fair following worship. You will have an opportunity to talk to members of the congregation involved in our different ministries. We all know the power of engagement when you want to make a difference in the world. Together we can do so much for others and be a source of light, reflecting God's light, to those in need.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Liz

Worship Services

In-person services are taking place outside in our Garden Sanctuary at 10 a.m. each Sunday, weather permitting. For those unable to join us in person, we continue to livestream Sunday services on our YouTube channel.



WORK AROUND THE CHURCH UPDATE

The project Outdoor Ministries undertook to update the Garden beds in the Memorial Wall section has been completed. All are welcome to enjoy a peaceful moment in the Garden, now with improved access and refreshed plantings.

The Trustees and Brian Johannssen are continuing work on the project to have the asbestos tiles abated from the back stairway of the church and upstairs bathrooms.

The abatement process has happened. Next steps are for the flooring to be replaced and the sinks and toilets reinstalled in the upstairs bathrooms. Until that work is completed, only the first floor restrooms are available for use.

Many thanks to everyone who has been working on these two projects.



We also had a Work and Repair Night at the church on Monday, Sept. 13. A good turnout allowed us to get things done both outdoors and inside the building, fueled by pizza to keep the workers fed! Big thank-yous to Mary Bevan, Marian Zerbi, Stephen Rodier, Jacki Cooper, Ron Cooper, Cille Grabert, Doug Grabert, Jackie Hutchings, Jeremy Hutchings, Betty Swan, Marie Moore, Tracy Yoho, Kathi Falko Ellison, Dani Rodier, Dotty Norman, Gretchen Skidmore, Maryann Gillotti, Gail Burger, Dorothy Milovic, Todd Lovejoy and Julie York.



Finally, we were able to have the new benches dedicated during the service on Sept. 19. The many up sides to the new benches were noted with gratitude. Hopefully they will serve us all for many years, and this will be the last mention of them for a while.

USHERS and WELCOMERS!

Consider serving your fellow church members this summer as an usher/welcomer for our Sunday services. Contact Pastor Liz to sign up for an upcoming Sunday.

Remember to sign up as far in advance as possible. We will happily send you a reminder email during the week before your chosen Sunday(s).



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

A message from Miss Kendall:

We hope everyone has had a blessed summer! This fall we will be using the Spark Bible curriculum for Sunday School, ages 3-8, as well as the Action Bible for kids ages 9-14. We will kick off on Welcome Day, Sept. 19th, and look forward to seeing everyone back! Registration forms are now available at the welcome table, as well as

here [FF Registration](#) .

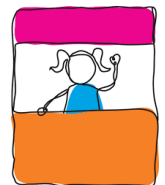
If you are a parent and would like to volunteer, please sign up ASAP; sign-up sheets are at the welcome table before each service, or you can send me an email. If you could commit to one Sunday a month we would only need four-five volunteers. Your assistance is greatly appreciated! Please note that volunteers should arrive by 9:35 a.m. to help with set up, and stay until 11 a.m. for clean up.

Have an idea for a Fall event or school activity? Email me at: directorff@ccnf-ucc.org.

Blessings to all! ~Miss Kendall

NEW FAIRFIELD DAY

Please be sure to sign up for an hour to man the CCNF booth at the second annual New Fairfield Town Fair Day on Saturday, Sept. 18. It should be a fun event, and there will be things to give away at the booth. You don't have to know all the answers, just let people know they are welcome at CCNF! And when you turn over the booth to the next team, you can enjoy the shows, music and refreshments, too! Call the office to sign up!



BUNDLES OF CARE

Our first distribution day was a success! We will be distributing again on Tuesday, October 5th. We will be offering bundles on a monthly basis of the following items: **diapers and wipes, pet food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and snacks & juice for children**



Donations of items for our bundles may be dropped off at church during office hours, Tuesdays - Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call the office at 203-746-2865 for help bringing your donations to the sorting area.

If you are interested, want to sign up or have questions, please email missions@ccnf-ucc.org.



*Serving at
Dorothy Day*

DOROTHY DAY HOSPITALITY HOUSE

We are serving at Dorothy Day on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next day will be September 22. We will meet at the kitchen at 1:30 to start bagging the meals. We will also be serving a hot meal to go. We have a limited number of volunteers who can work so please let us know if you would like to help. We are normally finished between 4 -4:30pm.

Serving at Dorothy Day is a wonderful way to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving those in need. If you have any questions or would like some more information, please contact Pastor Liz. pastor@ccnf-ucc.org

Upcoming meetings and Events

Sun, Sept. 5, 10 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sat, Sept. 18, noon to 6 p.m.

Weds, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

Thur, Sept.. 9, 6 p.m.

Weds, Sept.. 15, 6 p.m.

Thurs, Sept.. 16, 6 p.m.

Weds, Sept. 22, 1: 30 p.m.

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Sat, Sept. 25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sun, Oct 3, 10 a.m.

Communion Sunday

Thrift Shop Open

New Fairfield Day

Trustee Team

Worship & Ministry Team

Mission Team

Faith Formation Team

Dorothy Day serving at the Kitchen

Executive Council

Thrift Shop Open

Communion Sunday



Come One Come All!!

We are grateful to those that have reached out and offered your gifts of singing and playing. We hope everyone will consider offering their musical talent in our worship. Please contact Rev. Carl Anderson at carl4music@gmail.com or call him at 203-654-1142.

CCNF THRIFT SHOP

The church's clothing donation shed is open and receiving your donated clothes, shoes, and bags. The Thrift Shop will be open on **Saturday, Sept. 11 and Sept. 25**, between 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This month, the dates are different, but in October the Thrift Shop will return to the first and third Saturday schedule.

The volunteers have sorted and hung many great deals so check it out. Masks, physical distancing, and a limit of people in each room are required to be open.



Thank you for supporting the missions of the Congregational Church of New Fairfield, UCC!