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CANDLELIGHT - JULY 1, 2022

Hello Beloved Children!

Ahh! The blessings of summer are here. School is out and the sports team responsibilities are lessening. Vacation plans are in the works. The warm weather beckons us to slow down and take it a little easier than normal. And of course there is ice cream!

Of course I should also mention the beauty of our outdoor garden and sanctuary. It is such a blessing to be able to worship outside in the midst of God's incredible creation. There is so much to see, hear and smell! Yes, there is a bird nesting in the cross behind our stone communion table. See if you can catch the bird looking and checking us out.

This is a great opportunity to begin your week with a connection to God. You can find a space in the garden to sit, listen, pray, sing (or not), and know that you are a beloved child of God. How I know we each need to hear that more often than we do! There is so much uncertainty in our world right now. And yet it is God, our creator, who is always certain, always present, always waiting for us. We just need to put ourselves in a place where that can happen. That is not to say connecting with God can not happen in other places, it definitely happens anytime we ask. But in the sanctuary on a Sunday morning helps us to remember we are all God's people. We are a community of believers and we need each other. Maybe you don't feel any great need this week, but someone could be looking for strength and support and you could be just who they need to see, a smile or kind word that changes their day, or an acknowledgment of their struggle that will make all the difference. We are God's hands, feet and heart. Come and enjoy the gifts of our church and community.

The church is still a busy place to be this summer. Rehearsals for Peter Pan will begin in earnest this month. We are looking for donors to our playbill and folks to buy tickets to the show. Tickets will be available after church beginning on July 9. Get yours early to reserve the best seats. See the Show Information in this Candlelight. We are also busy with Bundles of Care. Thank you for your contributions to this important mission to our community. We welcome donations of laundry detergent, baby wipes, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, and more. See their notice in this Candlelight. .

We have also begun a new partnership with a local church in Danbury, Central Christian Church. You may remember that we worked with them on winter coats distribution throughout the pandemic. We are now collaborating with them on a program called A Mother's Love. Perishable groceries are distributed once a week on Friday afternoons. We are also trying to provide for diapers and wipes which are always in demand. The Mission Team is looking for people interested in helping with this program.

Another way we stay busy here at church is with the Thrift Shop. We are always looking for new people to help sort and hang the donated clothes. The group meets Tues and Thursday during the day but we are hoping to add evening hours. Please let us know if you are interested in this project that benefits the community and is also a fantastic fundraiser for the church.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Liz

WORSHIP SERVICES

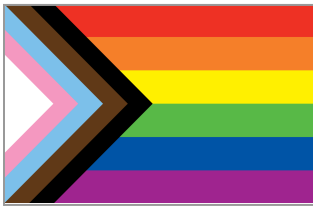
We continue to meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the Garden Sanctuary, weather permitting. Along with in-person worship, we continue to offer the livestream of the service on our YouTube channel. If you need help connecting, virtually or otherwise, please let us know in the office and we will facilitate getting help for you. office@ccnf-ucc.org

USHERS and WELCOMERS!

Consider serving your fellow church members this season as an usher/welcomer for our Sunday services. Contact Stephanie by email to jiaowah@charter.net 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).



We celebrated Pride Month during June. But being welcoming is a year-round attitude. We welcome all God's beloved children, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. This is a beautiful sentiment that can unfortunately sometimes be hard in practice. Consider taking some time to explore your own thoughts and beliefs. Be open to where we each may knowingly or unknowingly diminish others or consider ourselves to be better than others. It is human nature to do so, that is why Jesus' teachings are so radical and difficult to follow in all aspects of our life.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

At the end of May, we welcomed Colleen McQuade as the Interim Faith Formation Coordinator. Colleen has hit the ground running, as the official curriculum for Sunday School was drawing to a close. This meant getting ready for important year-end events, such as...

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY! June 12th was Children's Sunday at CCNF. See the accompanying photos to recall how the children of our congregation led our worship service and included a skit, special song, and a poem to shine a light on neighborliness.



Thank you, children, for the wonderful ways you illustrated what it means to be a Christian neighbor. Thank you to Colleen and the Faith Formation Team for working with the children, not just for this special worship service but also during the program year.



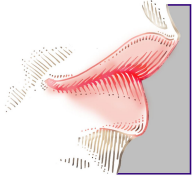
We want to take this opportunity to thank Lori Generali, whose term on the Faith Formation Team has come to a close. She has been a major factor in the success of our faith formation program, particularly over the last 3 years which included the extra challenges of the global pandemic. There she is, in the picture to the right, with her Faith Formation colleagues, as Pastor Liz thanks them for their work on the Children's Sunday program.



Here's Lori!

PROGRAM NOTE: Colleen will be offering a casual summer Sunday School program over the next few weeks, focusing on parables. There will be learning, music and play for children to enjoy during the service.

... the LORD said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth."



JEREMIAH 1:9, NRSV

CALL TO SHARE

Everyone is encouraged to take a turn to share very briefly one of the things that is important to them about CCFN and why they give during the 'Call to Share.' This is part of our worship each week where we have an opportunity to hear from each other. **This share can be done in person or in writing.** Please consider sharing your thoughts with us. Speak to Katy Johannssen, Will Anderson or Pastor Liz to schedule your turn. Everyone can share and we look forward to hearing from you.

"PAINT A TREE FOR ASP" WAS A SUCCESS

Several tables full of painters enjoyed an evening of creativity on Friday, June 10th. Funds were raised for the Senior High Youth work trip to West Virginia, while the painters put their unique spins on a "meditative tree" on canvas. Thanks to Colleen McQuade and the participants, \$360 was raised in one fun and relaxing evening.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee- Pam Dohan, Sue Newton and Janice Zackeo - awarded five scholarships on June 12th. Congratulations to Natalie Johannssen, Grace O'Connell, Abigail Slomba, Samantha Smith, and Emily Wilt





HOMEFRONT WORK DAY - SATURDAY, JUNE 11th

The Mission Team and the ASP Team participated in a workday with Homefront on Saturday, June 11. Working at the home of an elderly couple in Bethel, the teams did repair projects and much needed outdoor work. Thanks to Steve Rodier, Tracy Yoho and Pastor Liz for their work in coordinating this effort and to all the volunteers who got the jobs done!



BUNDLES OF CARE: DONATIONS NEEDED

We have distribution day on the first Tuesday of each month. We offer bundles on a monthly basis of the following items: **diapers and wipes, pet food, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and snacks & juice for children**. Thanks to Gretchen Skidmore for organizing Bundles of Care every month and to Barb Coelho and Marcia Semchysen who have been helping during distribution days. Thanks as well to Dave Bevan who joined the team this month and made the process simpler and much quicker!

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.

Items most urgently needed for Bundles of Care:

- Dish Soap*** ***Feminine Hygiene Products*** ***Juice Boxes*** ***Razors & Shaving Cream***
- Cleaning Sprays or Wipes*** ***Shampoo & Conditioner (10 oz. or smaller)*** ***Toilet Paper***

The only food items to donate at the church are the following lunch snacks for kids:

- Crackers*** ***Cookies*** ***Granola Bars*** ***Juice Boxes***

Any other food you wish to donate should be donated directly to the New Fairfield Food Pantry - call Cindy White at 203-312-5669.



ASP STOCK SALES

Don't forget to purchase your stock in the summer mission trip to Appalachia. Check in with us at the table in Pilgrim Hall. Shares are just \$10, you can buy one or more.

PETER PAN

PLAN FOR A GREAT OUTING!

Show dates and times:

Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30 at 7:30pm

Sunday, July 31 at 3pm

Friday, Aug 5 and Saturday, Aug 6 at 7:30pm

Sunday, Aug 7 at 3pm

Tickets for reserved seating will be available after church on Sundays and by emailing tickets@ccnf-ucc.org. You may also call the church office 203-746-2865 and Carolyn will get your request to the correct place.



PASTOR LIZ NAMED 2021 TOWN HERO

In June, the New Fairfield Community Service Club named our own Pastor Liz Yoho as the 2021 Town Hero, particularly noting her work in keeping the Food Pantry available for area residents during the worst days of the pandemic. Pastor Liz said she represented the members of the Congregational Church of New Fairfield in accepting this

acknowledgement, and mentioned all the good things this congregation continues to do in ministry to others. At right, the president of the Community Service Club, Kristen Krebs, presents Pastor Liz

with the 2021 Town Hero award. At left, you can see the plaque that hangs in New Fairfield Town Hall.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The group usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at the church. For more information, call Dot Bass at 203-746-2855 or email dcbass@sbcglobal.net; or call Sue St. Hilaire at 203-778-1474 or cell 203-300-6220, or email sshilaire@sbcglobal.net.

If you would like to request a shawl, please contact Sue, Dot or Pastor Liz.



*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 **July 27**. 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

COOK NIGHT

We will meet at CCNF at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, to prepare and cook an entree for our serving day on the 27th. If you are interested in coming to help cook on Tuesday night, please let Pastor Liz know.

CLOTHING

In addition to serving meals, the Dorothy Day volunteers distribute free clothing in the shelter behind the kitchen every Wednesday and Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. Many day laborers send their earnings home to support families in Central America and can't afford clothing for themselves. There is a big need for

gently used clothing for men - particularly jeans, hoodies, jackets and boots. Please check the Wish List for items that are in demand (listed in the 'For the Shower' category).

WISH LIST

Following is the **Dorothy Day Wish List for July**. If you would like to bring donations of these items to the church for volunteers to bring to Dorothy Day on our scheduled service day, please bring them to Pilgrim Hall by Sunday, July 24, and let Pastor Liz or Carolyn know your donation is for Dorothy Day.

For the Grab & Go bags: chips, granola bars, homemade cookies

To hand out: Mens' jersey work gloves, bar soap, deodorant, razors

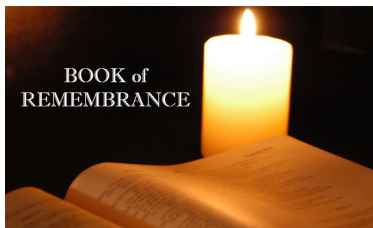
For the Dorothy Day kitchen: salad dressing, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, seedless watermelon (on sale)

For the Shower: men's jeans, shorts, hoodies, boxer briefs (no tights-whities), socks, golf shirts, gently used jackets, shoes and boots, women's panties.



CCNF THRIFT SHOP

The church's clothing donation shed is open and receiving your usable donated clothes, shoes, belts and handbags. The Thrift Shop, normally open on the first and third Saturday of each month for shopping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be open on the second and fourth Sundays of the month instead from July through October this year.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, June 26th was "Remembrance Sunday." During our worship service, we remembered the names of loved ones who have been honored during the past year by gifts given in their memory, which are recorded in the Book of Remembrance. Following is the list of names:

2022 Book of Remembrance Names

James A. Basli

Pat Brenzel

Donna Bucci

William Burger

Beverly L. Campbell

Edward Coelho

Larry Coelho

Mary Jane Coelho

Alfred A. Colo

Walter A. Czudak, Sr.

Daniel J. Engstrom

Philo H. Hawley

Ruth G. Hawley

Jack Kessinger

Dorothy Kramer

Barbara J. Kubisek

Bernard Kubisek

Beverly J. Longo

Robert V. Macklin

Robert McKee

Isabel McMullin

Thomas McMullin

Dragan Milovic

Milomir Milovic

Verica Milovic

Angie Miserendino

Bobby Moe

Mark Muscarella

Esther Newton
George Newton
Janet E. Novicky
Donald R. Novicky, Jr.
Donald R. Novicky, Sr.
Stephen M. Novicky
Judith Peck
Luella Raymond
S. Hunter Richey II "Spike"
Helmut Schretzenmayer
Herta Schretzenmayer
Jane Seaman
Nellie R. Shanley

Betty Smythe
Emma Spaulding
Jean Stucke
Kenneth Taylor
Clair Villa
John Wamsley
Dorothy Elizabeth Williams
Margaret Williams
Shirley Yoho
Catherine Zackeo
Dominick Zackeo
Vincent Zackeo



Upcoming meetings and Events

Team meetings are held online.

Fri, July 1, 11 a.m.

Sun, July 3, 10 a.m.

Tues, July 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tues, July 5, 7 p.m.

Wed, July 6, 7 p.m.

Thurs, July 7, 6:15 p.m.

Thurs, July 7, 7 p.m.

Fri, July 8, 11 a.m.

Fri, July 8, 4 p.m.

Sat, July 9 - Sun, July 17.

Sun, July 10, 10 a.m.

Mon, July 11, 7 p.m.

Tues, July 12, 7 p.m.

Tues, July 12, 7 p.m.

Weds, July 13, 6:30 p.m.

Weds, July 13, 7 p.m.

Thurs, July 14, 7 p.m.

Fri, July 15, 11 a.m.

Sun, July 17, 10 a.m.

Sun, July 17, 7 p.m.

Mon, July 18, 7 p.m.

Tues, July 19, 7 p.m.

Wed, July 20, 7 p.m.

Wed, July 20, 7 p.m.

Thurs, July 21, 7 p.m.

Thurs, July 21, 7 p.m.

A Mother's Love

Worship - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Bundles of Care distribution

Senior Cast Rehearsal

Senior Cast Rehearsal

Junior Cast Rehearsal

Senior Cast Rehearsal

A Mother's Love

ASP Van Packing

ASP Week in Appalachia

Worship - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Senior Cast Rehearsal

Trustees Team Meeting

Senior Cast Rehearsal

Worship & Ministry Team Meeting

Senior & Junior Cast Rehearsals

Senior & Junior Cast Rehearsals

A Mother's Love

Worship - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Senior & Junior Cast Rehearsals

Senior Cast Run

Senior & Junior Cast

Missions Team Meeting

Senior & Junior Cast

Faith Formation Team Meeting

Senior & Junior Cast

Fri, July 22, 11 a.m.	A Mother's Love
Sat, July 23	Tech Day in Pilgrim Hall
Sun, July 24, 9:30 a.m.	ASP Reflections
Sun, July 24, 10 a.m.	Worship - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sun, July 24, 5 p.m.	Full Cast
Mon, July 25, 6:30 p.m.	Full Cast
Tues, July 26, 4 p.m.	Bundles of Care requests due
Tues, July 26, 6 p.m.	Cooking for Dorothy Day
Tues, July 26, 6:30 p.m.	Full Cast
Wed, July 27, 12:30 p.m.	Dorothy Day Serving
Wed, July 27, 6:30 p.m.	Full Cast
Thurs, July 28, 6 p.m.	Final Dress
Thurs, July 28, 7 p.m.	Executive Council
Fri, July 29, 11 a.m.	A Mother's Love
Fri, July 29, 6:15 p.m.	Call Time for Cast
Fri, July 29, 7:30 p.m.	"Peter Pan"
Sat, July 30, 6:15 p.m.	Call Time for Cast
Sat, July 30, 7:30 p.m.	"Peter Pan"
Sun, July 31, 10 a.m.	Worship - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sun, July 31, 1:45 p.m.	Call Time for Cast
Sun, July 31, 3 p.m.	"Peter Pan"
Tuesday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Bundles of Care Distribution
Fri, Aug 5, 11 a.m.	A Mother's Love
Fri, Aug. 5, 6:15 p.m.	Call Time for Cast
Fri. Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m.	"Peter Pan"
Sat, Aug. 6, 6:15 p.m.	Call Time for Cast
Sat, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.	"Peter Pan"

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

The Congregational Church of New Fairfield Presents

PETER PAN

A Musical Based on the Play by
Sir James M. Barrie

Lyrics by
Carolyn Leigh

Music by
Morris "Moose" Charlap

Additional Lyrics by
Betty Comden and Adolph Green

Additional Music by
Jule Styne

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