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CANDLELIGHT - AUGUST 4, 2022

Hello Beloved Children!

We are in the midst of some pretty stifling heat these days, I hope you are finding safe and healthy ways to stay cool. This is a time for rest and renewal, when our pace is normally slowed down a bit and we can catch up on a backlog of tasks or just catch up on doing nothing! No matter how you are spending your time this month, know that God is with you each and every day.

This is midweek through the play Peter Pan so the church is a bit quiet but that will all come to a stop as the kids arrive for their performance on Friday night. If you haven't had a chance to see the show there is still time. The youth and many adults have put countless hours in to make this show a success and a joy to watch. Come out and support them and the church.

We have been enjoying some beautiful Sunday mornings out in our Garden Sanctuary this summer. Thank you to all our welcomers and ushers who come early to help set up for our worship service. It would not happen without your help! Our Tech Team, lead by Emily Wilt, allows for everyone to see the service from their home if that is best for them, or at a later date. It is harder to find a reason to miss church these days.

We are still looking for some volunteers to complete our slate of leadership roles. If you are willing to invest some time into our congregation, please speak with myself or our moderator, Brian Johannssen. Everyone's gifts can be used by God. Whether you are serving within our congregation or directing your efforts to serve outside our church, we are called to share God's love with our brothers and sisters.

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).

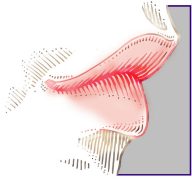




FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Colleen McQuade, our Faith Formation Coordinator, has kept our church's children engaged during the summer by offering a time of learning, music and play for them during the Sunday service. The team will be meeting this month to plan the coming year's curriculum.

... 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.

CCFN MEMORIAL GARDEN INTERMENT NICHES ON SALE

COLUMBARIA NICHES

****SPECIAL PRICING UNTIL DEC. 31****

For several years, the opportunities to purchase niches in the Memorial Wall were limited. We only had individual niches, which was not attractive to couples or families wanting to be interred together. With the installation of the two new columbaria, we now have new opportunities to purchase niches together. Behind each 12" x 12" stone are two niches. Each niche can hold up to two urns. So we can inter up to four urns behind each 12" x 12" stone - perfect for families



wanting to be together.

Through the end of the year, we will have special pricing for congregation members and friends on columbaria niche purchases:

Single niche for a single urn = \$1,200

Single niche for a double urn = \$1,800

Interment Service Charge (including plaque(s), opening/closing niche, and perpetual care) = \$400 for a single urn and \$600 for a double urn

These prices are substantially discounted from the current "going rates," so a little advance planning means saving money.

For information, please contact Carolyn in the office at office@ccnf-ucc.org or 203-746-2865.

(Columbaria photo courtesy of Katie Williams)



MISSIONS at CCNF



ASP WORK TRIP

Our Senior High Youth and leaders traveled to Kanawha County, WV, in July to participate in the Appalachia Service Project from July 9 - 17. During our worship service on July 24, ASP team members shared their reflections on their experiences during the week away. Our team was split into three crews and each crew chose a crew name based on characters from Pixar's "Cars" movies. The CCNF ASP team for 2022 was: Ashton Albert, Taylor Albert, Siera Creekmore, Zachary Creekmore, Pia DeLuca, Kelsey Finlay, Angela Kulp, Dan Milovic, Ben Russo, Elena Lilback, Matti Lilback, Matti Lilback Sr, Steve Rodier, Stephanie Shaughnessy, Abby Slomba, Christian Slomba, Greg Williams, Brandon Yoho, Liz Yoho, Meredith Yoho, Tracy Yoho, and Marian Zerbi.

Thank you for all your support and prayers while we served in West Virginia. We look forward to sharing more about our trip at our Stockholder's Appreciation Dinner this fall.



*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 **Aug. 24**. 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 on Tuesday, Aug. 23, to prepare and cook an entree for our serving day on the 24th. 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 August**. 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, Aug. 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: bar soap, deodorant, razors

For the Dorothy Day kitchen: salad dressing, canned vegetables, grape jelly, sugar, baked beans

For the Shower: men's jeans, shorts, hoodies, boxer briefs (no tighty-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 will be open for shopping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Aug. 13 and 27.

Our Thrift Shop provides a wonderful service to our community through the greatly discounted clothing that we offer. The proceeds from the Thrift Shop help to fund our budget for the church as well. Thank you for everyone who has been working so hard on this mission this summer. Our regular volunteers - Vivian Cicale, Maryann Gillotti, Dotty Norman, Louis Stein, Ann Taylor, Dell Taylor and new volunteer, Lisa Natalie Contreras.

Our extra Saturday helping hands - Tori Cooke, Karen Engstrom, and Stephanie Shaughnessy

If you would like to help in the Thrift Shop, please contact Maryann Gillotti magillotti@yahoo.com

Added bonus for volunteers - you get a shopping discount!



BUNDLES OF CARE: DONATIONS NEEDED

We normally have distribution day on the first Tuesday of each month, but in August we moved it to the second Tuesday to accommodate the summer play. 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.

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:

Razors & Shaving Cream **Tissues** **Paper Towels**
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.



Renewal House - Danbury, CT

Renewal House provides transitional housing, case management, counseling and life skills enhancement to older men and women who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless so they may be empowered to restore their lives. They are one of the programs that we support with our outreach. This short article tells one of the stories of the people that are served by Renewal House.

Facebook post 7/27/22

For most of her adult life, Donna was a success story. After completing two years of college, she began a career. After 20 years with the same company, she became a corporate Human Resources Manager, a position she held for 8 years. Then the layoff came.

Loss of job, family issues – severe depression followed. Donna spent time in an inpatient treatment center and came out to face financial ruin. She was lost.

Then she found Renewal House – Donna set goals for herself and faithfully went to counseling. Over time, she began to help facilitate groups at the practice where she had gone for her own counseling. She was approved for Social Security Disability and was able to secure housing.

Donna continued to participate in Renewal House functions. She even served on the Renewal House Admissions Committee, giving back to an organization that had been a lifeline for her.

Thank you for your gifts and donations to our congregation. Your money supports our Mission Budget and the work of Renewal House.



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.

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



988 offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress. That could be:

- Thoughts of suicide
- Mental health or substance use crisis, or
- Any other kind of emotional distress

People can call or text **988** or chat 988lifeline.org for themselves or if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. This service has gone live nationally this month.

PETER PAN

PLAN FOR A GREAT OUTING!

Remaining show dates and times:

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

Sunday, Aug 7 at 3pm

Reserve tickets by emailing tickets@ccnf-ucc.org. You may also call the church office 203-746-2865 by 3 p.m.

Friday and Carolyn will get your request to the correct place.

WERE YOU OR A LOVED ONE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF "JOSEPH" IN 2019?

If you would like a copy of the playbill from "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," contact the church office immediately. A few extra playbills left over from then will be disposed of next week, so get one now if you want it!



Upcoming meetings and Events

Team meetings are held online.

Fri, Aug. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Sat, Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Aug 7, 10 a.m.

Sun, Aug. 7, 3 p.m.

Sun, Aug 7, 6 p.m.

Tues, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Tues, Aug. 9, 7 p.m.

Wed, Aug. 10, 7 p.m.

Thur, Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Fri, Aug. 12, 11 a.m.

Sat, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.

Sun, Aug. 14, 10 a.m.

Fri, Aug. 19, 11 a.m.

Sun, July 17, 10 a.m.

Tues, Aug. 23, 6 p.m.

Wed, Aug. 24, 12:30 p.m.

Thurs, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

Fri, Aug. 26, 11 a.m.

Sat, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.

Sun, Aug. 28, 10 a.m.

Tues, Aug. 30, 4 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 2, 11 a.m.

Sun, Sept. 4, 10 a.m.

Tues, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

"Peter Pan"

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Worship - Communion Sunday

"Peter Pan"

Play Picnic for Cast and Crew

Bundles of Care distribution

Missions Team Meeting

Trustees Team Meeting

Worship & Ministry Team Meeting

A Mother's Love

Thrift Shop Open

Worship - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Mother's Love

Worship - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Cooking for Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day Serving

Executive Council

A Mother's Love

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Bundles of Care requests due

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