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CANDLELIGHT - OCTOBER 13, 2022

Hello Beloved Children!

We spent the last couple Sundays inside due to the chilly weather and now come inside officially for the autumn and winter. We have had a glorious summer outside and been blessed by the beauty of our gardens and the little creatures that inhabit it. Thank you to all of the folks who made outdoor worship possible. They will be officially recognized in worship on October 16. There are also many who volunteer their time to work on our gardens. Many thanks to Katie Williams, Jackie Hutchings and Marie Moore for coordinating and working on that space.

It is always with a bit of sadness that we say goodbye to summer. I know I am challenged by the decreasing sunlight and shorter days. As the weather cools, I sometimes feel like just bundling up on the couch and staying home. I know that is the same for many of you. The good news is if you feel like that on a Sunday morning, we have the live stream option to participate in worship. Many thanks to Emily Wilt who has really taken on this project and can be considered the lead on our Tech Team. (Any youth who would like to learn about the Tech Team, please reach out to Emily or myself.)

While we can appreciate the benefits of live streaming our worship service, I would still encourage you to come when you are willing and able. The benefits of being together in community to worship are great for most of us. Sometimes if Sundays are not possible though, you can connect with our church community through working together in the Thrift Shop, discussing The Chosen, serving at Dorothy Day, or knitting with the Prayer Shawl group. The support of other Christians, who are each doing their best to walk on a faith journey, can be very powerful and encouraging. Living a faith-filled life can be difficult and we all experience challenges that can sabotage our best laid plans. As we allow ourselves to be open to each other, we are also opening ourselves to the movement of God's Spirit. May you be open to sharing and in turn find what you need in our church community.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Liz

WORSHIP SERVICES

We continue to meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday but will move indoors for the season beginning Oct. 16. 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. We will happily send you a reminder email during the week before your chosen Sunday(s).



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

The new church school year is underway. Our children are enjoying learning about some of the important people and events of the Old Testament this fall, including Joseph and Moses, with more to come as the season progresses and our curriculum takes us to the New Testament.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED



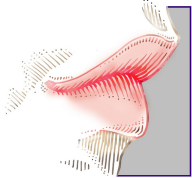
Calisee Genevieve Gilot (left) was baptized during the worship service on Sept. 18, 2022. Here she is (right) with her godparents and family, including her big sister Anastasija Katarina Gilot, who was baptized here in 2021.



COME INSIDE FOR SOUP SUNDAY OCT. 16!

The Sunday service will move inside for the season on Oct. 16, and our first Soup Sunday of 2022-23 will take place after the worship service. Join your church family in Pilgrim Hall for fellowship and enjoy some soup made by volunteer Elissa Leone. We hope to have Soup Sunday on the third Sunday each month during the indoor season. If you'd like to provide soup on one of the upcoming Soup Sundays, please use the sign-up sheet in Pilgrim Hall.

... 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 CCNF 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.



BLOOD DRIVE REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at CCNF will be Monday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments to donate blood may be made online at redcrossblood.org. Let your friends know they can donate here! CCNF recently received a Certificate of Recognition from the American Red Cross for collecting 488 units during the 2021 blood drives held in Pilgrim Hall. Thank you for making CCNF a premier blood partner.





“PETER PAN” UPDATE

The success of the summer production of “Peter Pan” was due to the support of many people in the cast and crew, in the church, and in the community. Thank you to the following church member businesses, who took out ads in the playbill:

Sue Newton promoting Barn Gallery
Sue Webb promoting Little Heroes Daycare
Janice Zackeo promoting VZackeo Home Improvement and Cabin Critters
Elissa Leone promoting My Space Savers
Julie York promoting Christopher York, Attorney
Linda Bass promoting Buried Roots
Georgina Perun promoting Perun Properties
Lori Generali promoting Dom’s Garden Center
Dotty Norman promoting the CCNF Thrift Shop
Jonathon Gonzalez promoting Legends Barber Shop
Colleen McQuade promoting Colleen’s Painting Party



COLUMBARIA NICHES

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

Reminder:

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)



“LIVING WITH GRIEF” PRESENTATION PLANNED

Sheila Flynn Russo will present “Living with Grief” on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 2 p.m. in Pilgrim Hall. This 90-minute presentation will be of interest to anyone who has experienced a loss. Please RSVP by signing up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall or calling the church office.

Sheila is a Connecticut licensed social worker and certified grief counselor and is passionate about serving those working through grief issues. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work from Providence College and Boston College respectively. Sheila went on for post-graduate social work at Ohio State University and received certification in serving the military. She possesses a strong background in medical social work, serious medical issues, grief counseling, hospice, and end-of-life concerns. Sheila feels strongly that everyone struggling with loss or grief issues deserves to have a voice. She is presently dedicating her time to bereavement groups and opening her own grief counseling practice. In her spare time, Sheila can be found outdoors and attending to two very needy golden retrievers.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TOOK PLACE OCT. 2

At left, Sgt. Pepper lets Colleen McQuade know he appreciated being blessed at the event Sunday afternoon, Oct. 2, at CCNF. At right and below, some folks have their pets ready to be blessed.



MISSIONS at CCNF



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The CCNF Prayer Shawl Ministry typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room at the church. Current members include Dot Bass, Sue St Hilaire, Amber St Hilaire, Linda Bass, Karen Engstrom, Timmy Engstrom, Linda Seiler, Jacki Cooper, Liz Jones, Nancy Kile, Samantha Kile, Marcia Semchysen, and Dotty Norman. All ages are welcome, whether you are an



experienced crafter, or would like to learn.

This ministry makes shawls which are prayed over and given to those in need of healing and comfort. If you would like to knit, bring knitting needles size 13, either long straight ones or circular; to crochet -- a crochet hook size K or N; to loom -- a loom (long rectangular). These shawls are a loving gift for anyone in need.



At left: Pictured at a prayer shawl meeting earlier this year are, from left to right, Samantha Kile, Nancy Kile, Sue St Hilaire, Amber St Hilaire, Karen Engstrom, Liz Jones and Dotty Norman.

The group also makes Baptism Baby Blankets using white baby yarn. If you want to make one of these, please bring a Size G crochet hook or Size 8 knitting needles/circular needles to the next meeting.



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.*

At left: Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry pray over the shawls they've created.



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 Oct. 22.

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 to everyone who has been working so hard on this mission this summer.

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!

UPDATE ON PAINT PARTIES TO BENEFIT NFSAWS

Several paint parties to benefit the New Fairfield/Sherman Animal Welfare Society were held in early October. Thank you to all who participated and especially to Colleen McQuade who coordinated the parties. The parties raised \$200 for animal welfare.



WINTER GOAT DRIVE

This month, we start collecting donations of winter coats for men, women and children. Gently used, clean coats will be distributed to those in need in our area as we head into the colder months. Keep this in mind as you're changing over your seasonal clothing or upgrading your winter gear- you might be able to help keep someone else warm with your no-longer-needed coat(s)! Bring any donations of clean winter coats in good condition (no holes or stains) to Pilgrim Hall.



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 **Oct. 26**. 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, Oct. 25, to prepare and cook an entree for our serving day on the 26th. 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 current **Dorothy Day Wish List**. 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, Oct. 23, and let Pastor Liz or Carolyn know your donation is for Dorothy Day.

For the Grab & Go bags: granola bars, cookies, individually wrapped snacks

To hand out: bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream

For the Dorothy Day kitchen: instant mashed potatoes, canned vegetables (esp. corn and green beans), grape and strawberry jelly, sugar, canned gravy (beef, chicken and turkey), chicken stock, salad dressing.

For the Shower: Sweatpants and sweatshirts/hoodies, men's jeans (size 32, 34, 36), men's shirts, men's jackets, men's footwear (especially work boots), new men's and women's underwear.



OCTOBER DONATION DRIVE FOR BUNDLES OF CARE

We are holding a donation drive for Bundles of Care (BOC) this month. Through BOC, we provide necessary items that are not available through the New Fairfield Food Pantry program.

The following items are particularly needed at this time. We request donations of the "ordinary sizes" of these items rather than warehouse packaging.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Toilet paper	Sponges	Toothpaste	Conditioner	Tampons
Paper towels	Cleaning sprays	Shaving cream	Garbage bags	
Dish soap	Juice	Razors	Detergent	

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



CCNF Upcoming meetings and Events

Team meetings are held online.

Thurs, Oct. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Oct. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Fri, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.

Sun, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.

Sun, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.

Wed, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.

Thurs, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

Fri, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.

Fri, Oct. 21, 6 p.m.

Sat, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sun, Oct. 23, 10 a.m.

Sun, Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m.

Tues, Oct. 25, 4 p.m.

Tues, Oct. 25, 5 p.m.

Wed, Oct. 26, 1:00 p.m.

Thurs, Oct. 27, 7 p.m.

Sun, Oct. 30, 10 a.m.

Sun, Oct. 30, 2 p.m.

Tues, Nov. 1, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Thurs, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Nov 5, 9 a.m.

Sat, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sun, Nov 6, 10 a.m.

Sun, Nov 6, 11:30 a.m.

Tues, Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

Wed, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.

Thurs, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Sat, Nov 13, 2:00 p.m.

Worship & Ministry Team Meeting

Senior Choir Practice

A Mother's Love

Worship - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

(We Return to Indoor Worship for the season)

Soup Sunday!

Missions Team Meeting

"The Chosen" viewing/discussion

Faith Formation Team Meeting

A Mother's Love

PumpkinFest!



Thrift Shop Open

Worship - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation Gathering

Bundles of Care requests due

Cooking for Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day Serving

Executive Council

Worship - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

"Living with Grief" presentation

Bundles of Care Distribution

"The Chosen" viewing/discussion

Church Outdoor Cleanup

Thrift Shop Open

Worship - Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation Gathering

Prayer Shawl

Trustees Team Meeting

Worship & Ministry Team Meeting

Memorial Service & Reception - Debbie Gardiner