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CANDLELIGHT - SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Hello Beloved Children!

As I sit in my office writing this we are finally getting rain! What a dry and hot summer it has been, but it has certainly made for a wonderful time outside on Sunday mornings. Worship outside in the garden is a great chance to step away from the routine and immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of God's creation.

We are finishing a summer at church that included the return of our summer play... Finally we got to see Peter Pan on stage and it was fantastic! So many people had a hand in making it possible. Many thanks as well to the church and community families for their support. You will read in this Candlelight about the profit and some of the people who helped us get there.

Some of the rain reminds me of the possible tears of children and parents saying goodbye to summer vacation. With the start of school comes the beginning of our own church school year. We begin this Sunday and are looking forward to families attending each week as able. Colleen McQuade is getting ready for an amazing year. We are planning some midweek events and hope to get input from our families about what they need and what works best for them. Faith formation, serving others and fellowship in the church setting are ways in which we want to bring opportunities to you and your family.

Our program year begins not just for Faith Formation but other groups as well. Prayer Shawl Ministry is restarting, Missions has several projects coming up to support ministries in our area. They will also be sending out a survey for the congregation's input on ways to reach out in our community. Missions has also retained a Grief Specialist to present a program on Oct 30 for the congregation. Watch for details on that. We will be choosing a night to have a gathering to watch and discuss the series, The Chosen. Please share your ideas about that with Pastor Liz.

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).



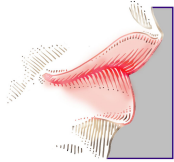


FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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. Now that it's back-to-school time, church school will be following the Spark curriculum, beginning with Sept. 11's lesson about Adam and Eve.

There will be a special meeting for parents of Faith Formation students at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, in the church sanctuary.

... 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.



"PETER PAN" UPDATE

The summer play was a great success. In addition to providing a fun evening or afternoon out for audience members, the play realized a profit of over \$6,700. Great news from a terrific summer event.

Part of that success was due to support from church members and friends in taking out space in the playbill. Thank you to the following:

Jaye C Anderson & Carrie Preusse, Will Anderson & Jayne Morin, Dot & Ken Bass, Peter Brenzel, The Burger Family, Bart & Adele Carey, Steve & Barb Coelho, Ron & Jacki Cooper, Trudi Daniyak & Roger Flocke, Pam & Nick Dohan, Kathy & Win Donaldson, Janice Donnelly, Kathi Ellison, Karen Engstrom, Maryann & Roy Gillotti, Irene & Jay Howard, Jeremy & Jackie Hutchings, The Iadarola Family, Eric & Elizabeth Jones, Bob & Gail Ketcham, Fred & Sally Kile, Jim, Nancy, Sam, & Ben Kile, Todd & Dawna Lovejoy, The Milovic Family, The O'Connell Family, Judith Paniccia, Betsy Schalkham, Rich & Pam Schretzenmayer, Jane See, Marcia Semchyshen, Stephanie Shaughnessy & Greg Slomba, Gretchen Skidmore, Richard & Louise Stein, Betty Swan, Bill & Agnes Trimpert, The Yoho Family, Janice Zackeo.

CCNF MEMORIAL GARDEN INTERMENT NICHES ON SALE

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

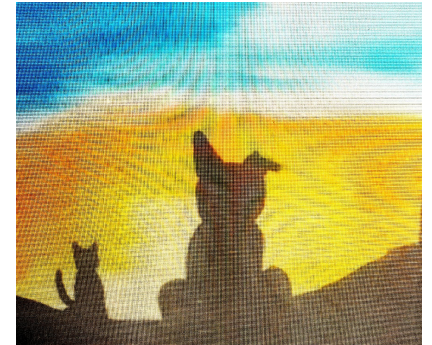
Single niche for a double urn = \$1,800

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, email Carolyn at office@ccnf-ucc.org or call 203-746-2865.

Registration Open for Painting for Pets

We will have a painting party weekend at the end of September to benefit New Fairfield Sherman Animal Shelter. Registration is open now, and can be done by calling the church office Tuesdays-Fridays with your name, phone number/email, number of people for whom you are reserving space, and whether your reservation is for the children’s party or the adults party. Payment can be made in cash or by check in the church office. On **Friday, Sept. 30, children** are invited to meet in Pilgrim Hall at 7 p.m. for a guided painting experience with Colleen McQuade. For a \$10 donation per child, (\$25 cap for multiple siblings) the kids can have a fun night out with each painting their own canvas.



The next night, it’s the adults' turn! **Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m., adults** are invited to their own painting party. The requested donation will be \$20 per adult. For information about New Fairfield Sherman Animal Welfare Society, visit www.nfsaw.org.



MISSIONS at CCNF

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

MEET YOUR MISSIONS TEAM

The Missions Team includes Teri Czudak, chair; Will Anderson, Karen Engstrom, Maryann Gillotti and Stephanie Shaughnessy.

What drew each of these people to volunteer for this team in particular? Let’s hear from them.



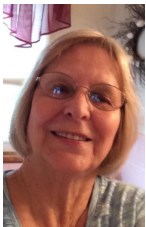
Will Anderson: *At one time Sue Webb was very active on the Missions Team and she encouraged me to purchase a microwave oven for a family our church was helping. This happened around 2008. It really surprised me the effect that buying the oven had on me. This was different from a random financial contribution. I went to the store, purchased the oven and brought it to the church on the appointed date. As I was doing this and*

afterwards, I thought about the family. Were they sad? Were they frightened? Did they feel alone? Could I imagine asking strangers to buy me a microwave oven like that?

When I was asked to join the Missions Team earlier this year I decided to make time for it. I feel that helping people, even in a small way, and letting them know that God has not forgotten them, was worth the investment. Thank you to the congregation for making our efforts possible.



Karen Engstrom: *A few years ago, a friend mentioned our church to someone in New Fairfield. The person responded with "oh - the church that gives to everyone!". Missions is a big part of that giving. I was on this board many years ago and liked being a part of that tangible giving, so when there was an opening this year I volunteered to fill it.*



Maryann Gillotti has been volunteering at the CCFN Thrift Shop for the past 5 years. She recently joined the Missions Team. She says: *The reason I joined the Missions team is to learn ways to help the church. I'm still learning what Missions does and if I could help with solutions that would benefit them. I love working at the Thrift Shop. I've only been to two meetings of the Missions Team so far, but I'm full of ideas. I hope I can help in some way.*



Stephanie Shaughnessy: *I joined the Missions Team as I am involved with ASP, Dorothy Day and Thrift Shop. I also have a strong belief in serving and ministering to others and felt I could possibly bring some of my knowledge as a social worker and assist in that way. I believe in the goals of the mission team and which align with my values. We, on the team, encourage everyone in the church to share your thoughts and ideas with the team and perhaps we can make some of those thoughts and ideas into realities. Thank you for having me!*



Teri Czudak: *I've been a member of the church since I was baptized here and love giving back to our congregation and community. Missions has always held a special place in my heart. I was lucky enough to work closely with Sue and Ron Webb as I 'learned the ropes'! Our church is known for its outreach and support of our community in many ways. It's an honor to be part of Missions as we continue to grow and expand our outreach, both within and outside the walls of the church. I look forward to new activities and adventures with the Missions Team.*



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 Sept. 10 and 24.

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!

Special Event: *The Thrift Shop will have special shopping time for church members and friends on Sunday, Oct. 2, after the worship service.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY RESUMES FOR FALL



Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm is our first meeting after being off for the summer. We'd love to have you join us.

Please join us to knit or crochet or loom and some fellowship in the conference room at the church. All ages welcome, if you craft or want to learn we can help you. You can make a beautiful shawl. All you need to bring is: to knit, knitting needles size 13 either long straight ones or circular; to crochet, a crochet hook size K or N; or to loom, a loom (long rectangular). These shawls are a loving gift for anyone in need. If you need any info you can call Dot Bass 203-746-2855, email dcbass@sbcglobal.net or Sue St. Hilaire 203-778-1474 or cell 203-300-6220, 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 **Sept. 28**. 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, Sept. 27, to prepare and cook an entree for our serving day on the 28th. 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).



STOCK THE SHELVES FOOD DRIVE

As you've seen in the Midweek Memo, there is an urgent need to stock the shelves at Dorothy Day. The number of meals they serve per day has increased to 150, but food donations have not kept up with this increase. If you can help, please bring donations of these items to Pilgrim Hall by Sunday, Sept. 25. Donations may be brought after church on Sunday or during office hours Tuesday through Friday.

<p>Items of particular need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Canned vegetables -- particularly corn and green beans ● Instant Mashed Potatoes ● Grape and Strawberry Jelly ● Sugar ● Canned Gravy -- Beef, Chicken and Turkey ● Chicken Stock ● Hot Dogs ● Salad dressing ● Canned Yams ● Stuffing ● Cream of Mushroom Soup ● Mayonnaise 	<p>Other things they can use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Baked beans -- pork and beans ● Snacks for our "Lunches to Go" —Chips, Cookies etc. ● Black beans ● Canned beef stew ● 16 oz bottled water ● Canned chili ● Cereal ● Pasta -- Spaghetti, ziti, penne ● Rice ● Spaghetti Sauce ● Sugar ● Parmesan Cheese ● Hams -- canned or other ● Canned chicken
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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

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 include: **Razors & Shaving Cream** **Tissues**
Paper Towels **Cleaning Sprays or Wipes** **Shampoo & Conditioner (10 oz. or smaller)** **Toilet Paper**

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



Upcoming meetings and Events

Team meetings are held online and some are in-person as well.

Fri, Sept. 2, 11 a.m.

Sun, Sept. 4, 10 a.m.

Tues, Sept. 6, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thur, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 9, 11 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sun, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

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Tues, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Wed, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

Thurs, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 16, 11 a.m.

Sat, Sept 17, 12pm

Sun, Sept. 18, 10 a.m.

Wed, Sept. 21 p.m.

Thurs, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.

Sat, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sun, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.

Sun, Sept 25, 5pm

Tues, Sept., 27, 4 p.m.

Tues, Sept. 27, 5 p.m.

Wed, Sept. 28, 12:30 p.m.

Fri, Sept. 30, 11 a.m.

Fri, Sept 30, 7pm

Sat, Oct 1, 7pm

Sun, Oct 2, 10am

Sun, Oct 2, 11am

Sun, Oct 2, 1pm

A Mother's Love

Worship - Communion Sunday

Bundles of Care distribution

Worship & Ministry Team Meeting

A Mother's Love

Thrift Shop Open

Worship - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parents meeting

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Trustees Team Meeting

Faith Formation Team Meeting

A Mother's Love

New Fairfield Day

Worship - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Missions Team Meeting

Executive Council

A Mother's Love

Thrift Shop Open

Worship - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

ASP Stockholder's Dinner

Bundles of Care requests due

Cooking for Dorothy Day

Dorothy Day Serving

A Mother's Love

Kid's Painting Party for NFSAW

Adult Painting Party for NFSAW

Worship & Communion

Special Thrift Shop Opening for CCNF

Blessing of the Animals