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## CANDLELIGHT - APRIL 2023

Hello Beloved Children!

Happy Easter! What a joyful Sunday we had together as a congregation. The Confirmands lead us in a meaningful service at sunrise. They were awake and ready to lead worship. This was followed by an awesome breakfast hosted by the Worship & Ministry Team and coordinated by Doris Zegley. She did a phenomenal job with Elissa Leone to prepare all the food and decorate Pilgrim Hall. It was a beautiful spread and no one left the breakfast hungry. Our 10am Easter worship was filled with members and friends. We enjoyed beautiful anthems by the Senior Choir and participation by many young people. It was a special day.



And now we move forward as Easter people. With the Risen Savior in our hearts and life we do not have to be alone... ever. Christ is there to guide us and give us a purpose for our lives. What a great joy it is to follow Jesus' path and know that we are doing God's will. Now our call is to share the Good News of the Gospel. Christ has Risen, Christ has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Liz



**THANK YOU!** Our Easter Breakfast was hosted by the W&M Team Pam Schretzenmayer, Julie York and Doris Zegley. We would especially like to thank Doris for coordinating all the volunteers who helped to provide the meal. Doris and Elissa Leone created a beautiful space for our breakfast Easter morning. Doris, Elissa, and Evelyn Zegley cooked and prepped the day before and Ken Bass helped to prepare for the breakfast. Thank you to our cooks and servers, Doris, Elissa, John Zegley, Gretchen Skidmore, and Lindsey Skidmore.

Thank you to all who prepared food for our breakfast. What a wonderful way to celebrate Christ's resurrection with a glorious morning and delicious breakfast with friends, family and our church together.

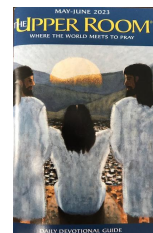
Dana Zegarelli	Elisa Beckett-Flores	Jaye Anderson	Katherina Fostano
Will Anderson	Adele & Bart Carey	O'Connell Family	Bob Ketcham
Colleen McQuade	Pam Schretzenmayer	Elissa Leone	Stephanie Shaughnessy
Alex Scalera	Monica & Priscilla Rocco	Gail Burger	Yoho Family
Gretchen Skidmore	Zegley Family		

### WORSHIP SERVICES

We continue to meet at 10 a.m. each Sunday. 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](mailto:office@ccnf-ucc.org)

### THE UPPER ROOM

The May/June edition of The Upper Room is available now in the narthex and near the entrance to Pilgrim Hall. This publication is a conveniently small size, so you can use the daily devotionals anywhere you travel. Help yourself to a copy.



### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation wrapped up their Lenten studies and moved on to Easter in early April. A highlight at this time was the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which took place after class on Palm Sunday. Here's a peek at the fun:





**USHERS and WELCOMERS!** Consider serving your fellow church members this season as an usher/welcomer for our Sunday services. Contact Stephanie by email at [jiaowah@charter.net](mailto: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).

## EASTER FLOWERS

The flowers that glorified our worship space for Easter are in loving memory of:

**Our Loved Ones** by Richard & Louise Stein

**Samuel H. Richey II** by Katie & Greg Williams

**Sarah A. Gelish** by Anna Williams

**Ed & Jane Coelho and Larry Coelho** by Steve & Barbara Coelho

**Philo H. & Ruth G. Hawley** by Barb Coelho, Leesa Farina, Victoria Cosentino & families

**Faye & John Wamsley** by Pamela & Richard Schretzenmayer

**Herta & Helmut Schretzenmayer** by Pamela & Richard Schretzenmayer

**Pat Brenzel** by Peter W. Brenzel

**Eileen & Bill Schoenhardt** by Arlene Bennett

**Josephine & Edwin Schulze** by Arlene Bennett

**Leon Doerr and Robert Doerr** by Arlene Bennett

**All Our Loved Ones** by Kathy & Win Donaldson

**Mauro & Mary Leone** by Elissa Leone

**GG's Birthday - We miss you every day** by The Walsh Family

**Randy St. Hilaire, Mats Engstrom, Danny Engstrom** by Sue, Amber & Aaron St. Hilaire

**Our Loved Ones** by Alexandra Scalera & Emily Wilt

**Willi Burger** by Hazel Burger

**Michael Carey and Gabriel Cicale** by Adele & Bart Carey

**Donald & Janet Novicky, Nellie Shanley, Donald Novicky Jr. and Stephen Novicky** by Pam & Nick Dohan & Family

**Dorothy Elizabeth Williams, Margaret Williams, Milomar Milovic, Dragan & Verica Milovic, Michele**

**Maynaud-Ek, Vicki Lee Anderson** by Dorothy Milovic

**Danny Engstrom and Mats Engstrom** by Karen Engstrom

**Barbara Lovejoy** by The Lovejoy Family

**Bruce & Ruby Baird** by The Baird & Lovejoy Families

**Shirley Yoho** by The Yoho Family

**Isabel & Tom McMullin** by The Yoho Family

**Deborah C. Gardiner** by Pam Bob & Kate Mickewich

**Adele Ahrens Watt** by Susan Herbst

**Bill and all our loved ones** by Nan and the Delohery Family





## CHILI SUNDAY IN APRIL

Our last Soup Sunday was **March 19th**. **THANK YOU** to all our Soup Chefs this season: Elissa Leone, Doris Zegley, Liz & Tracy Yoho, Dana Zegarelli, and their families. **Chili Sunday will be April 16th**. Join us in Pilgrim Hall after the Sunday service for some fellowship, and enjoy chili as well as some other delicious treats.

# MISSIONS at CCNF



## FISH: What they want us to know...



FISH provides a local helping hand for those who cannot drive to and from medical appointments. They serve the New Fairfield community and surrounding areas by providing rides for Seniors (and others with medical concerns) through the work of an all-volunteer team.

There are 15 drivers currently on the team, however, FISH is looking for more drivers whose times can be flexible. The organization is also looking for a volunteer scheduler to assist with setting up the rides. They would like to at least double or triple the volunteer driver team. Members of CCNF who are willing and able are always welcome.

In the last 9.5 months, they have provided free rides logging in 2,000 miles of service for local residents. The drivers really enjoy what they do, helping people in the community and meeting needs, as well as making new connections through conversations.

FISH is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization and works to provide this service. They do small fundraisers and welcome monetary donations.

They currently have a request from Sherman FISH to take over a supply of wheelchairs, canes, commodes and other medical equipment but have no storage space. These items are on a lending basis and once the need is met, the item may be returned to FISH.

The need remains for storage space somewhere in the community. Should there be any leads, ideas, or connections for free storage, please contact the director, Reggie Lambrech, at 203-312-5627.

The email address is [fishofnf@gmail.com](mailto:fishofnf@gmail.com) and the Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/FISHofNewFairfield](http://www.facebook.com/FISHofNewFairfield)

## 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 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on April 15th and on May 6th and 20th.

Extra help is always appreciated, so if you would like to lend us a hand in the Thrift Shop, please contact Maryann Gillotti at [magillotti@yahoo.com](mailto:magillotti@yahoo.com)



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at the church. All ages are welcome, whether you are an experienced crafter, or would like to learn.

For more information, call Dot Bass at 203-746-2855 or email [dcbass@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcbass@sbcglobal.net); or call Sue St. Hilaire at 203-778-1474 or cell 203-300-6220, or email [sshilaire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sshilaire@sbcglobal.net).

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



**American Red Cross**

Blood Services

### BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

The Red Cross held a blood drive at CCNF on Friday, March 24th. The need for blood has been so great that they extended the hours of the drive from an "afternoon-only" event to an all-day one. Prior to the drive, 51 donors had scheduled appointments. We await word from the Red Cross as to the ultimate success of this drive.



*Serving at Dorothy Day*

### DOROTHY DAY HOSPITALITY HOUSE

We usually serve at Dorothy Day on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We will meet at the kitchen at 1:30 and we are normally finished between 4 -4:30pm.

Our next day is **Wednesday, April 26th**. Please sign up in Pilgrim Hall or call the church office at 203-746-2865 to volunteer.

Many thanks for March's cooking volunteers - Judy Paniccia, Elissa Leone and Colleen McQuade.

Thank you to Vince Bartolini who transported all the food and clothes to Dorothy Day.

Also thanks to our volunteer servers and food preparers at the kitchen in February- Debbie Blackman, , Bonnie Lees, and Stephanie Shaughnessy. It was a wonderful day of serving, fellowship and laughs!

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](mailto:pastor@ccnf-ucc.org)

### COOK NIGHT

We will meet at CCNF on **Tuesday, April 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 sign up on the sheet in Pilgrim Hall or contact the office 203-746-2865.

### 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 Tuesday, April 25, and let Pastor Liz or Carolyn know your donation is for Dorothy Day.

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

**To hand out:** jersey work gloves

**For the Dorothy Day kitchen:** margarine, regular coffee

**For the Shower:** new tagless boxer briefs, LG and MED new white T-shirts, jeans size 32 & 34



## YOUTH & ADULT FOOD DRIVE WRAP-UP

Thank you to all who helped out and/or donated to the Food Drive! Last month we delivered 1,119.75 lbs of food, valued at \$1,904, to ARC. Great job, everyone!

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



## CCNF Upcoming meetings and Events

*Team meetings are held online.*

Tues, April 11, 7pm  
Wed, April 12, 7 p.m.  
Thurs, April 13, 6 p.m.  
Fri, April 14, 11:30 a.m.  
Sat, April 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Sun, April 16, 10 a.m.**  
Weds, April 19, 7 p.m.  
Thurs, April 20, 6 p.m.  
Sat, April 22, 2p.m.  
**Sun, April 23, 10 a.m.**  
Sun, April 23, 5 p.m.  
Tue, April 25, 4 p.m.  
Tues, April 25, 5 p.m.  
Wed, April 26, 1:00 p.m.  
Thurs, April 27, 7 p.m.  
Fri, April 28, 11 a.m.  
**Sun, April 30, 10 a.m.**  
Tue, May 2, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Thurs, May 4, 6 p.m.  
**Sun, May 7, 10 a.m**  
Sun, May 7, 11 a.m.  
Sun, May 7, 12 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Meeting  
Trustees Team Meeting  
Worship & Ministry Team Meeting  
A Mother's Love  
Thrift Shop Open  
**Worship - Second Sunday of Easter**  
Missions Team Meeting  
"The Chosen" viewing/discussion  
Nancy Eckert Service  
**Worship - Third Sunday of Easter**  
ASP Team Training  
Bundles of Care requests due  
Cooking for Dorothy Day  
Dorothy Day Serving  
Executive Council meeting  
A Mother's Love  
**Worship - Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Bundles of Care distribution  
"The Chosen" viewing/discussion  
**Worship - Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Confirmation Class  
ASP Team Construction & Safety Training