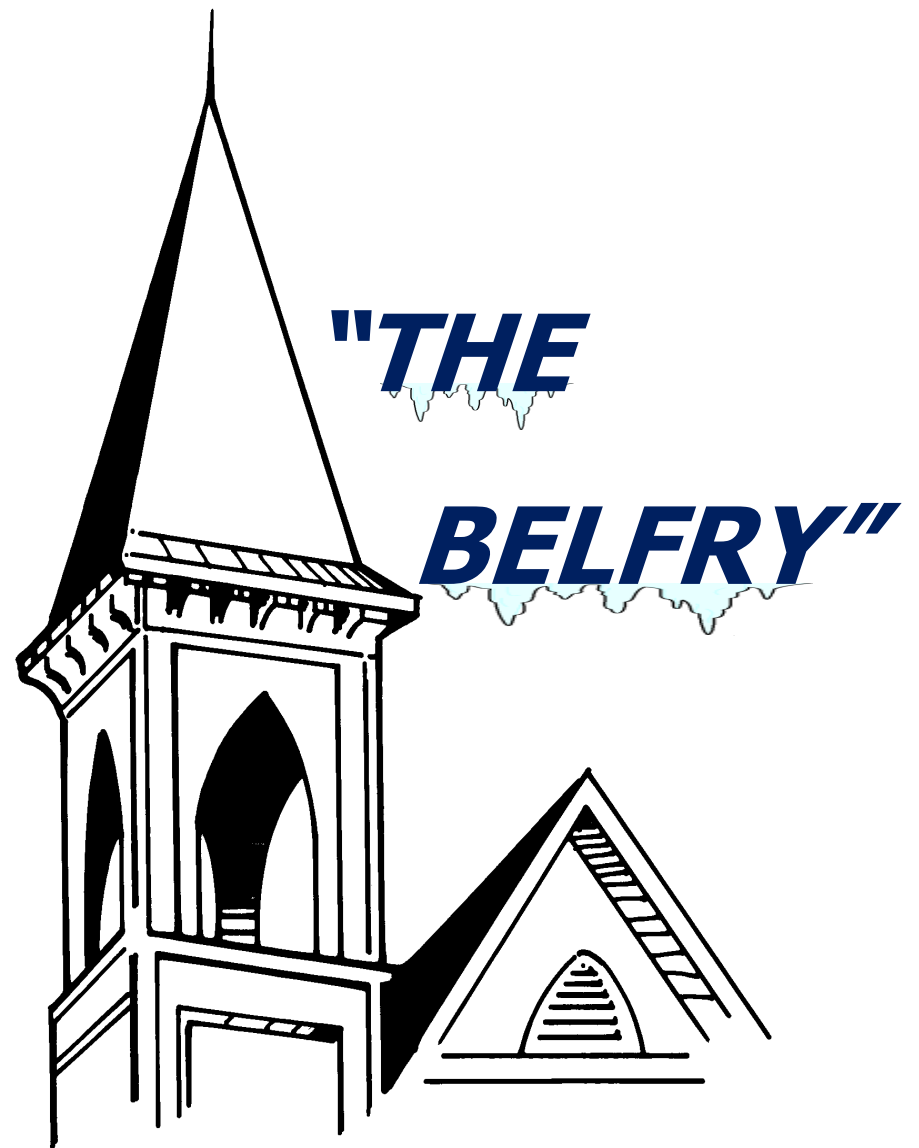




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9:30 am  
*Sunday Worship/  
 Sunday School  
 & Child Care*

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Prayer List

Marion Fairbanks	Gertrude Wilson
Arlene & Steve Grey	Lydia Fritz
Judy Heyse	Tom Taylor
Barbara Grisgraber	RJ Sember
Muriel Csire	Anne Pocevic
Don McEwen	Roger Friend
Donald Gallant	Chris Schoennagel
Bobby Saddler	Lindsay Provenzano
Danny Schmitt	Bob
Wendy Zelanin	Shelia Klein
Barbara Ann Walls	Ruth Johnston
Bill Comcowich	Joan Chonko
Michelle Parker-Baricko	
Tom Symski	Joan Risner
Terri Haliy	Sandy Johnson
Gail Pivarnik	Mary Glynn
Faith E.	Emily M.
Wayne & Maureen	Juli Lindsay
Chek	Jeff Hukill
Vincent Ragusa	

**Congratulations to the following couples  
 who will celebrate wedding anniversaries  
 in January:**

- 2 Jill & Merle Chase
- 3 Deb & Bob Margolies
- 6 Jean Belyea & Barry Skinner
- 11 Linda & Bob Sember
- 14 Lynda & Rick Heiden
- 15 Valerie & Elliot Wilson



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*Thank  
 You*

*for the Christmas Gift presented on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Also  
 to those who gave personal gifts. I thank you so very  
 much! You are all in my heart.*

*I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and  
 Happy New Year!*

*Blessings,*

*Karen*

The Belfry Article Deadline for the  
 February 2018 issue is January 19<sup>th</sup>.  
 The Belfry will be available by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Birthday Greetings to the following who will celebrate during the month of January:

- 2 Karen Boroski
  - 4 Sara Frolish
  - 5 Ruth Pesavento
  - 6 Kevin Glynn
  - 7 Alex Oppel
  - 8 Stephen Csire
  - 10 Hannah Corcino
  - 13 Bill Nicholas, Melissa Dawley
  - 14 Kaitlin Ronning, Barbara Henderson
  - 15 Eric Zelanin, Nancy Ibsen
  - 16 Gail Melanson
  - 17 Andy Keith, John Pesavento, Kathryn Bailey
  - 19 Christian Csire
  - 21 Steve Ronning
  - 22 Brooke Roberts
  - 23 Denise Wilson
  - 24 Rita Boland, Wendy Zelanin, Karen Kellogg, Laurie Ronning
  - 28 Cara Passaro
  - 29 Holly Fassbender, Roger Friend, Dan Oliva
  - 30 Rich Griswold, Sue Lindley
  - 31 Deborah Reeves
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**CHURCH CANCELLATION:** When inclement weather occurs, these methods will be used: A mass email will be sent to members; Channel 8 – TV or on their website [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com); Channel 3 – TV or on their website [www.wfsb.com](http://www.wfsb.com).

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## **FROM OUR MINISTER...**

**Dear Folks,**

***It is hard to believe that another year has passed. And, as is the usual custom, we stop to take stock of the year that is ending and to voice wishes for the new year that is about to begin.***

***Our December 31 "Aloha" service will be just the place we can share in this custom. "Aloha" means both hello and good bye, so we say "aloha" to 2017 and "aloha" to 2018. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for an informal worship, sharing our memories of the passed year and sharing our dreams for the dawning year while we share fun, food, and fellowship.***

***Please, if you have one, wear a Hawaiian shirt or some festive tropical wear.***

***As a community of faith, we are not defined just by the past, but also by our vision of the future. May 2018 be filled with the light of hope, peace, joy, and love!***

***In Christ's love,***

***Rev. Lucille***



***Thank you all so much for your gifts, cards, and well-wishes during this Christmas season! You warm my heart! -Rev. Lucille***

## **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 2016**

*The Council Meeting was held at Rev. Lucille's home  
and we thank her for the good food & hospitality.*

**STEWARDSHIP:** Lois Ricker will remain on the committee if someone else can attend Council meetings.

**DIACONATE:** \_Rev. Carol Rawls preached over Thanksgiving weekend in Rev. Lucille's absence. Diaconate and friends decorated the sanctuary after service.

**NURSERY SCHOOL:** Santa will be coming on Thursday and Friday of next week. Karen asked about moving the kiddie workbench that was moved out of Nursery – it needs to be removed from under the stairs and taken out of the church before we have an inspection.

**MISSIONS:** Holiday Spooner House meal was December 8<sup>th</sup>. \$480 was collected for food and gifts. Deb Oppel brought cookies. There were only 4 children so there is money left if anyone needs help with funding their meals this year, otherwise Holly will use for next year's party. All BHCare "Under the Tree" tags for were taken. Christmas appeal (Christmas Fund) is will be this week. She thanked everyone for their generosity throughout the year.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** New slate of officers developed and proposed budget for 2018 was comprised. They will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, January 14, 2018 immediately following worship. February 11, 2018 will be Women's Sunday.

**CHRISTIAN ED:** Pageant was held and was very well received. Pizza and scenery party (which became dessert and scenery) was held on 11/29. CE is trying to fund their own projects from profits on things such as the breakfasts, etc. Trying to do intergenerational activities to get the adults involved with the kids.

**TRUSTEES:** Heat pumps have been returned and one has been installed. Reuman House has not yet been winterized. Looking for someone to install surveillance cameras and a panic button for the church.

**NOMINATING:** Christian Ed and Nominating each have one opening. It seems other officers and some members have not been approached as to their desire to remain on their committees. Nominating Committee will address these.

**TREASURER:** Budget will be finalized at next Council meeting. Robin Hartel did an audit of the church's books. Bob Sember mentioned that cleaning ladies will get year-end gift for cleaning up after plumbing problems.

**MODERATOR:** Short discussion on the decision about holding church in bad weather. Lucille consults Laura, Kirsten, and Diaconate and then sends out an email blast. We also put it on WFSB and WTNH.

**MINISTER:** She gave James the 31<sup>st</sup> off as we will be meeting in FH. Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> is the Longest Day Service at 6:30. She still needs 3 readers for the 11 pm service – Deb Oppel volunteered to be one. At the 11:00 a.m. service, AJ Corcino will be assisting Lucille with a dialog reading. She feels we are ending strong this year.

Susan A. Lindley, Clerk



### **The Day Before New Year's Worship**

**The December 31<sup>st</sup> "Aloha" informal worship service will be held at our regular worship time, 9:30 A.M., in Fellowship Hall. Wear a Hawaiian shirt or something tropical.**



## HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL

Register now for the 2018/2019 school year

Huntington Center Nursery School is accepting registrations in December for the 2018-2019 school year for 3 & 4 yr. olds. We offer half day and extended day programs and additionally a before school program. If you are, or know of someone who is interested in this wonderful program please contact our Director, Linda Rizzitelli at 203-929-7197 for more information. H.C.N.S. is open to the public.

Thank you to all who donated to our Toys 4 Tots Christmas Drive.

### Parent/Student Assembly Thanksgiving Feast



### **ANNUAL REPORT** **DEADLINE**

The 294<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Huntington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ will be held on **January 21, 2018 with a snow date of January 28<sup>th</sup>**. If you are the chairperson of a committee, you are responsible for a report from your committee to be included in the Annual Report. Please e-mail your report to Karen in the office at [hcc@snet.net](mailto:hcc@snet.net).

**The deadline for annual reports is**  
**Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

*Your promptness is greatly appreciated.*

### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

**In an effort to be better stewards of church resources, we will be sending the 2017 Annual Report to our HCCUCC members through e-mail, as we do with our Belfry newsletter. You may print out a hard copy & bring it with you to the Annual Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, OR if you would like us to supply you with one, please call the church office by January 12<sup>th</sup> at 203-929-1223.**

**We hope you will be supportive in this endeavor.**

**Thank you,**

**Your Church Council**



## **CHILD CARE FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

The Huntington Congregational Church Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and the Christian Education Committee will provide child care for children 6 months (Child Care room) to Grade 7 (library) during the meeting.

## **REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAYS**

Rev. Lucille will be having her prayer days on Thursdays, January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, and March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let her know if you have a prayer concern you would like her to lift-up.

## **PASTORAL COVERAGE INFORMATION**

Rev. Barbara Schaffer, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Shelton, will be covering pastoral emergencies for Rev. Lucille from December 25 to December 30 while she is away. Rev. Schaffer's number is 203-623-3754.



Congratulations to Carrie Ann and James Edward Liddel on the birth of their daughter, Mila Virginia, born December 8, 2017. And also to Grandparents Mary Jane & Bob Liddel.

## **On Line Giving is available at HCC**

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported **Huntington Congregational Church, UCC** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. We offer you a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit [www.huntingtonucc.org](http://www.huntingtonucc.org) or contact the church office for more information.

## **A Big Thank you from the Mission Committee**



The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generosity in donating Christmas gifts for the 2017 "Under the Tree" project. We were able to fill all of BHCare's requests. The gifts from you made a difference this holiday season in the lives of families in the Valley coping with the effect of domestic violence and mental illness.

Thank you!

Holly Fassbender, Eva Washenko, Sheryl Dutkanicz, Charles Bures

## **Happy New Year from Women's Fellowship**

Women's Fellowship is kicking off the New Year with our All Women's meeting on Sunday, January 14, 2018 immediately following worship in the library. All women are invited to join us – we will be voting on our slate of Officers, our 2018 budget as well as a program to be announced. Refreshments will be served!

Please plan to join us to learn more about what we are all about and help us plan our agenda for the coming year. We would love to have some new faces – we do a lot of fun things as well as serving our community. Any questions, please see Sue Lindley, President or any of our Board members! We look forward to seeing you!

Also, our Lenten Quiet Hour series will commence on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018. We will be continuing with the book *"Simple Ways Toward the Sacred"* by Gunilla Norris. This is a 6-week program – watch for the signup sheet in the Alcove.



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**FAIR**

### **Fair Raffle Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Danielle Morrison – Quilt**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Darlene Dinan – Gift Card**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Theresa Adams – Gourmet Basket**

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Linda Sember – Gingerbread House**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **(Some historical tidbits about our history in Shelton)**

**The library actually has a name – it is officially the “Judson Room”.**

**Today's Women's Fellowship actually dates back many, many years. Originally known as the “Ladies Aid Society”, the women joined together to act as hostesses to help in any way they could. They often served suppers – turkey dinners, buffet dinners and strawberry festivals. They also filled boxes for the poor, sewed clothing for crippled children, pieced quilts or cut and sewed rags for a carpet. In addition, gave auctions, upholstered church furniture and laid carpet. They paid mortgages, gave money for foreign missions and helped other church organizations. They have a rich history with HCC and continue to support the church today in many similar ways.**



# JANUARY 2018



SUNDAY

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|                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>NEW YEAR'S DAY | <b>2</b><br>7pm-Trustees                         | <b>3</b><br>6:30pm-Troop 101 – FH  | <b>4</b><br>6:30pm-Missions<br>6:30pm-TOPS                   | <b>5</b>                                                                                                               | <b>6</b><br>8am-Yoga-FH<br> |
| <b>7</b><br>9:30am –Worship/child care<br>10:30am-Stewardship meets                                                  | <b>8</b><br>7:15pm-WF Ex. Brd.-library                                                                                           | <b>9</b><br>7pm-Council                          | <b>10</b><br>6:30pm-Troop 101 – FH | <b>11</b><br>6:30pm-TOPS<br>7:15pm-Choir                     | <b>12</b><br>Spooner House Meal<br> | <b>13</b><br>8am-Yoga-FH                                                                                       |
| <b>14</b><br>9:30am –Worship/Sunday School/child care<br>10:30am-WF Annual meeting - library                         | <b>15</b><br><b>Martin Luther King, Jr Day</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED                                                                  | <b>16</b>                                        | <b>17</b><br>6:30pm-Troop 101 - FH | <b>18</b> Pastor's Prayer Day<br>6:30pm-TOPS<br>7:15pm-Choir | <b>19</b><br>Liddel Wedding                                                                                            | <b>20</b><br>8am-Yoga-FH<br>FH usage                                                                           |
| <b>21</b><br>9:30am –Worship/Sunday School/child care<br><b>10:30am- Annual Meeting</b><br><b>1:00 pm-FH usage</b>   | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>23</b><br>6:30pm-Pastoral Relations Committee | <b>24</b><br>6:30pm-Troop 101 - FH | <b>25</b><br>6:30pm-TOPS<br>7:15pm-Choir                     | <b>26</b>                                                                                                              | <b>27</b><br>8am-Yoga-FH                                                                                       |
| <b>28</b><br>9:30am –Worship/Sunday School/child care<br>(10:30am-Annual meeting snow date)<br>1pm-History Center-FH | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>30</b><br>7:15pm-Diaconate                    | <b>31</b>                          |                                                              |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                |

You may view the Belfry & Calendar on our website at [www.huntingtonucc.org](http://www.huntingtonucc.org)