

HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

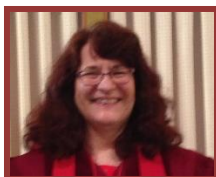
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From Our Minister...



Dear Friends,

The Day of Pentecost 2018 was on May 20th. On that day, we celebrated the birthday of the Christian Church and commemorated the coming of the Holy Spirit.

So, where is the Holy Spirit in our lives now? Did we honor it for an hour and then put it out of our minds and our hearts?

The Holy Spirit is the most elusive “person” of the Trinity. We get God the Creator, we get Jesus the Redeemer, but the Holy Spirit? Was it on an episode of “Ghost Hunters”? Yeah...no.

The Holy Spirit is our imperfect human way to describe God working in our hearts, our souls, and our lives today. It is that urging to give generously and to do good in the world. It is that still small voice that gives us encouragement and confidence. It is that power that can propel us into more active and more faithful people, living up to our reality as God’s Beloveds.

Yes, the Day of Pentecost is passed, but the power of the Holy Spirit is very much alive in us and in our community of faith here at HCCUCC. Let’s own it and live it!!

In Christ’s love,
Rev. Lucille

*Rev. Lucille’s Prayer Days will be
June 21st, July 26th, and August 23rd.*

LEO: Let’s Eat Out

Our June LEO will be on June 13, 6:30 p.m. at Wild Kanji on Bridgeport Ave. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Alcove.

Church Council Highlights

May 8, 2018

Denise Wilson, Sub for Clerk

DIACONATE: Music Sunday-May 20; Robert Wilson and Children’s Sunday-June 10; Communion-June 3. We are putting an ad on the screen in Sassafra’s—it will be ready soon.

WOMAN’S FELLOWSHIP: Last meeting of season will be June. All the kits are finished; several members went to UCC Women’s Conference in Mystic in April. Community Tag Sale is June 9.

TRUSTEES: Kitchen faucet replaced. Insurance company called by Lucille due to the accident Evelyn Steinis had in parking lot during Auction. Church is covered, but no need for it at this time.

CHRISTIAN ED: Vacation Bible School June 25-28, and we are again combining with St. Paul’s, First Baptist Church, and Trinity Lutheran. Theme this year is Rolling River Rampage (camping). Rob Reeves put registration on website. Sign will go up in front of Reuman House. Children’s Sunday June 10. Kirsten reported that she is disappointed at few children in Sunday School. She feels her position is unnecessary and is “retiring” after this season. Kirsten and Lucille discussed this being last year for VBS. Committee and Laura will meet May 15.

STEWARDSHIP: Committee discussed next year’s campaign.

NURSERY SCHOOL: Playground mulching done. Signing of contracts by teachers will be in June.

MINISTER: Lucille brought up Best Practices for handling money in the church and that everyone needs to be aware of this and adhere to it in every instance where money is involved. Council Retreat is scheduled for September 8.

MODERATOR: Focus Group is coming to an end of meetings with Jim Latimer. She shared a thank you note from Karen for the gift certificate Council gave her for Administrative Assistant’s Day.

DID YOU KNOW?

An excerpt from the 1974 HCC 250th Anniversary book:

Youth Organizations

Around 1885 we have a record of the Christian Endeavor Society, an organization for youth in the church. Each member was expected to attend and participate regularly, and strict regulations were designed to prepare spiritual growth and Christian character. The pastor and committee looked into absences. "Experience Meetings" once a month required members to report on their progress in the Christian life. William Beard, later a missionary to China, was secretary of the organization in 1886.

Here in Huntington, Christian Endeavor was, for a period of time, combined with a Sunday night family prayer and praise service. Mr. Frank Wooster led the singing of old-time gospel hymns, accompanied by Mrs. Eli Baldwin at the organ.

In 1915 the Amity Group formed and met on Friday nights at members' homes. In 1957 the present Pilgrim Fellowship was organized by Rev. Walter Stone and was led by of members of the Yale Divinity School. At present (in 1974) there is a Junior and Senior group; both meet on Sunday nights.



HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL

**Open Enrollment for 2018/2019
School Year Has Begun**

Offering both 3 year old and 4 year old programs

✚ 3's on Tuesday & Thursday
9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (Half Day Program)

✚ 3's on Tuesday & Thursday
9:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Extended Day Program)

✚ 4's on Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (Half Day Program)

✚ 4's on Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Extended Day Program)

Before School Program for enrolled students beginning
at 8:00 a.m.

A \$75 non-refundable registration fee must be paid,
along with the first tuition payment, to enroll a child.

Registration forms can be found in the alcove.

Please call the Director (Linda Rizzitelli) at 203-929-7197
for more information or to schedule a visit.

Thank you for supporting our fundraisers and
for spreading the word about our great school.

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**The Summer Belfry will be available week of  
June 25<sup>th</sup>. Articles are due in the office by June 20<sup>th</sup>.**



## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your

support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

The Connecticut Conference of the UCC's share of this offering goes to support Silver Lake Conference Center, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Faith Formation. Please be generous!

Thank you for your support.

The Mission Committee:

Holly Fassbender, Sheri Dutkanicz, Eva Washenko, Charles Bures



Children's & Robert Wilson Sunday

June 10, 2018

Come and celebrate

Sunday, August 26, 2018

6<sup>th</sup> Annual

Bruce E Hartel Memorial

Antique Car Show

Church Parking Lot



CHURCH  SALE

Women's Fellowship is planning their annual outdoor Tag Sale this year, so get into those attics, basements, storage sheds, and closets! Time to clean out! Tell your friends about it—**spaces are open to all**. Each spot is the size of a parking space. The cost is \$20 per spot and/or donate your proceeds to Women's Fellowship for their projects/missions.

The date is set **for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (note date change)**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Having so many people together prompted more people to browse. We will also be looking for bake sale items.

For more information, call Denise Wilson at 203-929-2656 or email [purplepoodle23@yahoo.com](mailto:purplepoodle23@yahoo.com)



**Pumpkin & Holly Fair**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2018**

The September Belfry will discuss the different areas of the fair where volunteers are needed, but it's never too early to think about how you would like to contribute. From jams and jellies to crafters and soup makers, volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Your help is needed to make this much-loved event a success.

We hope you'll plan to join us. Enjoy your summer.

Pumpkin & Holly Fair Co-Chairs:

Terri Johnston, Justine Connery, Judy Tucker, Jaqui Olivo



**Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**thru Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**VBS needs your help!** This year VBS's theme is *Rolling River Rampage*. We will be learning God's words and works **Monday, June 25 thru Thursday, June 28 from 5:30-7:45pm.** We need help in all areas! If you'd like to volunteer to help during VBS, contact Kirsten Keith (203-929-4225) if you're able to help in any way. Thank you!



## **Graduates**

*Graduate Recognition Sunday is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service.*

We would like to hear from graduates of high school, vocational school, and colleges (both under-graduate and graduate degrees). These adults & young adults will be recognized at the worship service. **We will need the names for the Graduate Sunday bulletin and the summer issue of The Belfry.**

Please e-mail the office at [hcc@snet.net](mailto:hcc@snet.net) or call 203.929.1223 by June 11<sup>th</sup> if you are/or know of a graduate from our church.

## **NEW PARAMENTS**

We have purchased new paraments and we thank the following people who have donated to make this possible.

1. Sue Lindley – (Purple) *Memory of Lois & Herbert Hall*
2. Jaqui Olivo-(Purple) Donation
3. Laura Salvio-(Purple) Donation
4. Lin Mulford – (White & Green) *Memory of Elisabeth Jones*
5. Keegan Family - (Purple) Donation

## **AUCTION REPORT**

We had a wonderful 10<sup>th</sup> Treasures, Talents and Tastes Auction celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Some members made donations from their own businesses or solicited from where they shop and dine. Other members used their creative talents to come up with great items to auction or surveyed their homes and made beautiful donations. The church's committees created wonderful baskets. As a result, this was our most successful auction. The well-fed crowd raised their paddles and went home with some great "T"s. We hope you will join us next year.

The profit of \$10,353 will help support this year's operating budget and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission will receive a check for \$500.

The Auction was the result of the work of many people and we would like to thank everyone who participated. It couldn't have happened without you!

Auction Co-chairs  
Linda and Bob Sember





## Volunteers are needed!

### Let's have a good showing of people!

We will be participating in a Habitat for Humanity workday on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for the signup sheet in the alcove.

Each person is now required to register so please see Bob Moseley (203-925-0383) for a form.

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### CONCERTS ON THE GREEN: WATER GIVE AWAY

The HCCUCC Vitality Team will once again be handing out water and giving away a gift card per week during the Shelton Concerts on the Green. The first concert will be on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Stop by and say hi!

Donations of bottled water and \$25 gift cards for local merchants would be greatly appreciated! Please put the water in the Fellowship Hall marked with "COG". Please give Rev. Lucille, Karen Boroski, or any of the Vitality Team the gift cards.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in keeping this community outreach going.

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### VALLEY FOOD BANK

Please take note of the poster in the Alcove with suggested items for the Valley Food Bank bin in Fellowship Hall. Of course, all items are gratefully accepted, but the Missions Committee put together a list that attempts to target items that may be needed more during certain seasons or months. The items on that list are:

**January** - Soup; **February** - Pasta Sauce;  
**March** - Pancake mix (water only) & Syrup; **April** - Rice;  
**May** - Paper Towels; **June** - Tuna; **July** - Cold Cereal;  
**August** - Peanut Butter & Jelly; **September** - Toilet Paper;  
**October** - Pasta; **November** - Hot Cereal;  
**December** - Flour / Sugar / Salt

### CHOIR MEMBERS Minister of Music, James Bruni



#### SOPRANO:

Marge Brighindi – 22 yrs.  
Samantha Chase – 2 yr.  
Barbara Glynn – 38 yrs.  
Judy Tucker – 3 yrs.

Rita Boland – 5 yrs.  
Justine Connery – 28 yrs.  
Mary Jane Liddel – 8 yrs.

#### ALTO:

Rev. Lucille Fritz – 9 yrs.  
Sue Lindley – 22 yrs.  
Jean Vollaro – 72 yrs.

#### BASS:

Bob Liddel – 5 yrs.

#### BELL CHOIR

Director – James Bruni

Justine Connery – 23 yrs.  
Barbara Glynn- 23 yrs.  
Debbie Oppel – 30 yrs.  
Judy Tucker – 7 yrs.

John Glenn – 24 + yrs.  
Cherylyn Lee – 7 yrs.  
Gail Schoennagel – 7 yrs.

### SACRED DANCE CHOIR

Director, Jill Chase – 54 yrs.



Samantha Chase – 11 yrs.  
Mary Jane Liddel – 11 yrs.  
Kaitlyn Patchkofsky – 17 yrs.  
Justine Connery – 15 yrs.

Barbara Glynn – 15 yrs.  
Sue Lindley – 15 yrs.  
Judy Tucker – 15 yrs.  
Rita Boland – 1 yr.

*Our thanks to our Minister of Music, James Bruni,  
members of the Choir, Bell Choir;  
Sacred Dance Director, Jill Chase and Sacred Dance Members.*

*The sharing of their talents is a very important  
and special part of our Church program.*

*We thank you all!*

**Minister**  
**Rev. Lucille L. Fritz**

**Moderator**  
Laura Salvio

**Deacon Chairperson**  
Justine Connery

**Trustee Co-Chairs**  
Bob Sember/  
Ed Zinsky

**Minister of Music**  
James T. Bruni

**Director of  
Christian Education**  
Kirsten E. Keith

**Women's Fellowship  
President**  
Sue Lindley

**Huntington Center  
Nursery School  
Director/Teacher**  
Linda Rizzitelli

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

**Office Manager/  
Belfry Editor**  
Karen S. Boroski

Prayer List

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Marion Fairbanks    | Gertrude Wilson    |
| Arlene & Steve Grey | Barbara Grisgraber |
| Ruth Johnston       | Irene Patrick      |
| Danny Schmitt       | Donald Smith       |
| James Margolies     | Corey Glynn        |
| Tom Taylor          | Marie              |
| Bill Nicholas       | Don McEwen         |
| Chris Schoennagel   | Sam Mulford        |
| Bill Thresher       | Jimmy Godfrey      |
| Dolores Vecchione   | Bruce Bickley      |
| CK Walls            | Jeff Hukill        |
| Karen Brown         | Wayne & Maureen    |
| Bobby Saddler       | Doreen P.          |
| Lindsay Provenzano  | Lorraine Bruni     |
| Chek                | Shelia Klein       |
| Gail Pivarnik       | Ellen Green        |
| Joan Risner         | Clifford Young     |
| Christie            | Tom                |
| Rich Norko          | Nick Macero        |
| Janet Maloney       | Ms. Rowen          |
| Therese Ng          | Sandy L.           |
| Elena Thornton      |                    |

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

- 1 Max Bracchi, Lukas Zinsky,
- 2 Gary Morrison
- 3 Rick Heiden, Walter Hempel, Mike Crawford
- 5 Rich Steinis, Samantha Bailey
- 7 Megan Melanson
- 10 Terri Johnston, Margie Mingrone
- 11 Tom Ryder, Kevin Sands
- 12 Judy Tucker
- 13 Gordon Bauer
- 16 Roland Wehger
- 18 Deb Zinsky
- 22 Kaitlin Patchkofsky, Eva House, Matthew Zelanin
- 23 Suzanne Bracchi
- 24 Elliot Wilson
- 27 Sandra Chandler, Ruth Stewart
- 28 Nancy Passaro, Charlotte Schlegel
- 29 Kevin McCarthy
- 30 Barbara Glynn, Brady Kellogg



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

- 1 Marge & Ed Brighindi, Rob & Stacy Boroski
- 3 Trish & Brad Wells
- 4 Joan & Joe Bloemen, Debbie & Ray Oppel, Amy & Schuyler Wells
- 7 Sheila & Bob Moseley
- 9 Mary Jane & Bob Liddel, Muriel & Stephen Csire
- 10 Barbara & Jim Connery, Sarah & AJ Bordos
- 13 Dan Oliva & Stephen Guralnick
- 14 Karen & Bob Boroski
- 23 Denise & Steve Wilson
- 24 Patty & Win Oppel



*"I wish to thank Council, Women's Fellowship, Rev. Lucille and those who remembered me with gifts (& lunch) on Administrative Assistance Day, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all!*

*Peace, Karen"*

# JUNE 2018



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                               | MONDAY                                                                                                     | TUESDAY                                                          | WEDNESDAY                                             | THURSDAY                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                          | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                |
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| 3<br>9:30am-Communion<br>Worship/Sunday<br>School/Child Care<br>11:30am- Opioid<br>Program                                                                           | 4                                                                                                          | 5<br><br>7pm-Trustees-library                                    | 6<br><br>6pm-Troop 101                                | 7<br><br>6pm-TOPS-RH                                             | 8<br>9:15am-HCNS-FH<br><br>Spooher House Meal<br>(WF EX BRD) | 9<br><br>9 am – 2 pm                                 |
| 10<br>9:30am – Worship &<br>Child Care<br>Robert Wilson Sunday<br>                  | 11<br>9:15am-HCNS-FH<br>Graduation                                                                         | 12<br><br>7pm-Council-library                                    | 13<br>9:15am-HCNS Camp<br><br>6pm – Troop 101         | 14<br>9:15am-HCNS Camp<br><br>6pm-TOPS-RH                        | 15<br>9:15am-HCNS Camp                                                                                                                          | 16                                                                                                                                      |
| 17 FATHER'S DAY<br><br>9:30am – Worship &<br>Child Care<br>GRADUATE<br>SUNDAY<br> | 18                                                                                                         | 19<br><br>6:30pm – Pastoral<br>Relations Committee<br>@Parsonage | 20<br><br>6:30pm – Women's<br>Fellowship -Plaza Diner | 21 Lucille's Prayer Day<br><br>Offices Closed<br><br>6pm-TOPS-RH | 22                                                                                                                                              | 23                                                                                                                                      |
| 24<br>9:30am – Worship &<br>Child Care                                                                                                                               | 25<br><br>5:30pm-7:45pm | 26<br><br>7pm – Diaconate - library                              | 27<br><br>7pm-Concert on Green                        | 28<br><br>6pm-TOPS-RH                                            | 29                                                                                                                                              | 30<br>8:30 am- Habitat for<br>Humanity workday<br> |

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

