



**March  
2018**



**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR  
CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR  
BEFORE YOU RETIRE ON  
MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>**

# **"THE BELFRY"**



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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	Barbara Grisgraber
Ruth Johnston	Lydia Fritz
Danny Schmitt	Muriel Csire
James Margolies	Corey Glynn
Tom Taylor	Marie
Barbara Parrelli	Don McEwen
Chris Schoennagel	Sam Mulford
Bill Thresher	Elaine Dalton
Dolores Vecchione	Bruce Bickley
Amy Brandt	Jeff Hukill
Karen Brown	Wayne & Maureen
Bobby Saddler	Doreen P.
Lindsay Provenzano	Anne Pocevic
Chek	Shelia Klein
Gail Pivarnik	Rich Steinis
Joan Risner	Irene Patrick
Jeanette, Bob, Christie, Tom, Gene	
Eric Schlegel	

*With  
Sympathy*

*Our Condolences to the family of David Ryder, father of Tom Ryder, who entered into rest on February 15, 2018. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of bereavement.*

**FROM OUR MINISTER...**

**Dear Folks,**

***It hasn't been the snowiest winter, nor the coldest. But, so far, the weather has seemed more unsettled than usual: little bit of rain, little bit of snow, a little bit of ice, warm up, cool down. Sheesh!***

***This weather reminds me of life in general. It can be going along smoothly, and then, it becomes unpredictable, unsettled. We certainly see that in the accounts of Jesus' life. He was doing his preaching, teaching, healing, and loving. Then, things became very unsettled and unsettling. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday...***

***But, we do know how it all turned out. God had the last word and God always will. So, no matter how unsettled life may be, God is there, always, and forever.***

***"I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5***

***That, we can count on!***

***Peace,  
Rev. Lucille***



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Rev. Lucille's Prayer days are March 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## The Shelton Clergy Lenten Services

Will begin with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. provided by the host church, followed by the worship service at 7:00 p.m. The offering will benefit *The Spooner House Shelter*. Please

make checks payable to: **Huntington United Methodist Church with SCA-Spooner House in memo.**

The Wednesday Lenten service schedule is as follows:

- March 7<sup>th</sup> St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church  
505 Shelton Ave.
- March 14<sup>th</sup> First Baptist Church  
178 Leavenworth Road
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Huntington United Methodist Church  
338 Walnut Tree Hill Rd

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**At Huntington Congregational Church UCC**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday – 6:30 p.m. – Seder**  
**7:45 p.m. – Service of Tenebrae**

**March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service –**  
**Noon and 7 p.m.**



**Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m.**  
**Jones Family Farm**

**Easter Worship – HCCUCC**  
**9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**



This year, we will not be participating in bowling but we will be taking a collection on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute, please note on your contribution “Bowl 2 Benefit Umbrella” Please give generously.

## **HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL** **BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER**



The Huntington Center Nursery School will be holding its annual Butter Braid fundraiser beginning in March. Items will be Braided Pastry & Crisps. Order forms will be available after Sunday worship in Fellowship Hall on February 25<sup>th</sup> & March 4<sup>th</sup>. Orders are due by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Your support is always appreciated



**LOST:** possibly in parking lot: Silver pendent on a fine chain, small silver star, engraved with HGS 38. If found, please leave in the church office or in Karen’s box in the alcove. Thank you.

## Church Council Highlights FEBRUARY 2018

**MODERATOR:** Laura thanked everyone for helping her with her first annual meeting. She inquired if the offices' computer issues were resolved – things are functioning ok.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship letters have gone out – dues deadline March 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12 per confirmed member.

**TRUSTEES:** We released cleaning ladies and KKS Associates Inc. has been hired and are working out very well. A person accidentally ran into Reuman House with her car with some damage knocking down wrought iron railing and slight damage to the house itself. She was not injured. Bob Margolies working on getting Reuman House on Historic Registry to receive a grant.

**DIACONATE:** Lenten dinner 6pm here on February 28<sup>th</sup>, service at 7pm. 3 services for Easter—6:30am- sunrise at Jones' Family Farm, 9am & 11am service in our Sanctuary. There is no passing of the peace during flu season. Justine moved to remove 34 inactive members and Sue Lindley seconded. Motion carried. List will be brought to annual meeting next year. March 4<sup>th</sup> Rabbi Eliana Falk, a native of Shelton, will do a presentation on Passover after a brunch.

**MISSIONS:** The Spooner House calendar is all filled for the balance of the year.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Rebecca Miller to give tax seminar on February 25<sup>th</sup> after church. Corned Beef dinner will be March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Prices same as last year. Denise Wilson has been chosen as our Woman of the Year nominee for the CTWUCC meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> in Mystic. Denise has offered to make a plaque of the current Deacons so folks are aware who they are.

**CHRISTIAN ED:** Pancake brunch was held. VBS will be run as last year with other churches assisting – it will be held at HCCUCC.

**MINISTER:** Non-directive coaching, with Jim Latimer providing free direction, will start this Sunday with a Skype session from 11-1 with the committee. It will take about 3-4 months to complete – will meet about 9 times. February 25<sup>th</sup> is Scout Sunday. Aaron Corcino is going for his God and Church badge. Lenten services will be on Wednesday nights through March. There was an issue with the Shelton Clergy Tax number, so donations must be made out to Huntington United Methodist Church. No interest in forming bowling team for Bowl to Benefit, so donations will be accepted. Thanked Justine for “playing” the organ on Sunday. Suggestion: perhaps James could program “Passing of the Peace” music so he could start organ and then come down to conduct the choir.

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### Reminder for Membership Dues

Each year, we ask our members to contribute their Membership Dues to help defray additional cost to HCCUCC. Due date is March 1<sup>st</sup> for \$12 per member for 2018. If you have not already done so, you may place your dues contribution in the offering plate, by mobile phone app or **On Line Giving at** [huntingtonucc.org](http://huntingtonucc.org) If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or for additional gifts, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As life can be hectic, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit [huntingtonucc.org](http://huntingtonucc.org) or contact the church office for more information. Thank you!



## **2018 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

### **PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Sue Lindley          Robin Hartel          Pastor  
Gerry Fassbender          Tom Ryder

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

Deacons – Justine Connery  
Trustees – Bob Sember & Ed Zinsky  
Stewardship – Jaqui Olivo  
Christian Education – Kirsten Keith  
Nursery – Denise Wilson & Debbie Oppel  
Missions – Holly Fassbender

### **TRUSTEES AREAS OF CONCERN:**

Co-Chairs – Bob Sember & Ed Zinsky  
Parsonage – Ed Zinsky  
Fellowship Hall – Deb Margolies  
Reuman House – Steve Wilson  
Sanctuary – Merle Chase  
Grounds – Bob Liddel

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Congratulations to Olivia and Ryan Oppel on the birth of their daughter, Avery Adele, born January 30, 2018. Grandparents are Deb & Ray Oppel & Great-Grandparents Joan & Joe Bloemen.



Congratulations to Cory & Matt Miller on the birth of their son, Connor Cade, born February 2, 2018 at 7lbs. 4oz. Robin Hartel is Grammaw.



### **OGHS OFFERING MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**

**The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world.

When a disaster strikes, or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

***The 2018 OGHS offering will be taken on March 25<sup>h</sup>.*** Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.





***Mark Your Calendar  
For the Women's Fellowship Annual  
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner***

Women's Fellowship will hold their Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$8 for children 10 and under. Hot dog dinners: two hot dogs w/vegetables are \$8 and one hot dog w/chips is \$4.00. Tickets will be on sale after church or you may see Karen in the office.

***Proceeds will benefit the church's Operating Budget***



**LENTEN CLAM CHOWDER  
AND  
HOMEMADE BREAD**

Women's Fellowship will be preparing Manhattan and New England Clam Chowder and a variety of homemade breads. To place your order, sign up on the sheet in the alcove or call the church office (203 929-1223). Pick-up will be on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Chowder is \$10.00 per quart. The prices on the homemade breads vary.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE**

Our Women's Fellowship Circles are putting together the Gift of the Heart Kits for Church World Service. We have a need for items to complete the kits. If you can help us in any way we would greatly appreciate your gift.

We will be collecting the following items to fill these kits during February and March until April 8<sup>th</sup>. Your gifts can be left in the CWS box or Women's Fellowship box in our Fellowship Hall. All kits will be packed by April.

**School Kits:**

- |                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ~ blunt scissors              | ~ Box 24 crayons (only 24)   |
| ~ Pencil sharpeners-hand held | ~ Spiral notebooks-70 sheets |
| ~ 12 inch rulers              | ~ New Pencils w/erasers      |
| ~ Large eraser                |                              |

**Hygiene Kits:**

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| ~ Combs (wide tooth only)          | ~ Nail clippers |
| ~ Bath size soap in wrapper        | ~ Washcloths    |
| ~ 3" Band-aids                     | ~ Hand towels   |
| ~ Toothbrushes in original package |                 |

Many thanks for your donations and continued support of this project.

Please call Laura Salvio (203-925-0756) with any questions.

## TAX WORKSHOP

Women's Fellowship is bringing back Rebecca Miller for a special tax workshop on Sunday, February 25, following our service. Following is a description. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome—bring a friend! Sign up is in the alcove. Questions? See or call Denise Wilson 203-929-2656 (Snow date is March 4).

### *Women's Fellowship of HCC*

#### *presents a Tax Workshop*

Many of you attended our special program on Social Security. We had a terrific response, so we are bringing Rebecca Miller back. Below is a description of what will be discussed

Please join us for a tax workshop where you will learn important changes that will affect your 2018 taxes. We will discuss changes in future tax brackets, modified deductions and credits and how they may limit or eliminate your Schedule A itemized deductions, including mortgage interest, charitable contributions and medical expenses. We will discuss limitations to the state and local taxes (SALT) and how the AMT calculations will now be calculated. There are also changes to the estate tax and corporate tax rates. Should these changes eliminate the tax benefit of charitable contributions, we will discuss options to help you protect your portfolio and still leave a lasting legacy to your favorite charity and family.

***Sunday, February 25***

***In Fellowship Hall (following our service)***

***Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served.***

Sign up in the alcove. Contact Denise Wilson with any questions. 203 929-2656

Presented by Rebecca Miller and the Financial Awareness Foundation – a non-profit dedicated to the advancement of financial literacy. Securities offered through USA Financial Securities Member FINRA/SIPC. A Registered Investment Adviser.



## Scholarship Applications for Silver Lake Summer Camp

If your child has enrolled in the Silver Lake Summer Conference camp program, they are eligible for scholarships from HCC and Fairfield East Association. See Rev. Lucille or Karen for an application.



<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Nursery School</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>All Women's Group</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship Brd.</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Missions</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>Nominating</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Diaconate</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Christian Ed</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Stewardship</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>Holly Fassbender</b>

### **PASSOVER PRESENTATION: RABBI ELIANA FALK**

Shelton native, Rabbi Eliana Falk, will present a program on the Jewish Passover on Sunday, March 4 at Noon. The HCCUCC Deacons will host a brunch following worship preceding the presentation. Please sign up in the alcove to reserve your brunch seat!

## DID YOU KNOW?

Music has always played a major role at HCCUCC. In 1950 a new Rogers organ was purchased by contributions made by members and friends of the church according to Bernard Odell, chair of the Music Committee. It featured 3 AGO 61 note overhanging and tilted keyboards and also had an AHO 32 note concave and radiating pedal claviar, double touch preset pistons, Sforzando piston and toe stud. It had air sound, baroque cliff and choir flutes, organ harp and carillion; two independent celestes on the swell diapason, flute, string and reed voices. An organ and service of dedication was held on Sunday, October 13, 1950 at 8 p.m. at the church. It featured Richard F. Fowler, organist and master of the choristers at St. John's Episcopal Church in Bridgeport. Among those who selected the organ in addition to Bernie Odell was Arlene Wells.

## What's so special about this Easter?

The Huntington Congregational UCC Church Choir and Bell Choir are preparing an anthem for Easter entitled "Alleluia, Alleluia" (Resurrection) by American-born composer/arranger, Noble Cain (1896-1977). Noble Cain was director of the celebrated Chicago A Cappella Choir heard over NBC Radio each Sunday at 4:30 p.m. EDT. Jean (Nicholas) Vollaro remembers singing this anthem with the choir on Easter Sunday, 1947 (See below, seated first from right). As this is an epic piece of grand proportions, I cordially invite you to sing it with us this Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 8:30, with a dress rehearsal Saturday afternoon at 4. Space is limited so please email me at [JTBruni@aol.com](mailto:JTBruni@aol.com) if you are interested.

I look forward to hearing from you!



Left to right-front row—*Eliza Taylor, Mary Taylor, Mrs. Donald Irans, Dorothy Nicholas, Guila Hawley, Mrs. Myron Thomas, Mrs. Clarence Webb, Jr., Mrs. John Clark, Mrs. George Carter, Jean Nicholas.*

Rear row—*Robert Wilson, Kenneth Lee, Francis Belden, William Smith, Myron Thomas, Mrs. E. Roswell Hawley, Choir Director, the Rev. Frederick W. Whittaker, pastor, Mrs. Wisner Wilson, organist, Robert Wells, Elizabeth Carpenter, Mrs. William Hohn, Mrs. Eldridge Belden, and Lawrence Clark.*





## EASTER FLOWERS

Lovely spring flowers will again grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please note below how many of each flower you would like to order. All pots are 8".

#\_\_\_ Hyacinth - \$12.00      #\_\_\_ Tulips - \$12.00  
 #\_\_\_ Lilies - \$14.00      #\_\_\_ Daffodils - \$12.00

Cash (x) \_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Judy Tucker 203-929-5174

Orders **must** be received by **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Your order as well as your payment (checks made payable to Huntington Congregational Church with "Easter Flower" noted) can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to:

Huntington Congregational Church, UCC  
 c/o Judy Tucker  
 19 Church Street  
 Shelton, CT 06484

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please check the following box if you do NOT plan to take your plant after Easter Service.

- ☐ I will not be taking my plant after Easter Service; please bring it to a shut-in.

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

- 1 Samantha Mingrone
- 2 Lorelei Bordas
- 3 Ryan Oppel
- 4 Megan Csire
- 5 Emma Crawford
- 6 Eric Gerhard
- 7 Paul Passaro
- 8 Nate Wells
- 10 Ace Ricker
- 13 Jean Belyea
- 15 Danielle Corrone, Cathleen Higgins
- 16 Linda St. George
- 17 Patti Oppel
- 18 Johanne Noble
- 19 Lois Nagy
- 20 Jocelyn Boroski
- 21 Joey Mingrone, Lori Wannagot
- 23 Rev. Lucille Fritz
- 24 Kristen Stone
- 26 Edwina Corner, Julia Markarian, Jennifer McCarthy
- 29 Jackson Taylor











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

- 30 Eva & Dick House



# MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	2 	3 8am-Yoga-FH 9am-6pm-Jill-FH & Classroom
4 9:30am-Worship-Communion/Child Care	5	6 7pm-Trustees -library	7 10am-Quiet Hour 6pm-Supper& 7pm-Service St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church 	8 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	 Spooner House Meal OPEN	10 8am-Yoga-FH
11 Daylight Savings  9:30am-Worship-Corrone Baptism /Sunday School/Child Care/ Bowl-2-Benefit Collection	12	13 7pm-Council - library	14 10am-Quiet Hour 6pm-Supper@ 1st Baptist Church & 7pm-Service 	15 Lucille's Prayer Day 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	16	17 8am-Yoga-FH 5:30pm-Corned Beef Dinner-FH 
18 9:30am-Worship/Sunday School/Child Care 10:30am-Butter Braid orders	19 3-8pm-Jill -classroom	20 7:15pm-WF - RH	21 6pm-Supper@Huntington United Methodist & 7pm-Service 	22 6pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	23	24 8am-Yoga-FH 9:30am-Chowder
25  9:30am-Worship/Sunday School/Child Care	26	27 6:30pm-HCNS meeting 7:15pm-Diaconate meeting	28	29  Maundy Thursday 6:30pm-Seder 7:45pm-Tenebrae	30 Good Friday  Noon-Service 7pm-Service	31 Choir Practice

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