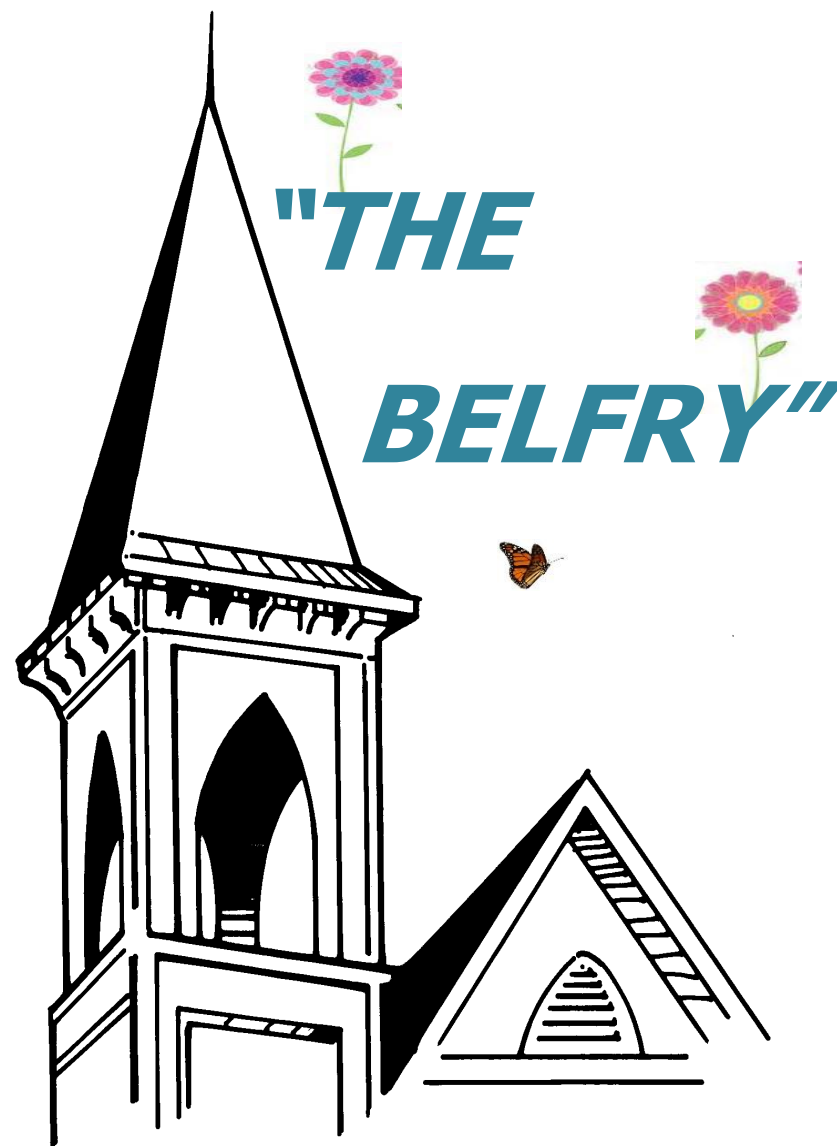


An Open and Affirming Congregation



**2nd Tri-Conference Annual Meeting
United Church of Christ**

**Friday & Saturday, June 15-16, 2018
Mass Mutual Center
Springfield, MA**



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From Our Minister...

Dear Folks,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, and words and deeds of comfort surrounding me on the passing of my mother, Lydia Fritz. She was a unique, strong, and faithful woman and will be sorely missed by my family and me.

My mother's funeral was lovely. The Rev. David Shoobridge did a great job.

The flowers from HCCUCC were especially lovely, thank you!

A special thank you goes out to Laura Salvio and Sue Lindley who made the long trek down to Barnesville for Mom's funeral. I was so surprised and am infinitely grateful. They brought the love from all of you!

It's a sad and hard time right now, but, I know Mom is with Dad and my brother Leonard, and all who have gone on before. They are safely in God's eternal care. Life goes on; love never dies.

Sending you my gratitude and love...

*Peace,
Rev. Lucille*

LEO: Let's Eat Out!

Watch the Alcove for our sign-up sheet for the next LEO.
Time and date to be announced!

REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAY

Rev. Lucille's prayer day will be on May 17th and June 21st.
If you have a concern for her to raise up, please let her know.

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
Jeanette, Bob, Christie, Tom, Gene	
Rich Norko	Nick Macero

*With
Sympathy*

Minister Rev. Lucille L. Fritz

Moderator
Laura Salvio

Deacon Co-Chairs
Justine Connery/
Gail Schoennagel

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

Our heartfelt condolences to Rev. Lucille on the passing of her mother, Lydia Fritz, on April 15, 2018.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during their time of bereavement.

Church Council Highlights April 2018

MODERATOR: Committee meeting – Focus Group – with Jim Latimer is going very well. She will be giving update Sunday, 4/15.

TRUSTEES: Been purging furniture from basement of Reuman House. Gordon Harris will replace the car stops in front of Reuman House. Spring clean-up changed from April 28 to May 19 with rain date as May 26. Called in plumber to replace water faucet in Fellowship Hall kitchen.

DIACONATE: Three new sets of paraments purchased – white, green and purple. It was a busy but good Holy Week. 71 and 68 present at Easter services and over 150 at sunrise service. Working on their auction basket.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: right side of kitchen oven has been fixed. Delivered 60 school kits, 50 hygiene kits and 8 clean-up buckets. Check for \$725 given to Andy as profit from the Corned Beef dinner for general fund. Board will be donating gift card from El Coyote for auction. Women's group will be donating a Mexican basket. About 10 people will attend CTWUCC Spring Gathering in Mystic to honor Denise Wilson. Reuman House cleaning – after the initial cleaning the end of April, including upstairs hallway and cobweb removal and bathroom cleaning, would like to have the first-floor front rooms cleaned once a month as well as first and second floor bathrooms monthly during the time RH is open.

STEWARDSHIP: Theme for this year: “Overflowing Joy, Abundant Generosity”. Campaign will be 4 Sundays in October with a different topic each week. Doing auction basket in conjunction with Nominating.

CHRISTIAN ED: VBS is being planned. It will be in conjunction with other area churches; we will be the host church.

NURSERY SCHOOL: Butter braid fund raiser went well. Canceled classes on Friday 4/6 due to both teachers being out, but they will make up day later. Contracts to be reviewed in June. The playscape needs to be refinished again.

MISSIONS: Blanket Sunday May 13. Will ask members to bring blankets that have special meaning and a display will be set up. Will do basket for auction. Will suggest different items monthly for Spooner House donation.

PASTOR: Lucille spoke to Gerry Fassbender – the boat club is available either 9/8 for Leadership Retreat – it was decided. Will review results of Focus Group and look at upcoming projects. Lucille is working on opioid program in conjunction with St. Paul's. It will be June 3 at 11:30 at our church - St. Paul's will organize the program; light lunch will be provided. Will be open to public. 4/15 is bag message and Moderator's Moment. Next Focus Group meeting 4/22 after church. 4/29 will be auction sermon and hymns. She is asking for pix of people's favorite things or places to use in that service. Lucille's computer is acting up again – it needs a good clean-up. May 6 communion, 5/13 baptism and 5/20 Pentecost and music Sunday. Will be last Sunday for choir for the summer. Next prayer day is 4/19.



Now that the days are warmer, it is time to do some work on our church grounds. If you can help on Saturday, May 19th beginning at 8:30 a.m., please sign up on the poster in the alcove and don't forget to bring your tools. Rain date will be May 26th.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

Time to register for the 10th Annual Treasures, Talents and Tastes Auction

Saturday, May 5th, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Various Auction types

- ❖ Live Auction
- ❖ Silent Auction
- ❖ Bag Auction



There is a \$10.00 per person registration fee.
A portion of the registration fee will go to support the
Bridgeport Rescue Mission and each registrant will
receive three tickets for the bag auction.

Come and Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!

There's something for everyone:
Delicious food (don't eat before you come)!
Treasures, talents, and services to bid on.
A fun way to support our church.

This has been a great event and we hope that you will attend and
invite your
friends to join you...remember, this is the largest fundraiser for our
church.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Linda Sember at
203 929-5853.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Blanket Offering

Sunday, May 13, 2018

The CWS Blanket offering will be on May 13th. This offering provides blankets, tents, and emergency supplies in the wake of disaster. The funds also provide material assistance, education training and small enterprise loans as part of sustainable development programs. Envelopes for donations can be found in the pews. Please give generously and help those less fortunate with a gift of hope.

To emphasize the importance of blankets, the Mission Committee requests that folks bring in their favorite blanket with an explanation of why it's so special on May 6th. Blankets will be displayed on May 13th and explanations read. Thank you for your support!

Your Mission Committee,

Holly Fassbender, Sheri Dutkanicz, Eva Washenko, Charles Bures



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 2nd, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date June 9th). 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

College Scholarships

The Huntington Congregational Church, UCC is offering its members college scholarships for those who are continuing their education in the fall (not restricted to high school seniors). Please contact the church office for an application form or to have one e-mailed to you. All completed applications are due into the office by **May 20th**. Scholarships will be presented during the worship service on Graduate Sunday, June 17th.



Graduate Sunday

We will celebrate Graduate Sunday on June 17th. If you know of a high school, tech school, or college graduate, please e-mail or call Karen in the office with the name of the student, school and degree, if applicable. We will need the names for the Graduate Sunday bulletin and the summer issue of The Belfry. Thank You!



"ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE"

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!

DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday, November 7, 1965 was the first workshop for Sacred Dance at HCC. Miss Lura Ellsworth, led the group for a few weeks with Miss Jill Burns (now Jill Chase) assisting. Their first interpretation was The Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Chase had the girls ready for their first performance on December 19, 1965 during the church school Christmas program.

A second group of Sacred Dancers were formed during January of 1967. They then became the Senior and Junior Sacred dancers. The Senior group traveled to other churches to present a worship service and children's program in many churches within Connecticut and twice at the Quaker Church in White Plains, NY. They also visited convalescent homes.

In December of 1967 they presented an original Christmas Play and a religious interpretation of the First Christmas for the church and the public. Admission was a toy which were given to nearby children's homes and hospitals.

Many girls and adults have participated in the Sacred Dance program – it began with six members and over the last 53 years many, many girls and women and young men have had the opportunity to benefit from Jill's instruction and leadership. This is a unique group which has brought much joy to members of the church and the community and are all grateful for Jill's great friendship and love of dance!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Huntington Green



Children's & Robert Wilson Sunday

June 10, 2018

Come and celebrate



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, August 26, 2018

6th Annual

Bruce E Hartel Memorial

Antique Car Show

Church Parking Lot



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)



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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.

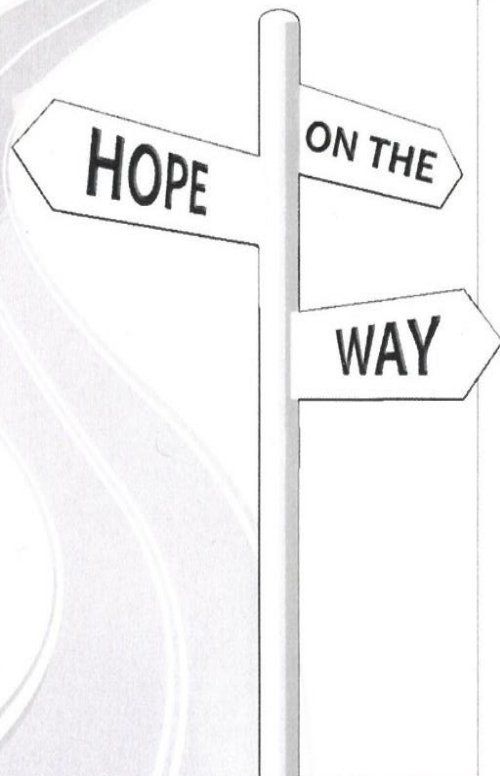
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Don't miss it!

- Dynamic worship and a keynote address by the Rev. Traci Blackmon
- Discussion and voting about a potential new, united conference
- Ministry sharing and fellowship with UCC members in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island



READ details about how we might form a new conference of the United Church of Christ
and **REGISTER** for the Meeting at:

Connecticut Conference	ctucc.org/TriConAM
Massachusetts Conference	macucc.org/TriConAM
Rhode Island Conference	ricucc.org/TriConAM

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 1, 2018

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







- 1 Terry Mulherin
- 3 Barbara Grisgraber, Megan McCarthy
- 5 Thomas Kane, Attila Bordas
- 6 Shirley Bleston, Dick Dormer
- 11 Jacqui Olivo, Deb Russell
- 12 Nikole Lindley, Jeffrey Kane
- 14 Bob Nagy
- 15 Angela Simics, Julia Simics,
Richard Simics, William Simics,III
- 18 Tim Oppel, Sheri Dutkanicz, Jennifer Crawford
- 22 Merle Chase, Taylor Melanson
- 23 Dawn Higgins, Susan Roberts
- 25 Carolyn Hempel, Ed Grisgraber,
Margaret Corrone, Dick House
- 27 Lucas Kellogg, Jayne Kneen, Joe Bloemen
- 29 Cindy Kane
- 30 Joshua Crawford

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



- 1 Lynn & Soren Ibsen
- 5 Lois & James Ricker
- 6 Lisa & Tony Jimenez
- 24 Linda & Rich Griswold



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7pm-Trustees meeting	2 10am-1 pm-HCNS-FH 6:30pm-Stewardship-library Troop 101-FH	3 National Day of Prayer 10am-1 pm-HCNS-FH 6pm-TOPS-RH 7:15pm-Choir rehearsal	4 AUCTION SET-UP	5 8am-Yoga-FH 6 p.m. - AUCTION 
6 9:30am-Communion Worship/Child Care	7 7:15pm-WF Ex Brd-RH	8 7pm-Council meeting	9 Troop 101-FH	10 6pm-TOPS-RH 7:15pm-Choir rehearsal	11 Spooner House Meal All Women's grp. 	12 8am-Yoga-FH
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30am-Worship- Sunday School/Child Care/Baptism Blanket Sunday	14	15	16 7:30pm-WF - RH Troop 101-FH	17 <i>Lucille's Prayer Day</i> 6pm-TOPS-RH 7:15pm-Choir rehearsal	18	19 8am-Yoga-FH 8:30am- Church Grounds Spring Clean- up
20  Music Sunday 9:30am-Worship Child Care	21	22	23 Troop 101-FH	24 6pm-TOPS-RH	25	26 8am-Yoga-FH 8:30am- Clean- up raindate
27 9:30am- Worship/Sunday School/ Child Care Baptism-Bordas	28 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>Memorial Day</i>	29 Diaconate – 7:15pm	30 Troop 101-FH	31 6pm-TOPS-RH		

You may view the Belfry & Calendar on our website at www.huntingtonucc.org