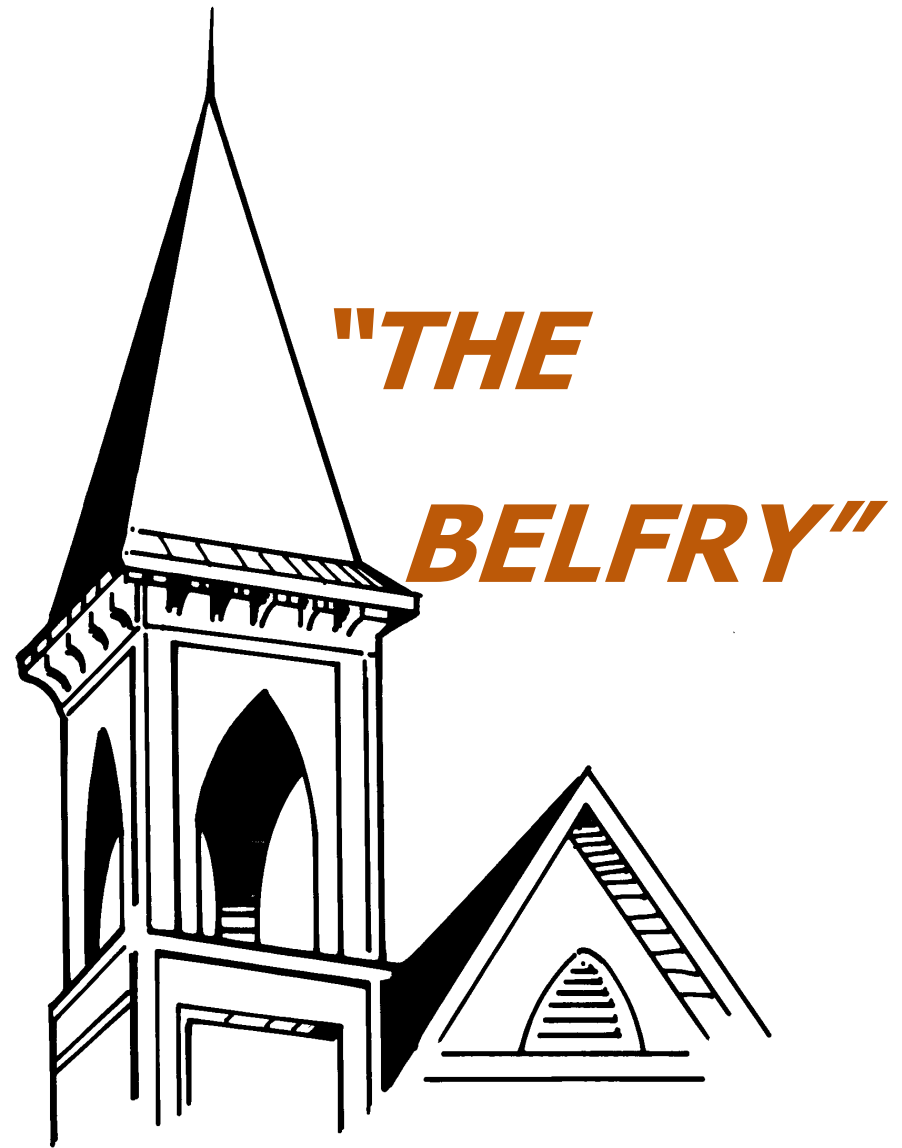


NOVEMBER 2017

LET US NOT
FORGET....



Before retiring on **Saturday, November 4th**,
turn your clocks back one hour. Daylight Savings
Time will end as you sleep.



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FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Folks,

October 29th, the culmination of our Season of Generosity, "In Gathering Sunday" focuses on "How Can I Say Thank You to God?"

How can we say thank you to God? November is the month when we do focus on Thanksgiving, the day when we stop to really account for God's blessings in our lives.

How do we stop to give thanks? A brief grace before we gorge ourselves with turkey? A perfunctory prayer before we get out of bed in the morning or go to sleep at night? A whispered, "Thank you", sometime during the day? I would hope that it would be all of these, and not just on Thanksgiving Day.

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. May we live our lives in a perpetual state of thankfulness!

"Praise God! We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 106:1, adapted.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Lucille



SEASON OF GENEROSITY

During our Season of Generosity, we have 3 members of the congregation giving Testimonials to discuss what the church means to them. They offer inspiration to "Keep the Conversation Going," by letting others know how faith and the church play a meaningful part of life. They are Jaqui Olivo, Aaron Corcino (pictured) and Bob Margolies.



The 294th Annual Meeting of the Huntington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ will be held on **January 21, 2018 with a snow date of January 28th**. 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.

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

Your promptness is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU TO ALL!!
2017
ANNUAL WORSHIP



& ALL CHURCH PICNIC



Gertrude tosses water balloon to Gordon
as Joan stands by.



Rev. Lucille's Travelogue- 2017
ENGLAND



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 2017

TRUSTEES: Nothing major right now – just some small repairs. Brad Wells promised to have the trees cut down before the Fair.

NOMINATING: In pretty good shape. Lynn Ibsen agreed to do Nursery Committee. Only one open position.

CHRISTIAN ED: Picnic went very well. Rally Sunday was 9/24 and Sunday School is up and running. Have a new curriculum called All in One Sunday School. Geared for multiple classes in one setting. They ask that any adult who would like to teach a session, please let Jenny or Kirsten know. It is very easy as this program is well-organized and all prepared. No confirmation class this year. Per Rev. Lucille, there will be 4 eligible next year. Fall festival last Sunday in October. They will have games, arts and crafts and refreshments. CE will serve the Spooner House meal for October 13. Pageant idea all ready and dates are set through the end of the year.

Rev. Lucille Fritz: No bag message this month. Next bag message November 19th. Aaron Corcino will do Stewardship message October 15th.

MISSIONS: Will work on their budget.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: October 22nd will be a meeting on Downsizing – open to all. Gail Schoennagel invited 3 new women members to join our group. Ingredient tags are on tree in Alcove. Due to postal service laws, raffle tix cannot be mailed. Will be handed out after service next few weeks and letters sent to those who are unable to pick theirs up at church. Special thank you to Shirley Bleston and her church for their help with the quilt as well as the HCCUCC's quilters for finishing it so nicely.

DIACONATE: November 12th two baptisms and new members will be taken in November 5th followed by a small reception. Rev. Lucille will be away November 26th, Rev. Carol Rawls will be preaching that Sunday.

MODERATOR: Laura reminded committees budgets are due October 29th and committee reports are due to Karen by Dec. 1st. Bob Sember asked that Andy send out a report for each committee showing a summary of what was budgeted, what was spent, and how much is left for each category.

MINISTER: Travelogue on her trip to England October 15th at 6:30 p.m.. November 29th, “In-Gathering Sunday” Rev. Lucille will give the “year in review” PowerPoint presentation and Cherylyn Lee will run projector. On November 5th new members will be recognized: *Marion Quaka, Theresa Adams, Elliot and Valerie Wilson, and Philip Saba*. The Schlegels have also expressed interest and after the 1st of the year Nancy Ibsen and Joanna Noble will probably be joining us.

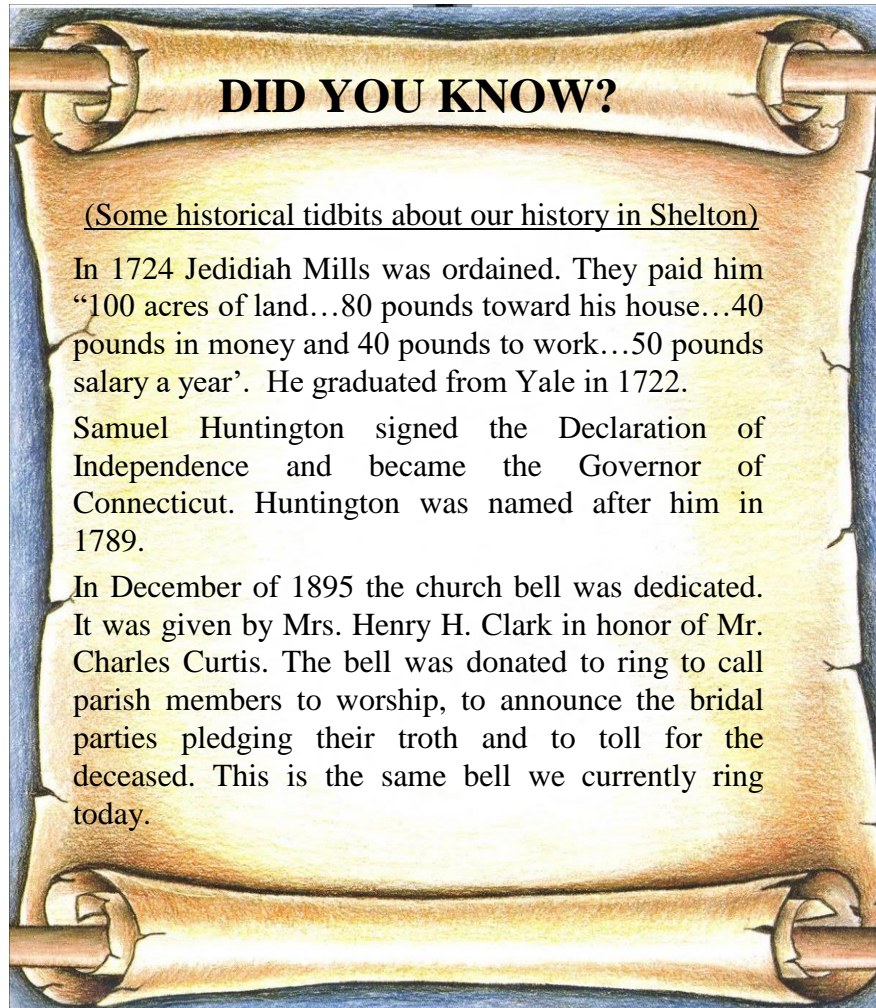
After Sunday worship, Soren, Karen and Sue and sometimes Robin are trying to count money in Karen's office – they need a few minutes of quiet so we are asking folks to respect their privacy during that time.

Rev. Lucille said perhaps we should consider forming an ad hoc committee to look into Reuman House restoration.

It's time to begin preparing your Annual Reports!

REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAYS

Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be Thursdays, November 16th, December 14th, and January 18th. Please let her know if you have any joys or concerns you would like her to lift up.



DID YOU KNOW?

(Some historical tidbits about our history in Shelton)

In 1724 Jedidiah Mills was ordained. They paid him "100 acres of land...80 pounds toward his house...40 pounds in money and 40 pounds to work...50 pounds salary a year'. He graduated from Yale in 1722.

Samuel Huntington signed the Declaration of Independence and became the Governor of Connecticut. Huntington was named after him in 1789.

In December of 1895 the church bell was dedicated. It was given by Mrs. Henry H. Clark in honor of Mr. Charles Curtis. The bell was donated to ring to call parish members to worship, to announce the bridal parties pledging their troth and to toll for the deceased. This is the same bell we currently ring today.

OUR NEXT "LEO" (Let's Eat Out)

Our next LEO is on Wednesday, November 8th, 6:30 P.M. at Barra, the new restaurant in the BIG Y Plaza on Bridgeport Ave., slated to be open by then. There will be a sign-up in the alcove as the time approaches. Let's Eat Out!



AND SCENERY NIGHT

Calling all HCCUCC children...we need your help in creating the scenery for our upcoming Christmas Pageant. Please come Wednesday, November 29th to Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to have dinner and work on the Christmas pageant scenery.

This should be a wonderful night full of fellowship and paint!!



Please join us on Sunday, December 10th for our Christmas Pageant during the church service. This year's pageant will also include the congregation, so be prepared!! We would also like to invite you to a reception following the pageant to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.



The Shelton Clergy Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

The Shelton Clergy Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service will be held on **Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 186 Coram Ave., Shelton.** Following the service will be a time of refreshment featuring pumpkin desserts.

A donation of non-perishable goods will be collected for the Valley Food Bank. Monetary donations will benefit I.R.I.S., Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services. All checks for the monetary offering should be made payable to the Shelton Clergy Association.

UNABLE TO JOIN ADULT CHOIR? NO PROBLEM!



If your schedule does not permit you to sing every Sunday, we have an opportunity for you to sing with us this year that you *cannot* miss.

A signup sheet will soon be located in the alcove for those who wish to join us for Choir or Bells, even if it's temporary.

Check us out! No experience is necessary!



HUNTINGTON CENTER NURSERY SCHOOL

Open Enrollment for 2018/2019 School Year
Begins in January

Offering both 3 year old and 4 year old programs

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

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(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)

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.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported the HCC Huntington Center Nursery School by purchasing cookie dough.

Pick-up will be Sunday, November 12th.



POINSETTIA ORDERS

Lovely **RED** poinsettias will grace our sanctuary for the Christmas holiday services. Judy Tucker is speaking with the florist on price and deadline so watch for the December Belfry for an order form.

Information will also be in upcoming Sunday bulletins.



Pumpkin & Holly Fair
Friday, November 17, 2017
5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 18, 2017
9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.



The fair is quickly approaching. There are many jobs that will need to be performed Friday night, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th and the weeks prior. Please say “yes” to assist with this fabulous event! The fair is a major fundraiser for Women’s Fellowship to support our many local and worldwide missions and a generous donation goes back to the operating budget for the church.

Raffle: This year we are fortunate to have 5 raffle items. We would like to thank all involved for their contributions which include: a beautiful handmade quilt, \$250 gift card, Gourmet Basket, Gingerbread House and a “rainy day” basket. Please pick up raffle tickets at church to sell to your friends.

Santa’s Attic: Donated items for this area are greatly appreciated. Remember **you can begin to drop off items now to Reuman House when the church office is open, or on Sundays.** This area is always looking for volunteers to set up and price. If you have questions regarding Santa’s Attic, contact Gordon Harris at [203-924-7900](tel:203-924-7900).

Gourmet Baskets: We are always in need of a variety of medium to large sized baskets that will be filled with goodies. If you have any baskets, please drop them off in the large white box in Fellowship Hall.

Jams & Jellies: If you are interested in helping make the jams & jellies, please contact Linda Sember at [203-929-5853](tel:203-929-5853). The group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am and at 6:30pm on Friday nights. No experience necessary!!

Gingerbread Houses: Debbie Oppel has volunteered once again to chair this area. We will be in need of volunteers to bake gingerbread houses, sleighs, and gingerbread boys & girls. We also will be holding workshops to build and decorate these items. The schedule will be posted in the alcove.

Christmas Fantasy: We have been meeting Wednesday nights at 7pm in Reuman House to create items to sell. Please call one of the committee members if you would like to help organize the Christmas Fantasy area.

Potpourri: This group is busy making many creative items including jewelry, decorations and gifts. Contact Gail Schoennagel at [203-929-7178](tel:203-929-7178) or Sue Lindley [203-924-4729](tel:203-924-4729) for dates and times.

Sweet Shoppe: If you make candy and would like to donate to this area, please contact Linda Simics.

Harvest Café: This year our menu will consist of soups, salads, chili and pie. All homemade, of course. We are looking for helpers in many areas. If you would like to help with this busy, fun group, please contact Debbie Margolies at [203-929-6649](tel:203-929-6649).

Bake Shop: We will be looking for a variety of homemade baked items to sell. Breads, cookies, brownies, and bars are all very popular.

As you can see, this is a very busy, active and fun event. Please consider volunteering to help continue to make this fair a success.

Pumpkin & Holly Fair Co-Chairs

Terri Johnston, Justine Connery, Judy Tucker



An **American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held in our Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 from NOON - 7pm.

Gingerbread House Workshops

Come join the fun as we decorate the already-baked & assembled Gingerbread Houses to sell at the Pumpkin & Holly Fair. No experience is necessary!! Learn as you go. For the past several years we have had colorful, decorated Gingerbread Houses and Gingerbread Boys and Girls. But **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:**

- Decorators are needed to adorn these creations.
- Come join one or all of the following decorating workshop dates:
 - ❖ **Wednesday, November 1st**
 - ❖ **Monday, November 6th**
 - ❖ **Tuesday, November 7th**
 - ❖ **Monday, November 13th**

All dates will meet 6-9pm



A sign-up sheet can be found in the alcove.

All workshops will be held in the church kitchen and Fellowship Hall.

Questions may be directed Debbie Oppel (203-929-1770).

TIPS FOR DOWNSIZING

Sunday, October 22nd

Please plan to attend our next all-church meeting on Sunday, October 22nd immediately following worship. Denise Wilson will lead a discussion on *Downsizing or Helping Clean out a Loved One's Home!* She will give tips to help you and your family move through this process. Bring a friend and of course refreshments will be served! A sign-up sheet is in the Alcove so we can have enough goodies!



Women's Fellowship was very humbled to receive a marvelous thank you letter from Team for our recent donation of \$1000 toward their Meals on Wheels program. Just one of the many charitable organizations we support with our mission work each year. (The actual letter is posted on the bulletin board in the Alcove.)

MASTER'S TABLE OFFERING: NOVEMBER 12

We will be taking an offering following worship for Master's Table. Master's Table Community Meals, Inc. provides a safe, clean, uplifting environment for individuals in need. We offer our guests hope for a better future. Every person who comes for assistance is welcome. Master's Table serves the poor, hungry, and the lonely by providing healthy nutritious and appetizing meals at the Assumption Church in Ansonia.

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The December Belfry articles are due in the office by Wednesday, November 17th.

Your next issue will be available the week of November 20th.

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Prayer List

Gertrude Wilson	Arlene & Steve
Lydia Fritz	Tom Taylor
Barbara Grisgraber	RJ Sember
Muriel Csire	Gary Schiappa
Don McEwen	Rich Steinis
Donald Gallant	Chris Schoennagel
Danny & Sue Schmitt	Bob
Anne Pocevic	Jessica Tillson
Barbara Ann Walls	Ruth Johnston
Bill Comcowich	Joan Chonko
Michelle Parker-Baricko	Peggy Rogers
Tom Symski	Joan Risner
Terri Haliy	Sandy Johnson
Sandy L.	Mary Glynn
Gail Pivarnik	Emily M.
Faith E.	Juli Lindsay
Irma Geher	Wendy Zelanin
Diane DeAngelis	



*...the family of Shirley Wells, who passed away
October 9, 2017.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family
during this time of sorrow.*

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

- 2 Kira Adler, Bob Moseley
- 3 Linda Sember, Nathan Salvio
- 7 Jill Chase
- 9 Justine Connery, Barry Skinner
- 10 Ed Brighindi, Jr.
- 12 Jim Connery
- 14 Marge Brighindi, Cherylynn Lee
- 16 Greg Oppel
- 17 Amanda Wannagot, Thelma Bauer
- 18 Leon Leung
- 19 Lois Ricker
- 23 Jenna Melanson
- 24 Tom Mingrone, Shirleyanne Viadella, Chase Olmo
- 26 Ed Zinsky
- 27 Jason Ricker, Mario Parrelli, Betty Thresher
Pat Keegan, Mykala Heiden
- 28 Gertrude Wilson



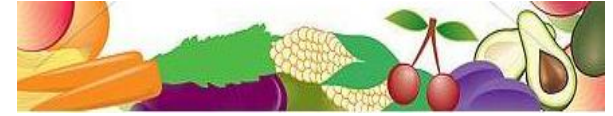
Congratulations to the following couples who will
celebrate wedding anniversaries in November:





- 5 Kristen & Jeffrey Stone,
Ellen & John Kozlowski
- 6 Lupe & Bill Nicholas,
Deb & Don Russell
- 17 Deborah & Rob Reeves
- 19 Danielle & Stephen Corrone
- 24 Ruth & John Pesavento
- 25 Pat & Ken Tober





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6pm-Gingerbread workshop-FH 7pm-Crafts-RH Troop 101	2 5:30pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	3	4 8am- Yoga Kitchen usage 
5 9:30am –Communion Worship/Sunday School/child care New Members 10:30am-kitchen usage	6 6pm-Gingerbread workshop-FH 7:30pm-All-WF-RH	7 6pm-Gingerbread workshop-FH 7pm-Trustees meeting	8 6:30pm-“LEO” @ Barra 7pm-Crafts - RH 7:30pm-WF-RH Troop 101	9 3-8pm-FH - Zelanin 5:30pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	10 Spooner House Meal-Stewardship 	11 8am- Yoga Kitchen-chowder prep
12 9:30am –Worship- Baptism-Sunday School/child care 10:30am-Fair set-up begins	13 FAIR WEEK 6pm-Gingerbread workshop-FH 7pm-Women’s Fellowship Ex. Brd.	14 9am-chowder 7pm-Council -library	15 6:30pm-cheese prep-kit.	16 Lucille’s Prayer Day 5:30pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir	17 Pumpkin & Holly Fair 5:30-8pm	18 Pumpkin & Holly Fair 9:30am-2:30pm
19 9:30am –Worship-Bag Message/Sunday School/child care	20	21  7pm @ TBA	22 Rev. Lucille away	23 OFFICE CLOSED  THANKSGIVING	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 8am- Yoga
26 9:30am – Worship- NO Sunday School/child care	27	28 Noon – 7pm- Red Cross Blood Drive - FH 7:15- Diaconate meeting	29 7pm-Pizza & Scenery Troop 101	30 5:30pm-TOPS 7:15pm-Choir		

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