



2017

# ***"THE BELFRY"***



**HUNTINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

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9:30 am  
*Sunday Worship/  
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Prayer List

Marion Fairbanks	Gertrude Wilson
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**FROM OUR PASTOR...**

Dear Friends,

*"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."* -John Wesley



As we look to 2018, this Season of Generosity will focus on keeping the conversation of faith going, not just within the walls of HCCUCC, but beyond. We will ask these questions:

- October 8: Where do I feel closest to God?
- October 15: What brings me peace?
- October 22: How do we find the needs and then help fulfill them in our community?
- October 29: "In Gathering Sunday": How can I say thank you to God?

The stewardship of all we have and are is a life-long pursuit. It's about doing good, as the quote from John Wesley states. It's about keeping the doors of HCCUCC open to be a place of fellowship and faith, peace and personal renewal. It's also about vital witness to our community to God's extravagant love and acceptance. In a world that seems to be bent tearing people down, we offer a message of hope, strength, and inclusivity. Our message is more needed than ever.

Please be a part of this Season of Generosity with your attendance, participation, and giving. Lives depend on it.

In Christ's love,  
 Rev. Lucille

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**REV. LUCILLE'S PRAYER DAYS**

Rev. Lucille's prayer days will be Thursdays, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let her know if you have any joys or concerns you would like her to lift up.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

### **SEPTEMBER 2017**

**TRUSTEES:** Branches are falling from the trees in the parking lot behind Reuman House. Caution tape has been put up to keep parking/people away from the area until the trees can be taken down.

**NURSERY:** School began September 12 with the State showing up for an inspection the first day. The new teacher, Nicole Young, has started and is working with Linda. Cookie fundraiser has begun. The picnic table out back is peeling and they have asked it to be removed -- they do not need it.

**DIACONATE:** Altar Guild position needs filling. Diaconate member is taking on task but it could use someone who is willing to take over these duties.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Committee is meeting on September 13. Picnic is scheduled for September 17, rain or shine. Rally Sunday is September 24.

**STEWARDSHIP:** The fall program will include three members to discuss what the church has given to them during the last 3 Sundays of the Season of Generosity Campaign in October.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Program tentatively scheduled for October 22 on either "Downsizing" or "Ethical Wills". Health kits are being put together on September 13. Pumpkin and Holly Fair items are progressing. Raffle tickets will not be mailed this year; they will be handed out at a later date to be determined.

**MISSIONS:** \$338 collected for Meals on Wheels. Committee put together a basket for TEAM's auction. Neighbors in Need is October 8.

**MINISTER:** Reuman House update- it was suggested to check with the State Historical Society and/or our State Representative about seeing what was needed to possibly list Reuman House as a historical site in order to get financial aid to help with the restoration. New members class will take place after service on September 24 – new and old members are welcome. Shelton Day is October 1 and we will have a table. Season of Generosity begins on October 8. Her

travelogue from her Continuing Education this past summer is scheduled for October 15 at 6:30 pm; refreshments will be provided.

**MODERATOR:** If anyone has updates for church calendar, please leave message for Karen as there are many other things that people are not aware of so Karen must enter and monitor the use of the calendar. Dates for the annual meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> with January 28<sup>th</sup> being the snow date. Budgets due by October. Tom Ryder attended Save Our Shelton meeting. Next Council meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> and we should be able to plan on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday for the balance of the year unless something unexpected arises. Rev. Lucille has new pens to be given out on Shelton Day – we will not be giving out water this year. There will not be a confirmation class this year – one next year and then a few years gap at this point. A new members class will be on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Denise Wilson said there will be a campaign to encourage wearing of name badges. They will put up a list to sign if you do not have a name badge and ones will be made up for new members to receive at the new members meeting. Lucille will ask everyone to wear their new t-shirts at the picnic.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lindley, Clerk

## **R~E~M~I~N~D~E~R**

### **TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**All budgets are due to Andy Keith**  
**(andy.g.keith@lmco.com)**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017**

## **SUNDAY NAME BADGES**

If you do not presently have a name badge, please add your name to the list (spelled as you would like it to appear) on the poster in the alcove. Thank you!



## **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 and opportunities for people to volunteer and make the fair a success. This 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 4 raffle items. We would like to thank all involved for their contributions which include: a beautiful handmade quilt, a \$250 Visa gift card, a Gourmet Basket, and a Gingerbread House. We are looking for individuals to help sell raffle tickets during the fair.

**Santa's Attic:** Donated items for this area are greatly appreciated. **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.

**Gourmet Baskets:** We are always in need of a variety of 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. The schedule starts Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 are still in need of a chair person. Please call one of the committee members if you would like to help organize the Christmas Fantasy. We meet Wednesdays at 7pm in Reuman House to create items to sell.

**Potpourri:** This group is busy making many creative items including jewelry, decorations and gifts. Contact Gail Schoennagel at 203-929-7178 or Sue Lindley 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.

**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.**

**Co-Chairs:**

**Terri Johnston, Justine Connery, Judy Tucker, Jaqui Olivo**

## **SHELTON DAY OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

HCCUCC will be having a booth at Shelton Day this year from 11am to 5pm. We will be near the Webster Bank on Howe Ave.

If anyone would like to help out, please let any of the Vitality Team or Rev. Lucille know. Thanks!

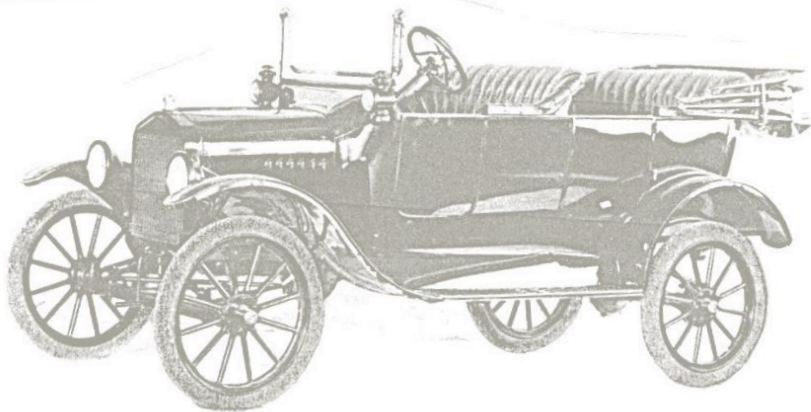
## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bruce Hartel Memorial Antique Car Show

So many thanks to everyone that helped in any way to make the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show such a wonderful success! One hundred two cars spanning 77 automobile production years were displayed in our parking lot, from a 1910 Ford Model T to a 1987 Alpha Romeo Convertible. What a sight!! Some fun facts from this year's show:

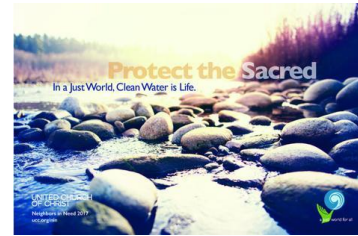
- \$1,178.00 – Donations for Bruce Hartel Memorial Organ Fund
  - \$784.00 – Proceeds to HCCUCC General Fund from Food & Drink sales
  - \$325.00 – Donations collected for the American Cancer Society
  - \$285.00 – Thirteen raffle prizes awarded to car owners
  - \$1,228.00 – Nine People's Choice Awards presented to car owners
- 30 Pre World War II vehicles on display and 22 Connecticut towns, other than Shelton, represented by antique cars.

Lastly, if you still have a car show yard sign, please return it to the alcove so we can use it next year.

Once again, I thank you for all your hard work in making this event a complete success!



## NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM).

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Envelopes will be in the pews on October 1<sup>st</sup> and can also be found in the alcove. Donations may also be made through EFT. This offering will be collected on **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

## OUR NEXT “LEO” (Let’s Eat Out)

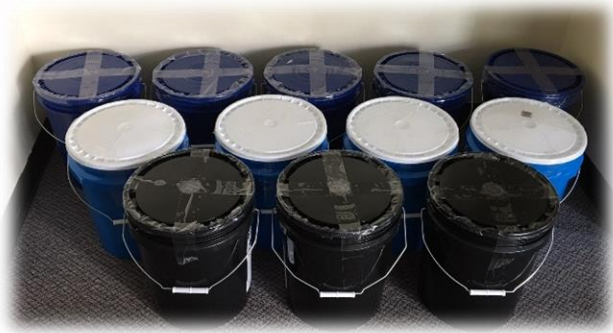
It's always fun to eat out, isn't it? Our next LEO is on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M. at Archie Moore's, 17 Elizabeth Street, Derby. Also, mark your calendar for November 8<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to try Barra, the new restaurant in the BIG Y Plaza on Bridgeport Ave., slated to be open by then. There will be a sign-up in the alcove for both as the time approaches. Let's Eat Out!

## Rev Lucille's Travelogue

A review of Rev. Lucille's pilgrimage in England will be held Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Fellowship. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome!!



## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKETS FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS



There were 12 completed emergency clean-up buckets for Church World Service that were taken to the distribution center in Bridgeport by Rev. Lucille, Robin Hartel & Sue Lindley.



## HCNS FUNDRAISER

The Huntington Center Nursery School is sponsoring a **cookie fundraiser**. Deadline for orders is September 28<sup>th</sup>. See any Nursery School Committee member or the alcove shelf for order envelopes and more information.

Also, there are still a couple of openings in our 3 & 4 yr. old classes. Registration forms can be found on the HCNS bulletin board in the alcove or contact our Director, Linda Rizzitelli at 203-929-7197.

Nursery Committee: Deb Oppel, Karen Kellogg, Denise Wilson

## DID YOU KNOW?

Historian Lin Mulford has a treasure trove of historical information on HCCUCC. Periodically we would like to share a few tidbits from her files about our church's great history.

1. Reuman House was purchased in 1955 for \$34,000.  
The building was originally a school!
2. In 1915 a new town was created out of Huntington to become Huntington and Shelton.
3. Our church address was originally RFD #2, Shelton, CT
4. The stained glass window behind the pulpit has the words "The Entrance of thy words giveth light." It seems that reading the Bible shows us how to live which is a worth while thought. It has no inscription and thus was probably part of the architectural plan.

Look forward to more historical tidbits in future Belfrys.

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

- 5 Wendy & Paul Zelanin
- 7 Michelle & Frank Kawalautzki, Jr.
- 11 Karen & Kevin Kellogg, Linda & Brian St. George,  
Jennifer & Michael Crawford
- 12 Deb & Ed Zinsky
- 13 Sheryl & Andrzej Dutkanicz
- 14 Susan & David Roberts
- 19 Rita & Patrick Boland
- 21 Judy & Craig Heyse
- 24 Jayne & Rod Kneen, Jr.



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*The Umbrella*  
**Center for Domestic  
Violence Services**

*A program of BHcare*

**Remembrance, Healing & Hope**

Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services invites all to join for a candlelight vigil honoring victims and supporting survivors of domestic violence. Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm on the Huntington Green.

In the event of rain, the vigil will be held in our Fellowship Hall.



to the following who will celebrate during the month of October:

- 1 Connie Glenn, Frank Kawalautzki, Jr.
  - 2 Bob Sember
  - 3 Lauren Kozlowski
  - 4 Lauren Kane, Bob Mingrone, Steve Adler
  - 5 Quinton Hongo, Hailey Hongo,  
Caroline Margolies, Linda Nicholas
  - 8 Noel Corcino, David Keith
  - 9 Kristen Pesavento
  - 12 Sue Schmitt
  - 13 Kirsten Keith
  - 14 John Nicholas-Pekar, Kyrsten Heiden
  - 16 Zachary McEwen
  - 17 Sam Bracchi
  - 19 Jim Fair, Judy Heyse, Daniel Vigezzi
  - 21 Linda Simics
  - 24 Kim Adler
  - 26 Andrzej Dutkanicz
  - 29 Lynn Ibsen
  - 30 Walter Henderson
  - 31 John Glenn
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*...the family of Seth Dallaire, who passed away August 26, 2017.*

*...the family of Sue Taylor, mother of Tom Taylor, who passed away in September.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the families during this time of bereavement.*



# OCTOBER 2017

| SUNDAY                                                                                                  | MONDAY                                             | TUESDAY                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                              | SATURDAY                                                                  |
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| <b>1</b><br>Shelton Day - booth                                                                         | <b>2</b>                                           | <b>3</b><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage<br><br>7pm- Trustees - library                     | <b>4</b><br>6:30pm-"LEO" @ Archie Moore's - Derby<br>7pm- Crafts - RH<br>6pm-Troop 101 | <b>5</b><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage<br>6:30pm-Troop 101<br>6:30pm-Missions meeting - library<br>7:15pm-Choir | <b>6</b><br>6:30pm-Kitchen usage                                                                                                                    | <b>7</b><br>8am- Yoga<br><br>2pm-Memorial Service for Sue Taylor @ HCCUCC |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Neighbors in Need</b><br>9:30am -Worship/<br>Sunday School/child care                    | <b>9</b><br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>7:15pm-WF Ex. Brd | <b>10</b><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage<br>6pm-Umbrella Vigil-FH<br>7pm-Council - library | <b>11</b><br>6:30pm- Stewardship<br>7:15pm-WF meeting<br>6pm-Troop 101                 | <b>12</b><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage<br>6:30pm-Troop 101<br>7:15pm-Choir                                     | <b>13</b><br>Spoooner House Meal-<br>CE <br>6:30pm-Kitchen usage | <b>14</b><br>8am- Yoga                                                    |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30am -Worship/<br>Sunday School/child care                                               | <b>16</b>                                          | <b>17</b><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage                                                   | <b>18</b><br>6:30pm-Troop 101                                                          | <b>19</b> Lucille's Prayer Day<br><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage<br>6:30pm-Troop 101<br>7:15pm-Choir            | <b>20</b><br>6:30pm-Kitchen usage                                                                                                                   | <b>21</b><br>8am- Yoga                                                    |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30am -Worship/<br>Sunday School/child care<br><b>6:30pm-Rev. Lucille's Travel Log-FH</b> | <b>23</b>                                          | <b>24</b><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage                                                   | <b>25</b><br>6:30pm - "LEO"<br>6:30pm-Troop 101                                        | <b>26</b><br>9:30am-Kitchen usage<br>6:30pm-Troop 101<br>7:15pm-Choir                                     | <b>27</b><br>6:30pm-Kitchen usage                                                                                                                   | <b>28</b><br>8am- Yoga                                                    |
| <b>29</b><br><b>IN GATHERING SUNDAY</b><br>9:30am -Worship/<br>Sunday School/child care                 | <b>30</b>                                          | <b>31</b> Halloween<br><br>7:15pm-Diaconate                                         |                                                                                        |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                           |
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