

NOVEMBER 2017 OUTLOOK

Unity Hill United Church of Christ

“Where God’s Love Grows a Family”

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OUTLOOK DEADLINE ~ We welcome contributions to our monthly newsletter and invite you to share information, or even something more creative! The **DECEMBER 2017 Outlook** will be published at the end of NOVEMBER. All submissions, special announcements, articles or events **provided on, or before, the DEADLINE of Tuesday, NOVEMBER 14** will be included.



PASTORAL CARE ~ If you, or someone you know, is hospitalized, please call the church office to let us know (203-374-8822). Hospitals **do not** notify us when a parishioner is hospitalized.



Please remember our homebound in your prayers or with a note:
 Hazel Berger, Dolores Colaiacomo, Elsie Rapposch,
 Katie Schneider, Mitch Wein and Nellie Wirth

At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! “My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

... *Matthew 11:25-30*

“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.” ... *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

What can I do?

As I watch the endless news stories about people suffering at the hands of violent humans, hurricanes, and fires, this question repeats in my head. Not only is compassionate action a human trait, it is the central action called for in the Christian life, so I feel confident that I am not the only one in our church family that gets stuck on this question, or one very much like it;

What can I do? How can I help? Will it ever get better? Where is God in all of this?

In the face of such trouble in the world it is easy to become disillusioned and lose heart but for we that understand God through Jesus, often named Emmanuel or “God With Us,” there is a road ahead. This road ahead is well articulated in the quote from the Gospel of Matthew above. Jesus calls to us to please let him teach us. The wise and clever pursue their own way and hope to become empowered enough to stand alone and can be led astray by the illusion that we can truly be happy on our own.

Jesus longs to teach us how to truly love one another. This is one of the most powerful things we can do to change the world for the better. As the French writer tells us in his masterpiece of Children’s literature, “The Little Prince,” we must begin to see with the heart of love not the eyes of the world. Let the living Christ teach us to be humble and gentle.

Let it Be

Pastor Todd

CHURCH UPDATES



Set your
clocks
BACK
one hour
before
going to
bed
tonight.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Sunday, November 5 at 2 am.
FALL BACK 2 HOURS!**

THANSGIVING HOLIDAY

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24
Our office will be closed for the holiday.

CHRISTMAS CARD FROM UNITY HILL UCC MEMBERS ~ Instead of sending out individual Christmas cards you can choose to sign the "Blanket Fund of Church World Service" card, and send your Christmas Blessings to everyone. Your \$10 will be donated to CWS Blanket Fund, which helps people in times of disaster. Sign the card on the Missions bulletin board in December, or call the church office to add your name and you can mail a donation.



VERY SAD NEWS ~ Joanne's Mom, Anne (Sullivan) Dennean, age 86, formerly of Stratford and most recently of Milford and West Haven, beloved wife of the late James Dennean, passed away at home early Sunday morning, October 22, 2017. Her obituary isn't out as of this moment, but her wake will be at McDonald's Funeral Home, Stratford on Wednesday, October 25, her funeral will be at St. James, Stratford on Thursday at 10:30 am and burial will be on Friday morning at Gate of Heaven cemetery, Trumbull. Joanne also lost her brother, Jim Dennean on August 27 and her aunt, mom's oldest sister, Joan Whalen on September 20. Please keep Joanne and her family in your prayers.

BAPTISM ~On October 15, Nathan Barnum was Baptized. Congratulations to his family.

GEORGE'S HILL

Thursday, November 9 from 11:30 am until 1 pm, *including lunch.*

George's Hill is a social engagement group for persons with memory problems or early dementia, and their caregivers, where they can meet with other people with similar problems, for a fun program and lunch, which is provided. To register, please call the church office at 203-374-8822 or sign up on our web site. We meet on the second Thursday of every month.

Our motto is: **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

CHURCH COUNCIL ~ By: Moderator, Lucille Baver

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL are due in church office by **Monday, November 6.**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING focusing on the 2018 budget will be on **Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm with dinner.**

DIACONATE ~ By: Patricia Bowman, Chair

Diaconate will be meeting on Tuesday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.

HARVEST FAIR AT UNITY HILL UCC

Unity Hill's first "Harvest Fair" was held on Saturday, October 14. It was a day of family fun, with festivities kicking off at 10 a.m., which included a variety of activities and games, ceramic projects, an array of activities for the whole family, Farmer Bruce's Market and topped off by Pastor Todd's pulled pork sandwich and Linda Polito's potato soup.

From gathering donations to rounding up helpers, you are one amazing church! The hours put in to help us organize and run the "Harvest Fair" was an incredibly generous gift to our church. The positive feedback we've received from those who attended is awesome. Everyone had a fabulous time Saturday. The grand success of this event is due in large part to you and your efforts. On behalf of our church and the "Harvest Fair Committee", thank you for sharing your energy, talents and time. *Carol Dunn & Dawn Brezina*

RECAP

Hand Craft Table	\$	46.00	Farmer's Market	\$	15.00
Ceramics	\$	25.00	Candy Apples	\$	38.00
Baked Goods	\$	207.75	Kids Games	\$	9.00
Junk-In-A-Trunk	\$	90.00	Food Kitchen	\$	491.25
Raffle	\$	310.00	Silent Auction	\$	290.00
Bingo	\$	<u>90.00</u>			
TOTAL					\$1,612.00
Less Fair Expenses (Food, Drinks, Dessert, etc.)					<u>\$ 325.80</u>
					NET PROFIT \$1,286.20

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ~ By: Sharon Brezina, Chair

Holiday Basket Bonanza

Come join the fun and maybe win a basket or two! Put some tickets in a Holiday themed basket or the one filled with Breakfast treats. Maybe try for a Kids Bucket filled with games and toys to occupy the winter days, or how about the Car Care package – what a great gift it could make.



Sunday November 5th at Unity Hill UCC Fellowship Hall

Preview 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM, Raffle immediately following

\$15.00 per person / under 10 are free (25 raffle tickets, 1 grand prize ticket and light snacks)

How to earn more tickets....1) donate a basket to the cause – for every \$10 or more valued themed basket you bring for the raffle you get an additional 25 tickets!! That's twenty-five extra chances.

2) If you would like us to do the shopping for you and create a basket we will give you 1 ticket for every dollar donated (min. \$10) – so extras chances are unlimited!! 3) If you would like to bake an item for the event you will earn 5 extra tickets per item!

ALL baskets and dollars have to be to Unity Hill by October 29.

Please come support the Unity Hill UCC Stewardship Committee. Have some fun – you might win!!

Contact Sharon Brezina or Joanne at 203-374-8822 if you would like donate a basket or have any questions. Hope to see you there !!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ~ By: Sharon Brezina, Chair

Welcome Fall very happy you are here! Time for lots of family activities. Harvest Fairs, apple picking, pumpkin pies, apple cider, Corn mazes, God's beautiful Autumn landscape!! This is a very blessed season for kids and family both! So get out and enjoy.

The children are loving the new curriculum. Every class delivers an awesome theme and message, bible verses and games all related to the theme (last month was life as a kid and friendships).

In one class we were discussing fads ... who - like people and friends – will come and go in your life. It's the true relationships with God, parents and family that will be there forever.

The game asked each child be given 4 balloons. On two they wrote down fads they like (fidget spinners, transformers, candy, etc) on the other two they had to write down relationships that they enjoyed most (some wrote their Mom or Dad others God and best friend.)

We then formed a circle and you had to protect your relationship balloons while others tried to pop it ... this was more easily said than done ;)

Some lost all their balloons; others protected the relationship and some accidentally protected their "fad" it was a fun game – but the kids learned so much by participating.

We have also started a "prayers and praise" board downstairs. Every Sunday the kids are given a few minutes to write down one of each – we then use these to create our opening and closing prayers.

Thanks to all the children that were able to help at the Harvest fair – we had fun!

Enjoy the Autumn!! Sharon

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE ~ By: Carol Dunn

B&G Committee: Henry Parker - Chair, John Rossi and Carol Dunn

The Church air-conditioning system is scheduled to be shut off the week of October 30th and switched over to the heating system.

The front (side door) has been sanded and refinished. It really came out nice so look next time you enter the church.

The Nursery door and trim have been replaced. This was becoming a safety hazard.

The outside boiler room door has been replaced as the old one was eroding away.

Building & Grounds Committee completed and submitted the Asset Inventory Report to Industrial Appraisers.

The sprinkler system has been shut down for 2017.

Although B&G got to do the cleanup from the 'Harvest Fair' – got to say we really didn't mind. But, we do want to thank Pastor Todd for his help with the cleanup. Pastor can join our Committee anytime he wants. We hope everyone enjoyed the 'Harvest Fair' as much as we did.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE ~ By: Brenda Finizio, Chair

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ~ Colossians 3:12

Mission Giving for Disaster Relief

We collected \$950 from the congregation and Missions matched it for a total of \$1,900. These funds were sent to Church World Service. In addition, Missions sent \$500 to the Salvation Army, therefore we sent a total of \$2,400. We also will be sending funds to UCC to help support these relief needs. Great contributions from the congregation and much appreciation for all the generous gifts.

Upcoming Actions

- Continued assistance for victims of natural disasters
- Support for communities in need
- Collections for Our Churches Wider Mission, Strengthen the Church
- Thanksgiving donations for needy members **THANKSGIVING BASKETS** ~ watch for the list of items needed for the basket donations ON THE Missions bulletin board.
- Partner with Bridgeport Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanks for your support.

Brenda Finizio, Missions Chair, Marsha Piper, Carole Fanslow, Mission Committee Members

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ By: Carole J. Fanslow, President

- ~ On November 16th at 12:00 noon you will be treated to a catered luncheon featuring quiche, salad and dessert all for \$7.50, and you don't have to bring anything. The program will feature an important topic - "Opioid Addiction" with Jennifer Dizney, Clinical Pharmacist from St. Vincent's Medical Center. Hostesses are Renate Krakovich and Marie Seavey. Devotions led by Louise Evans. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office.
 - ~ The next meeting of the **Executive Board** will be on Thursday, November 2 at 12:00 pm. Hostess is Marie Seavey.
 - ~ Our annual Christmas Tea will be on Thursday, December 7 at 1:00 pm. Entertainment will be by the singing group "Matinee – 4-part harmony singers." Donations will be accepted for the Center for Family Justice. Finger foods for the tea would be much appreciated.
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FELLOWSHIP OF UNITY HILL ~ By: Dot Pickens, President 2016

- ~ Our next turn at **Golden Hill Community Suppers** will be on Wednesday, December 27 - additional help is always needed and appreciated! Come to cook at Golden Hill United Methodist Church at 2 pm or to serve at 5 pm. Questions, contact Dot Pickens or Allen Fanslow.
- ~ On Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 pm, the group will gather at Blue Goose Restaurant in Stratford for their annual Christmas Party. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Deadline December 3! Meal choices are: roast sirloin of beef au jus; chicken parmigiana; stuffed filet of sole; and golden fried bay scallops. Complete details and sign-up sheet on bulletin board or RSVP with Dot Pickens or Carole Fanslow. Don't forget a grab bag gift! The more the merrier!

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND HAPPENINGS

MIDDLEBROOK FARMS WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship service with Holy Communion for the residents at Middlebrook Farms in Trumbull will be on Thursday, November 2 at 2 pm led by Deacons Waltraud Yeager and Carole Fanslow.

TRUMBULL INTERFAITH COUNCIL

~ **Monthly Meeting** will be Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 pm at Nichols United Methodist Church, 35 Shelton Road, Trumbull. December 6 meeting at Congregation B'nai Torah.



~ The **Annual Thanksgiving Service** will be on Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Torah, 5700 Main Street, Trumbull. Rabbi Colin Brodie will preach the Thanksgiving message. Clergy from Trumbull congregations and a community choir will participate in the service. A reception will follow. Those attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items for Trumbull Social Services.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT

~ **Delegates' Fall Meeting** on Monday, November 13 at 6:00 pm at Mary Taylor United Methodist Church, 176 Broad Street, Milford.

~ **Annual Angel gift catalogue**, sponsored by the Council of Churches, will be available soon for your Christmas gift giving.



FAIRFIELD EAST ASSOCIATION

Fall Meeting is at First Congregational Church in Danbury on Wednesday, November 1.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE: DISASTER RELIEF

Everyone's help is desperately needed following the devastating hurricanes that hit Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. Needed most are clean-up buckets - \$75 plus \$3 for shipping and hygiene kits - \$15 plus \$2 shipping or make one or two with the following supplies ...

One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber) One wide-tooth comb, removed from the package One fingernail or toenail clipper, removed from the package	One washcloth One bath size bar of soap in original package One toothbrush in the package Ten standard size Band-aids
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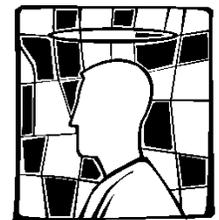
All hygiene kit items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey. Value: \$15; Processing fee: \$2 per Kit. * Do not enclose money inside kits or in shipping boxes.

All cleaning items must be new— all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape. Value: \$75; Processing fee: \$3 per Kit.

One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (if bucket has been used, clean well - but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
 Four scouring pads
 Seven sponges, including one large sponge
 One scrub brush
 Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
 One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
 One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap

One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
 One package of 48-50 clothespins
 Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
 Five dust masks
 Two pairs non-surgical, latex gloves
 One pair work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)
 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags, on a roll and removed from carton
 One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

All Saints' Day Remembrance
Sunday, November 5, 2017



All Saints' Day

Unity Hill UCC will be honoring All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6, when we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ whose earthly lives have ended.

If you would like a loved one who has died to be remembered during worship, please complete the information below and submit to the church office or call the office with the information by **Monday, October 30**.

You are invited to bring in a holder for a tea light candle or bring in your own candle in a holder on November 5, to be placed on the communion table in memory of your loved ones. **(All candles must be in holders.)**

If your loved one's name is already in the Book of Remembrance, you do not have to hand in their name again. All names in the Book of Remembrance will be read out loud.

Name(s) of Person Being Honored

Your Name

Your Relationship

HEALTH CORNER:

ORGANIC OR NON-ORGANIC FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

A few weeks ago, Pastor Todd referred to Organic and Organic foods. He described the wonderful, delicious sweetness of a banana. At the same time, the Parish Nurse Newsletter included this colorful chart. I found it very interesting.

In the super-market we have a choice. The organic fruits and vegetables have no harmful pesticides and are the best choice. However, they frequently cost much more than the non-organic ones. If funds are limited the following chart should help. I would also add oranges to the clean list, since they are peeled before being eaten. Bon appetite and God bless you all.

The Clean 15

On a budget, choose these conventionally.
(Listed from lowest pesticide content)

1. Onions	
2. Sweet Corn	
3. Pineapple	
4. Avocado	
5. Asparagus	
6. Sweet Peas	
7. Mangoes	
8. Eggplant	
9. Cantaloupe	
10. Kiwi	
11. Cabbage	
12. Watermelon	
13. Sweet Potatoes	
14. Grapefruit	
15. Mushrooms	

The Dirty Dozen

Always buy these organic.
(Listed from highest pesticide content to least)

1. Apples	
2. Celery	
3. Strawberries	
4. Peaches	
5. Spinach	
6. Nectarines	
7. Grapes	
8. Sweet Bell Peppers	
9. Potatoes	
10. Blueberries	
11. Lettuce	
12. Kale/Collard Greens	

Source: Environmental Working Group 2011

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Meditation 6pm Bible Study 7pm Trumbull Interfaith Council Meeting	2 12pm Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting 2 pm Middlebrook Farms Worship Service	3	4  Set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed tonight.
5 Day Light Savings Time Ends – Fall Back 1 hour! 9am Bible Study 1pm Holiday Basket Event	6 Reports to Church Council Due	7 1pm Diaconate Meeting	8 9:30am Meditation 11:30am Kennedy Center 6pm Bible Study	9 11:30am George's Hill	10	11 Veterans Day
12 9am Bible Study	13	14 6pm Church Council Budget Meeting with dinner	15 9:30am Meditation 6pm Bible Study	16 12pm Women's Fellowship Catered Luncheon	17	18 2-3:30pm Overeaters' Anonymous Intergroup Meeting
19 4pm Annual Thanksgiving Service	20	21	22 9:30am Meditation	23 Thanksgiving Day Office is closed	24 Office is closed	25
26	27	28	29 9:30am Meditation	30		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN NOVEMBER!

1 Hannah Bowman	6 Danielle Paolozzi	23 Madison Tetreault
1 Ann Myrece James	16 Chase Paolozzi	23 Mason Tetreault
3 Renate Krakovich	18 Dot Pickens	24 Sharon Brezina
4 Amy Aanensen	20 Vanessa Sanchez	29 Edward Yeager
		29 Sarah Hayward





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN NOVEMBER!

7 Eleanore & Bill Csire

8 Sharon & Dave Brezina



Christmas Poinsettias 2017

Choice of White or Red potted poinsettias
at \$12.00 each.

Payment and order **MUST** be submitted to the
Church Office by **Monday, December 4, 2016.**



IMPORTANT: Please do not include any other payments or pledges in the same check.

- Please check off one of these options:**
- () I will pick up my plant(s).
 - () I will help deliver the plants.
 - () I wish to donate the plant(s) to a shut-in.

If you **do not** check off a choice, your plant(s) will be donated.

Please do not take your plant until you check with Louise Evans or Carol Dunn.

You can either give the form to Carol Dunn or John Rossi or submit form to church office or

Mail to: Unity Hill United Church of Christ, 364 White Plains Road, Trumbull, CT 06611

Attention: Christmas Poinsettias

QUANTITY	PLANT	COST EACH	TOTAL
	Red Poinsettia	\$12	\$
	White Poinsettia	\$12	\$
TOTAL			\$

Cash () Check () Check # _____

Please Print.

From _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Celebration of _____

***“No matter who you are
or where you are
on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”***

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