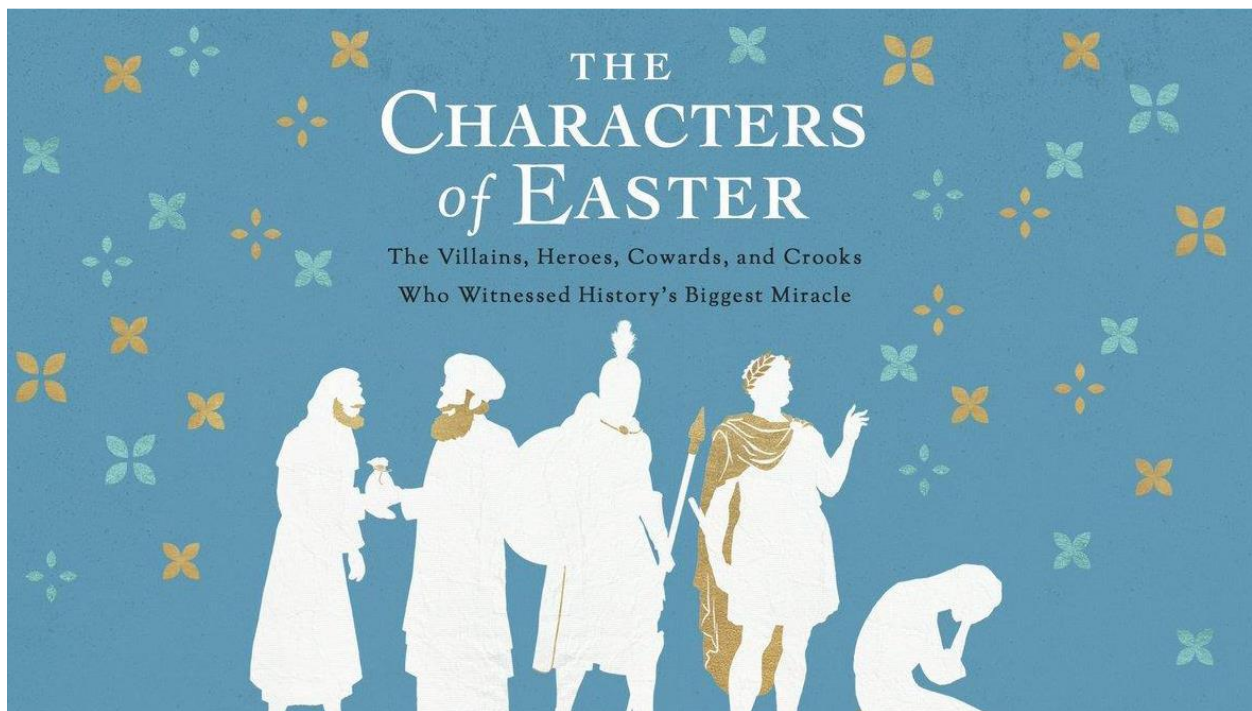




# Church News

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."  
Psalm 122:1*

**NBCC church doors are open please join us for  
Sunday Service, April 11 at 10:00 am also live streaming**



## **THE CHARACTERS OF EASTER - OUR WORSHIP SERIES CONCLUDES THIS WEEK!**

Please join us this second Sunday of Easter, as we conclude our worship series exploring "The Characters of Easter". The Resurrection has occurred, Jesus is alive, yet his disciple Thomas is not convinced until he gets a first-hand look. If you've ever felt doubt in the middle of your faith, then you can relate! Come and meet Thomas (you may already know him), and hear how Jesus responds to doubt with compassion and understanding.

Scripture \* John 20: 24-29

Sermon \* *Without Doubt?*



Greetings from the NBCC Music Ministry!

Blessed Easter Season! I pray the musical offerings during Lent and Holy Week were fulfilling and aided your spiritual journey. And here we are, now in the season of Hope, Joy and Resurrection!

Just a few updates. There will be a musical suggestion box available within a few weeks at the door of the sanctuary. Please feel free to write down your hymn suggestions, or other musical requests and pop it in the box! I love to hear from you!

Also, because of the incredible generosity of Arnie Palmieri, the music ministry will be receiving high quality masks made specifically for singing. This gift will enable Anthony and I to sing in services and begin to slowly (and safely!) make our way back to live music each Sunday. HUGE gratitude to Arnie!

Resuming choir or any group singing will not resume until at least the Fall. At that time, we will review the guidelines and move forward.

Thank you all for the continued support of the music ministry. Stay safe and well!

Blessings - Kelliann

## MONTHLY MEETING

**The Leadership Board** will hold its meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:30 pm

## PARISH VISITOR

Any articles for the May PV must be given to Fran no later than April 15.



**Need Help Getting A Vaccine Appointment?** If you're having difficulty scheduling a vaccine appointment, Luke Izzo is ready to help! He's offered to assist you as he has other family members and friends, to find a time and place for you to get your shot! Please feel free to call him, 203-507-1421.



If you're not worshipping with us in person, but would still like to celebrate communion, please let us know! Gerry and Vance can come to your home, using all safety protocols. We can also leave blessed bread and cup at your doorstep if you prefer. Simply e-mail or call Gerry at 203.483.1116 or [gerry@borgerson.com](mailto:gerry@borgerson.com)



**To every member of the church** - If you would like to hold a meeting in the church building, please remember a form has to be filled out and left in the Church Admins mailbox or email Fran at the church office. She will then let you know if your date has been placed on the calendar or if you need to change the date.



If you are in the church building after hours for a meeting or any activity, please do not forget when leaving to turn off all lights and turn the heat back down to 60. Just acknowledging these two areas will help to minimize the cost of our utility bills. Also, make sure the door is securely closed and locked when leaving the building. Thank you and know your help in this matter is much appreciated.



## **For In-Person Worshiping**

We have worked hard to make sure that safety protocols for our church members are met and in place during these Covid times. Below is what we have implemented per CDC guidelines.

- 2 large air filtration units for air purification and circulation with medical grade filters
- 1 air purifier in the choir loft
- Plexiglass shields on each podium and in front of the choir loft
- The pews are sectioned off for the social distancing
- Everyone is still required to wear masks
- We will enter the church from the side door at large parking lot side of the church
- We will leave the church from the large doors in the back of the church
- Your temperature will be taken when you enter the church
- If you plan to attend every Sunday, please let Jennifer Ramsay or Nancy Allen know. This way you do not have to pre-register through the church office
- At this time, we can have 25% of our normal capacity of 224 which is 56 people
- Hand sanitizers are there when you walk in and in the back of church
- There are arrows (one way only) for walking to follow for safety social distancing
  1. The Center aisle – one way towards the back of the church
  2. The Right and Left side aisles are from the back to the church to the front.

Blessing,

The Re-Opening Team





***PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DONATIONS***

If you are worshipping with us in the sanctuary or live streaming on Facebook, please remember your weekly donation/pledges are still needed. Do not forget that because of you, our church family, it is your weekly giving that helps to keep our church doors open.

Let us pray to our Father that it won't be long before we can sit together and worship as a church family.

**Your weekly donation or annual pledges can be mailed directly to the church or through PayPal.**

***By Mail:***

North Branford Congregational Church  
P.O. Box 410  
1680 Foxon Road  
North Branford, CT 06471  
attn. church treasurer

***By PayPal:***

Go onto our Facebook page and follow the directions or call Jen at 203.645.3107 if you need further instructions.

***If you have questions, please contact:***

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Nancy Bodwell at 203.481.9925 - [nancbodwell@yahoo.com](mailto:nancbodwell@yahoo.com)



Dave Elliston  
Elaine Blossom  
Ginny Montelius  
Mark Bauchmann  
Lew Reid  
Terry Malcom  
John Astarita  
Dee Fey

Ernie Vongher  
Carol Sabia  
Luella Eastwood  
Jane Auclair  
Marc Bachman  
Michael Sabia  
Andy Ellison  
Alberta Traub

**Maria, John & Alex Yerganian, friends of Donna Cropley**

**Peter DeRosa and his mother Eileen, friends Louise Mason**

**Ken Duonola** who is very sick, Ken and his family need prayers, friends of Andrea Barlow

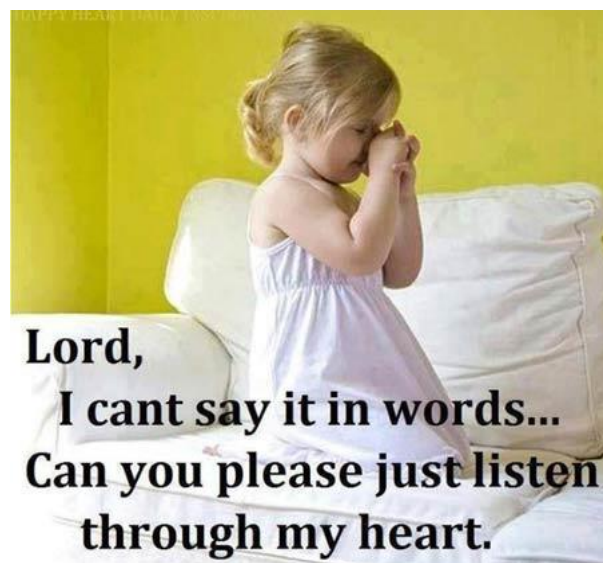
**Judy Caradori & Cheryl Davis,** Andrea Barlow's aunt & cousin

**Chris Farrell & Valerie Brown, Mary Zagorski & Nancy Meehan,** friends of Laurie Vincent

**Bozena Brodzik, Avery Sage, Donna Gawroski, Ron Malerba, Lynn,** friends of Andrea Barlow

If you know someone who needs prayers, please email their name to [nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net) so they can be placed on our church pray list.

Or, if someone is now doing well and you would like to remove their name from the prayer list please email the church.



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GET TO KNOW OUR CHURCH

**Live Streaming Worship On-Line!** Are you unable to attend Sunday Worship but would still like to feel the closeness of your church family? Just click on the following link below to watch our Worship Live on Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM. With this link you can also watch a recap of any past Sunday worships you might have missed. **Remember, your church family is never far away!** Click on this link - [www.Facebook.com/CTNBCC](https://www.facebook.com/CTNBCC)

## CLOTHING SHED IS NOW OPEN

The clothing donation shed located in our parking lot, which was temporarily closed due to global effects of the pandemic, has now been reopened to the public. If you're not familiar with the clothing donation shed, it's designed to give our members and neighbors a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing. St. Pauly Textile Inc., the company that has provided the shed, partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. NBCC receives funding for donated clothing, allowing us ways to maintain and expand our ministries.

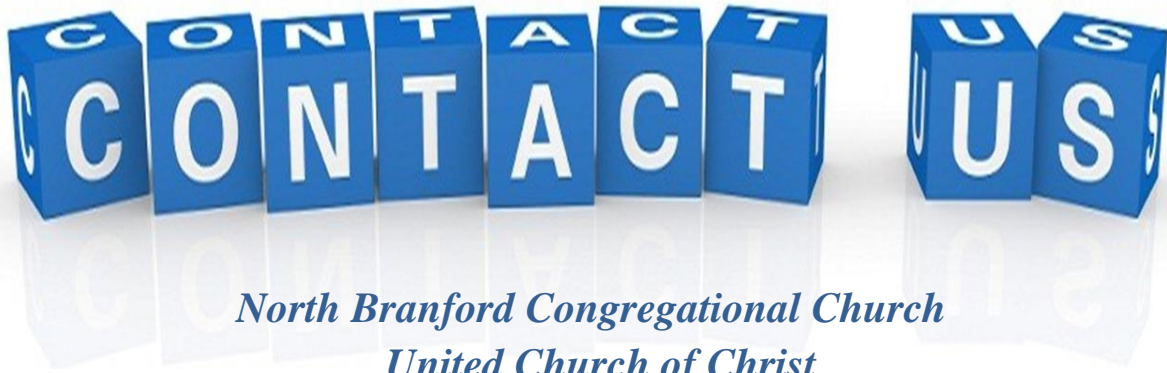
## TOPS

TOPS exercise program meets every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

## TO CONTACT THE PASTOR

Please know that you can contact Vance by calling him for an urgent need, pastoral conversation, or if you have information that would be helpful for him to know about our church family and the wider community. Leave a confidential message for Vance on his office phone (203-488-8456, ext.1), or you may call/text his cell phone (860-480-3307).

TO



*North Branford Congregational Church*

*United Church of Christ*

1680 Foxon Road

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**To contact us by phone: 203.488.8456**

**For Fran Giambalvo, Church Administrator - press 0**

**For Rev. Vance Taylor - Press 1 to leave a personal & confidential message, or by cell phone: 1.860.480.3307 (voice & text)**

**email Our address is: [nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net)**

**Vance's email address is: [vance.taylor@snet.net](mailto:vance.taylor@snet.net)**



***Doubting Thomas***

Stop doubting, and resume  
believing!