



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, June 13 at 10:00 am also live streaming**



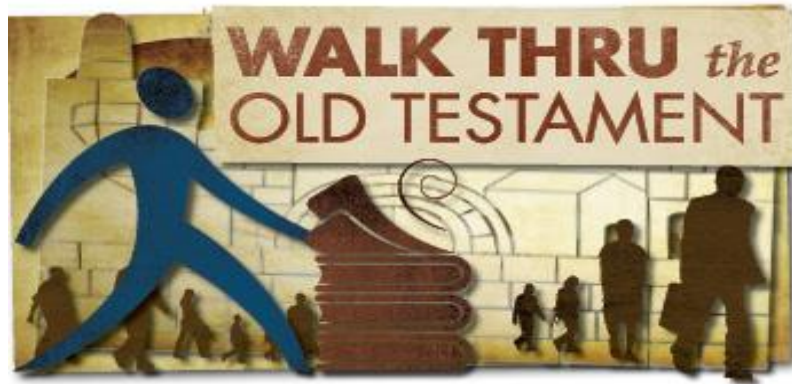
Come to Church: Generations Sunday

Join us on June 13 at 10 am for a very special Sunday service as we celebrate the various ages and stages that make up our church family. Teen member Luke Izzo will be preaching and long-term member Louise Mason has something special to share with us at Children's Time. This will be an intergenerational service with the children remaining in church throughout. The service will be indoors but we will continue being together outside after service (weather permitting) with an "individual picnic" on the lawn. Bring a blanket or chair and whatever you'd like to eat for lunch. Come worship, pray, learn, grow and be in community together on Generations Sunday!

Scripture * Matthew 25: 14-30



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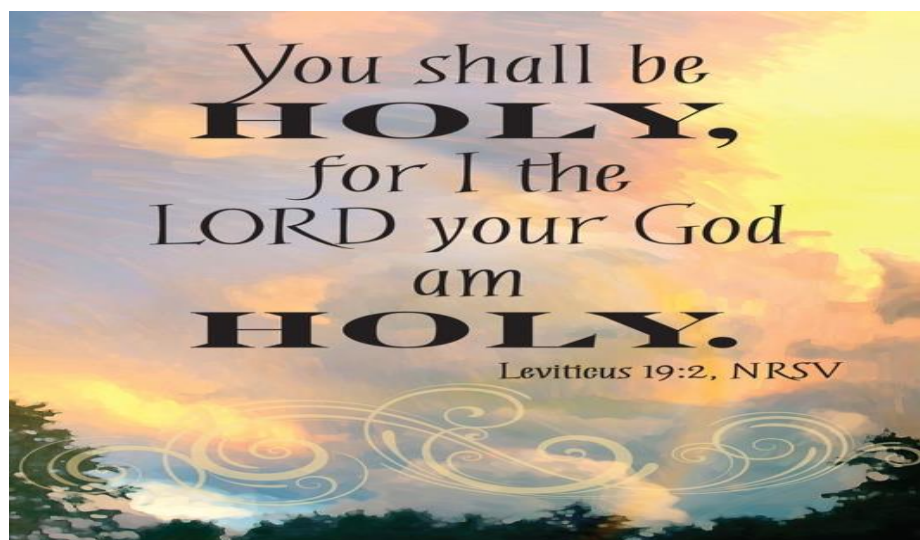
Please join us next Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 PM

Please join us as we bring together another Bible Study on the Old Testament of "Leviticus: a 12-Week Study."

We hope everyone who wants to keep growing in Christ will join us on the first and third Thursday the month of – June 3 and 17 and August 5 and 19 at 6:30 PM. Study guides will be provided

No classes will be held in July.

Any questions please email Jennifer at bellmad1@aol.com



Please join our Bereavement group this evening,
June 10 at 7:00 PM



*Remembering the good times
with the memories you hold
in your heart they will never
be forgotten.*

Grief has no timeline

From Sorrow into Light

Bring your 'Sorrow into The Light' is a bereavement support group for anyone struggling with the loss of a loved one. If you decide to join our group, please think of it as a safe place for you to share your feelings and your sorrow. Know that by sharing your burden it is a way that will start your healing process. As you listen and respond to those in your group, sometimes you can come to terms to the sorrow that lies heavily in your heart as well as your story bringing comfort to those sharing this experience with you.

This journey happens every Thursday and will continue through June 17. Our meetings will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the chapel of the North Branford Congregational Church at 1680 Foxon Road.

Please join us in your time of need. We must always remember that no matter what our struggles, we are never alone!

The 'Sorrow into the Light' group will be led by Gerry Borgerson, a retired Marriage and Family Therapist and Tracy Kennedy. If you have questions, please feel free to call Gerry at 203-483-1116 or Tracy at 203.500.0104.



- 1- Volunteers are needed for the Properties Committee. Justin Moldonado is our first volunteer. Thank you, Justin. We need more volunteers to help care for small maintenance jobs around the property of NBCC. Please contact Joanne Palmieri or any member of the Leadership Board if you are interested in serving the church in this capacity.
- 2- We are in need of a Chair for the Kitchen Committee. (Pun intended) Seriously though, we need a Kitchen Committee Chairperson to oversee the use of the kitchen by members and others when we get the kitchen up and running again, post covid. To sign up or for more information please contact Andrea at victorianrosefarm@gmail.com

Thank you to Tracy Kennedy who stepped up and has volunteered to become our Certified Food Safety Manager!!



If you are using the chapel, fellowship hall or any area in the church for meetings and you have not notified Fran, Church Administrator, please do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. There has already been confusion as to who is using which area for meetings. Please, guidelines must be followed so two groups do not meet in the same area at the same time. This is making it difficult for Fran to keep the calendar correct. Please, let Fran know when you would like to use the building and she will let you know if that specific room is available.

Leave a
at

note on her desk or email



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or phone at 203.488.8456. Thank you.

MONTHLY MEETINGS for JULY

Worship meeting is on July 5 at 7:00 pm

Leadership board meeting is on July 13 at 6:30 pm

NEED HELP?

Still Need Help Getting A Vaccine Appointment? If you are still having difficulty scheduling a vaccine appointment, Luke Izzo is ready to help! He is a member of our church and is offering to assist you the same way he has assisted family members and friends, to find a time and place for you to get your vaccine. Please feel free to call Luke at 203-507-1421.



Altar Flowers

Once again we will be placing flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary. If you would like to remember someone or if it is a special occasion, please use the sign-up sheets on the board as you enter the church.



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



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.

Prison Ministry

Hi everyone,

Last Sunday, we had the opportunity to hear from Rev. Charlotte White about a wonderful ministry that helps newly released prisoners. If you can bring in any of the items listed below, we will pass them on to Rev. White to assist with the work of helping the formerly incarcerated to get a new start in society. Please leave items in the box in the Sanctuary. **Kindly remember that this is a collection of new items.** Let's be a blessing!

Thanks!

FOR MEN

Towel set: wash cloths, hand towels, bath towels, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, toilet paper, deodorant, body and foot powders, calendars, note pads/pen

Spring: socks, T shirts, undershirts, light jackets and ball caps

Fall/ Winter:: socks, sweatshirts, gloves, scarves, and knit hats. Any extra items like wallets, flashlights, etc.

Bus pass: \$15.75

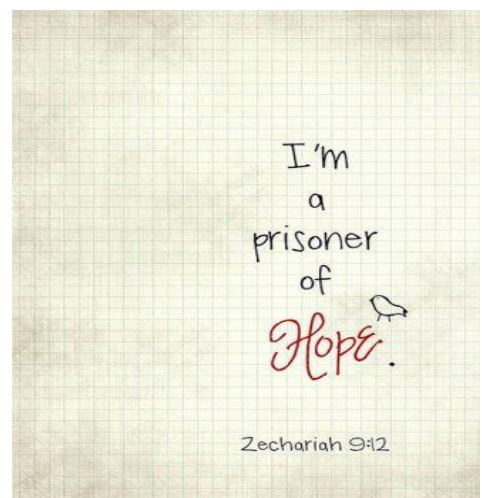
FOR WOMEN

Towel sets (2 wash cloths, 1 hand and 1 bath towel), soap, shampoo/conditioner combo, hair brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, Shaving cream, razors, deodorants, hand cream, Tampons, note pads/pens/etc., calendars

Spring: socks, tee shirts or blouse, rain jacket, umbrella

Fall/Winter: socks, sweatshirt, gloves, scarves and knit hats. Any extra items like wallets, small purses, make up bags, etc.

Bus pass: \$15.75





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, remember because of you, our church family, your weekly offerings make it possible 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:

Jennifer Downer at 203.645.3107 - bellmad1@aol.com or
Nancy Bodwell at 203.481.9925 - nancbodwell@yahoo.com



Craig Vincent
Ernie Vongher
Jane Auclair
Michael Sabia
Marc Bachman
Alberta Traub
Laura McManus

Carol Sabia
Ginny Montelius
Lew Reid
John Astarita
Andy Ellison
Elaine Blossom

Colette Gardner and family
Mark Bauchmann
Terry Malcom
Dee Fey
Dave Elliston
Luella Eastwood

David Mendillo, brother-in-law of Michael & Donna Cropley

Steph Hackett, friend of Jennifer Ramsay

Maria, John & Alex Yerganian, friends of Donna Cropley

Peter DeRosa and his mother Eileen, friends Louise Mason

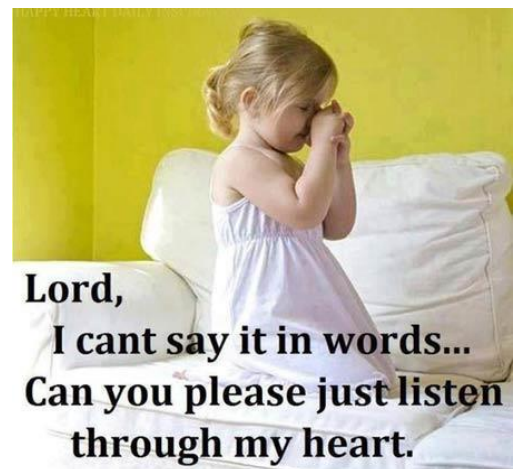
Ken Duonola who is very sick, Ken and his family need prayers, friends of Andrea Barlow

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
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.



Lord,
I cant say it in words...
Can you please just listen
through my heart.

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

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



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United Church of Christ*

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North Branford, CT 06471

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)**

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Vance's email address is: vance.taylor@snet.net

