The Light of the World is Born

Please join us for worship this Sunday December 26, at 10:00 AM. Let us come together to worship, pray, learn, and grow together in the loving grace of the Christ Child.

Let us start to celebrate on Christmas day and everyday thereafter throughout the new year the birth of Baby Jesus.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15
The CHRISTMAS JOURNEY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 – 10 pm Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols
(please note new time for our Christmas eve service)

Saturday, December 25  Christmas Day  Remember to take the time to thank Our
Father for the amazing gift of His Son!

JANUARY 2022

Please join us on January 2, 2022 for our first Sunday Communion service of the
New Year
If you would like to place flowers on the altar in remembrance of someone or for a special occasion, please use the sign-up sheet tacked to the board.

**MONTHLY MEETINGS for DECEMBER**

- **Worship meeting** – Sunday January 2 following service
- **Leadership Board meets** – Tuesday, January 11 @ 6:30 pm

**Don’t forget to send in your annual pledges by the end of December.**

If you are not attending Sunday Worship and would like to leave your weekly donation or annual contribution in the church office, **PLEASE** place it in the mailbox of the ‘Financial Secretary’, or mail it to NBCC, PO Box 410, North Branford, CT 06471. Remember that your donations help to keep the doors to our church open.

**The individual who would like to use the church building must be the individual to call** Fran, Church Administrator, to let her know when you need use of the building, reason for use (meeting, social event, etc.) as there is paperwork that needs to be filled out. She will also let you know if that specific room is available. Please call Fran at 203.488.8456, emailing nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or filling out a form attached to the office calendar. Thank you
COVID RESTRICTION
AND USE OF CHURCH

As of two weeks ago the UCC guidelines for Covid restrictions recommends that everyone must wear a mask whether vaccinated or not when in the common areas of our church building.

Face coverings are required in the Sanctuary when not seated and only IF you are fully vaccinated. Members should congregate only outside due to the increasing number of COVID cases.

Please remember and for the safety of others - When you are in the common areas inside the church, your mask must always be worn.

Symptom checking, ie; fevers, cough, muscles aches are on the honor system... BUT if you are not feeling well, please stay home and watch the service on FB.

Thank you for your understanding in this very important matter which helps to keep not only our members safe but also those visiting our church.
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
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! Thank you!

**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
Throughout this blessed holiday season do not forget to keep in prayer the people of Kentucky who have lost loved ones, as well as their homes from the tornados that ripped through their state. Pray that they will find some comfort and peace knowing God is by their side during this most difficult time. Also, pray for the humanitarian organizations that will be helping the next several months to rebuild the neighborhoods for these families.

Dee Faye       Jim Ramsay       Ginny Montelius
Bill Holcomb   Craig Vincent    Ernie Vongher
Terry Malcom   Elaine Blossom   Dave Elliston
Alberta Traub  Marc Bachman    Andy Ellison

Mary Lou M cousin of Rose Rita
Jesse Dwyer friends of Mike and Doreen Vetro
David Mendillo, brother-in-law of Michael & Donna Cropley
Maria, John & Alex Yerganian, friends of Donna Cropley
Chris Farrell & Valerie Brown, Mary Zagorski & Nancy Meehan, friends of Laurie Vincent

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 can’t say it in words...
Can you please just listen through my heart.
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.
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United Church of Christ
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North Branford, CT 06471
To contact Fran Giambalvo, Church Administrator
by phone: 203.488.8456
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The Birth of Christ
Luke 2:1-20

For there is born to you this day in
the city of David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11