



THE CIRCLE CHURCH NEWS

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- Pastor's Note -

Rabbi Abraham Heschel is someone at whose feet I study. A fierce and unrelenting voice for justice, he lived, prayed, taught, and led from a place of deep compassion, joy, and love. He is widely recognized as one of the wisest theologians and great prophets of our time. I aspire to developing even a fraction of the power of his luminous, proactive empathy in my own life and leadership.

If you aren't familiar with Heschel, his daughter Susannah has compiled a remarkable collection of his writings in *Abraham Joshua Heschel: Essential Writings*, and it includes a wonderful introduction about him and his life's work. Susannah writes, "I am still amazed by my father's courage, after losing his family in the war, to fall in love, marry and have a child.... I must add: he was never depressed, never moody or withdrawn or melancholy. Our family home was filled with laughter, jokes and playfulness.... Despair is forbidden, he used to say. God is everywhere and never gives us a task without also giving us the strength to carry it out."

I am especially awake this morning to my yearning to draw nearer to the example he lived. Today is my birthday. My 51st. I am alive and serving God as part of an inspiring, love-infused, healthy congregation that genuinely seems to want to live meaningfully into God's call in our lives: to seek

justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. And this Sunday is Pentecost, the day the Spirit alighted like tongues of sacred flame on the lives of the believers, the Church's birthday.

This week, we have seen violence escalating along the fault lines of our society, wounds opening wider where "essential employees" and neighbors' perceptions of "personal freedom" collide, leaders stoking fires of disharmony and injustice, and protests erupting in flames...are these not the flames of God's Pentecost Spirit?

As I awaken to this new day and look forward to Pentecost this Sunday, I find myself wondering anew who God is calling me and the church to be. I also feel poignantly aware of my privilege in asking this question, and the responsibility that comes with that privilege ("to whom much is given, much is expected...").

Rabbi Heschel urged us to cultivate our inner lives in order to deepen our awareness of God's searching for us. He wrote, "Awareness of the divine begins with wonder." His words speak with relevance to our churches today: "Religion declined not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, oppressive, insipid. When faith is completely replaced by creed, worship by discipline, love by habit; when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendor of the past; when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than with the voice of compassion -- its message becomes meaningless. Religion is an answer to humanity's ultimate questions. [We need] to rediscover the questions to which religion is an answer."

Heschel taught that radical amazement and awe, combined with sincere embarrassment at all we have overlooked, can lead us to living into our part in God's ongoing call in the world and understanding with deep empathy the prophetic voices of our day.

Prophecy is the voice that God has lent to the silent agony, a voice to the plundered poor. God is raging in the prophet's words. In speaking, the prophet reveals God. This is the marvel of a prophet's work: in his words, the invisible God becomes audible. Divine power bursts in his words. The authority of the prophet is in the Presence his words reveal.

To a person endowed with prophetic sight, everyone else appears blind; to a person whose ear perceives God's voice, everyone else appears deaf. The prophet hates the approximate; he shuns the middle of the road. Carried away by the challenge, the demand to straighten out humanity's ways, the prophet is strange, one-sided, an unbearable extremist.

Others may suffer from the terror of cosmic aloneness; the prophet is overwhelmed by the grandeur of divine presence. The prophet disdains those for whom God's presence is comfort and security; to him it is a challenge, an incessant demand. God is compassion, not compromise; justice, though not inclemency.

The prophet's word is a scream in the night. While the world is at ease and asleep, the prophet feels the blast from heaven. The prophet faces a coalition of callousness and established authority and undertakes to stop a mighty stream with mere words. The purpose of prophecy is to conquer callousness, to change the inner person as well as to revolutionize history. The prophets remind us of the moral state of a people: Few are guilty, but all are responsible.

It is embarrassing to be a prophet. There are so many pretenders, predicting peace and

prosperity, offering cheerful words, adding strength to self-reliance, while the prophet predicts disaster, pestilence, agony, and destruction. People need exhortations to courage, endurance, confidence, fighting spirit, but Jeremiah proclaims: You are about to die if you do not have a change of heart and cease being callous to the word of God.

The prophet is a person who suffers the harm done to others. Wherever a crime is committed, it is as if the prophet were the victim and the prey. All prophecy is one great exclamation: God is not indifferent to evil!

"Let there be a grain of prophet in everyone!" Heschel concluded.

As I live into my next year, and as the church lives together into our next trip around the sun, Heschel's words speak poignantly and powerfully to our moment. I hear God's prayer for the church in his words. It is my prayer for myself that I can live lovingly into them, and find ways to partner lovingly with our church and our community in finding a grain of the prophet within ourselves and cultivating it tenaciously and lovingly to grow.

Love and blessings, and Happy Birthday!
Heather

- Music Notes from Linda -

Heartfelt thank-you's to ALL of the amazing musicians who have been so generously sharing their talents during our virtual Sunday services! It is WONDERFUL to see the dear faces of so many NMCC friends – both young people and adults – and Non-choir folks as well as members of our faithful choir. There has been singing, dancing, and playing of many different instruments – with a wide variety of AMAZING music!!

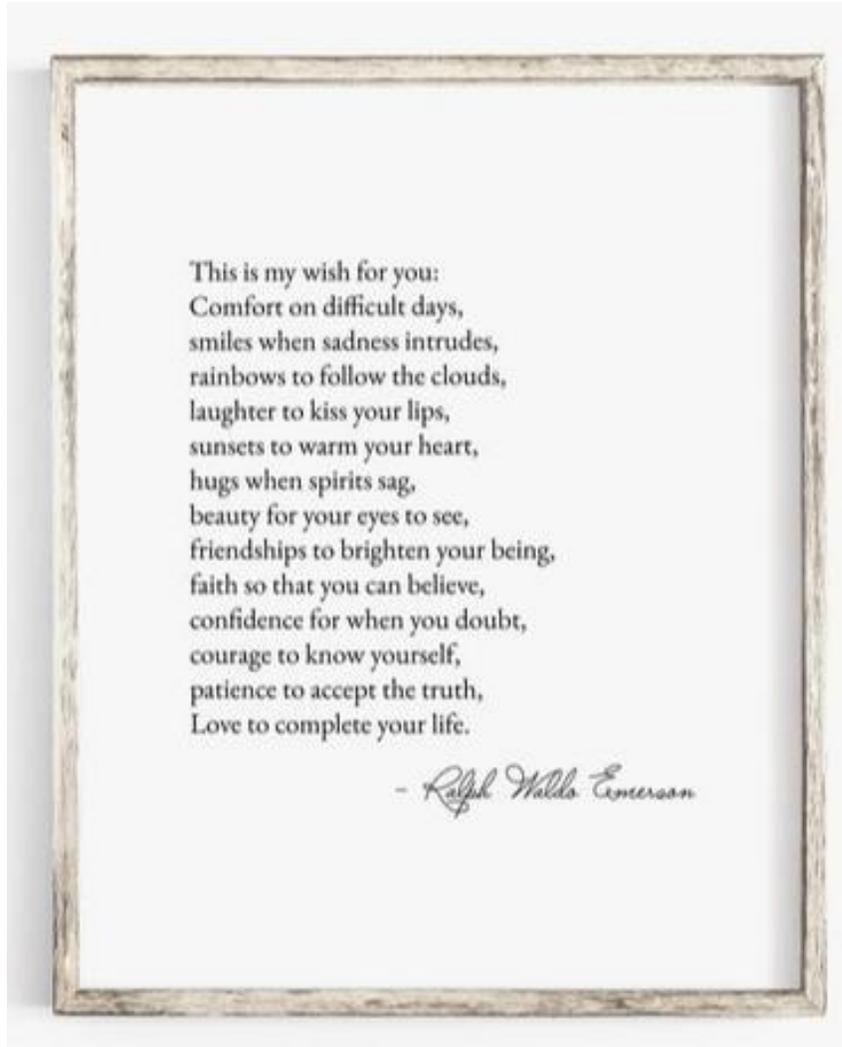
Who knew that virtual worship could be so special????!

And speaking of "special" – we are MOST grateful to Scott Chassé, without whose technical help none of this music would be happening online! He has been working very diligently behind the scenes for many hours each week...

We are learning – even more in this age of "Zoom" – that "it takes a village" (or in our case – "a church") to make things happen. SO – don't be shy about offering your talents I would love to hear from you!

- Children and Youth Ministries -

Welcome to June friends!



This is the month to celebrate our graduates, another academic year in the books for all students and their families, and our volunteers that love, teach and support our children and youth all year long. Congratulations to you all on navigating a Spring like no other so far. In such a short amount of time we have been able to adapt our traditional ways or create new methods to learn together, connect with each other, and support our community as we weather this storm. As the author Maya Angelou said, ""If it's bad, it might get worse, but I know that it's going to be better. And you have to know that. There's a country song out now, which I wish I'd written, that says, 'Every storm runs out of rain.' I'd make a sign of that if I were you."

**EVERY STORM
RUNS OUT OF
RAIN.**

Maya Angelou



Heartfelt Congratulations to our two scholarship winners, and to all of our graduates!

Jordyn Belcourt, 2020 Mercy High School graduate, is our **first Barbara Ann Munro Scholarship** recipient. Ken Munro presented the award to Jordyn at Worship on May 31st. Jordyn will head to University of Connecticut in the Fall to study Pharmacy in UCONN's 6-year program. We have enjoyed watching Jordyn grow into the compassionate and thoughtful young woman she is today and are so thankful that she chose to serve on our Settled Pastor Search Committee, as a dedicated assistant church school teacher and enthusiastic youth group member. We are grateful for the time Jordyn has spent mentoring our younger children during the Christmas Pageants and church school, and for the love that she shared with the family our SYG served during the mission trip to West Virginia.

Bennett Sprague, 2020 Daniel Hand High School graduate, is our **North Madison Congregational Church Scholarship** recipient. John Gallops presented the award to Bennett also at Worship on May 31st. Bennett intends to study at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor Michigan in the Fall, and then transfer to study Mechanical Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology. Our church family has loved watching Bennett grow into the faith filled young man he is today. Over the years, Bennett generously shared his musical gifts with us all by playing his violin in Worship and also with the Skunk Misery Ramblers. He also served as an essential part of our technical worship team by videoing our services regularly. These are just a few of the ways that Bennett has enriched our community while growing up at NMCC.

Jordyn and Bennett, you are already changing this world for the better by sharing your unique gifts with everyone you meet. We look forward to supporting you as your paths unfold. Please always remember that we love you!

Our 2020 Graduates are . . .

High School:

- **Bennett Sprague**, Daniel Hand HS - attending Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor Michigan in the Fall, and then transfer to study Mechanical Engineering at RIT
- **Jordyn Belcourt**, Mercy HS, University of Connecticut in the Fall to study Pharmacy in UConn's 6-year program
- **Jack Green**, Daniel Hand HS, Virginia Tech to study Engineering in the Fall
- **Jack Lanza**, Daniel Hand HS, James Madison University to study kinesiology in the Fall
- **Jessica Murphy**, Daniel Hand HS, Providence College to study Elementary Education and Diving Team in Division 1
- **Shelby Whitehead**, Haddam-Killingworth HS, Central CT University in the Fall to study Computer Science
- **Lexi Fix**, Guilford HS, attending University of Connecticut in the Fall to study Environmental Science



College:

- **Sam Fix**, Southern CT State University, BS in graphic design with a minor in journalism
- **Conor Dixon**, University of Vermont, degree in Neuroscience with minors in philosophy and biology
- **Reed Berestecky**, Gettysburg College, BA in Political Science
- **Erin Schafer**, Roger Williams University, degree in Public Relations and a minor in English Literature, working at a barn caring for horses
- **Chris Barber**, Bucknell University, BS in Physics, will begin working at Princeton Physics Plasma in NJ in June
- **Nicole Farrales**, University of Rhode Island, BS in Business Administration - Finance
- **Matt Chamberlain**, degree in Nutrition and Dietetics, going to grad school at SUNY Stony Brook in the Fall and will play Division 1 Baseball
- **Heather Frazier Jones Ignatuk**, degree in Ophthalmic Dispensing and Design (ODD) from Middlesex Community College (in addition to the BA in Communication she holds)
- **Dr. Katherine Chapman**, Doctor of Dental Medicine from The University of Connecticut. She will study three more years to become an orthodontist. After 8 years in California she will be back in Connecticut!

We love you all and are so proud of your achievements! Bask in the glow - you've earned it. Please also know that your NMCC family is rooting for each of you, now and always.

Thank You!



Our Christian Education Board would like to thank Julie Abbott and Laura Prohaska for serving with love and creativity. Your time on our board has been a true blessing to our entire community. CE would also like to warmly welcome Stacy Schafer, Stacey Kivel and Meredith Young! Continued sincere thanks to Janice Wolf for chairing our board, and to Jill Abouljian, Jeff Ignatuk, Jen Davies, and Missy Belcourt who continue to serve our children and youth with open hearts. Thank you also to our wonderful childcare provider and preschool church school teacher, Alicia Lanzetti - we are so happy you are with us.

CE also thanks Peter Meier for championing Our Whole Lives healthy sexuality program, and has much gratitude for our NMCC facilitators Frank Walsh and Melinda Clemmons as well.

Please join us in Worship on June 28th when we will honor our volunteers who taught church school this year, led special programming or chaperoned youth events. We will also present the Anne Fowler-Schmidt Christian Education Award to two recipients on the 28th.

Thank you to Karen Miller and Kathy Bannon for leading yoga; Martha Nichols for Christmas cookie baking with youth; Kathy Westgard for leading Improv Team Building; Melinda Clemmons and Jen Davies for leading blanket making; Stacy and Charlie Shafer for Christmas Pageant bells with our kids; Ann and Bill Clemmons for the Christmas Family Orchestra; All the families who illuminated our grounds on Christmas Eve including Charlie Shafer; Linda Juliani for Intergenerational Choir; Sanna Stanley for leading the kids in painting the Night Sky Banner; All the folks who led Children's Messages; Jeff Ignatuk, Lance Abbott, Bonnie Ryder, Stacey Kivel, Heather Crawford, Adam Lehman, Janice Wolf, Kristin Polisky, Adam Polisky, and Missy Belcourt for coordinating and chaperoning youth events. Many thanks to Julie Abbott for co-leading Junior JYG, and Jen Davies for assisting

with JYG and SYG. Thank you also to Roberta, Jackie, Tom and Heather for love and support throughout the year. Thank you also to Kathy and our CNS teachers! XO

Please note that Sue will be out of the office from June 29-August 30, but will be reachable in emergencies by cell. Please mark your calendars for Gathering Sunday, Sept. 13th as we begin a new academic year together. I wish you all a happy, healthy, safe summer, friends.

With love,

Sue

Community Outreach and Fundraisers –



Ministry Resource Team: “. . . now our service begins!” The Ministry Resource Team (MRT) supports our Outreach Ministry Champions with tools, guidance, expertise, and funding if needed to ensure our Outreach Ministries align with the criteria established by the Congregation in 2018. Contact [Roberta Hanlon](#) if you would like to learn more.

We’ve had some positive activity and updates from our Outreach Ministries this month.



Columbus House. While Columbus House remains closed, their support of clients continues. The most recent newsletter from Columbus House says it all:

"Dear Friends of Columbus House,

Your continuing support has resulted in 127 people who were experiencing homelessness, including 25 Veterans, move into their own apartment since March 15. This incredible feat could not have been accomplished without your willingness to be part of the solution to ending homelessness. Thank you!

Because of you, life-saving shelter and services are available to those we serve, and those living on the streets are getting connected to innovative programs designed to end homelessness. In spite of the pandemic, vital services continue for the most vulnerable – all while adhering to CDC guidelines to ensure the safety of those in need as well those providing services.

Your commitment is critical. Thank you for your ongoing partnership."

Please stay safe, and watch for additional updates.

The online donation we collected from you in April for breakfast donations covers the equivalent of what we would have been almost 9 Saturday breakfasts. At 2 breakfasts a month this will take through the first Saturday in August. If you wish to support them through NMCC, you may donate online and indicated Columbus House or donate directly. There is list of items on their web page www.columbushouse.org along with a “donate” button to help them with funds needed to provide these ongoing services. I’d be happy to personally deliver any items you collect and wish to donate. Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com, Columbus House Champion.



Connecticut Quest for Peace: Thank you for your clothing donations for our May collection. Despite the short collection time and clothing-only request, your response has been amazing! We added to your clothes a large donation from Act II Thrift Shop to our collection, and appreciate this ongoing partnership. We will also make our annual donation to Quest for Peace this week. Thank you for your support! Karen Miller, dksamiller@msn.com, Champion for CT Quest for Peace.



Continuum of Care Needs Face Masks: Thank you all for your help in making face masks – we have donated 211 masks so far!! Some of the staff are quite anxious about going into the group homes and potentially exposing the clients given staff are out and about in the everyday world. So many of the clients have not only developmental or psychiatric disabilities or histories of substance use but many also have underlying medical conditions putting them at higher risk. Many of the staff members at Continuum are concerned that if they can't keep the clients safe and inadvertently infect them, the clients could end up in the hospital taking up beds that they could otherwise have prevented. If you're interested in joining out the COVID-10 Mask Ministry, check out their article, with mask-making suggestions and how to donate to Continuum of Care. Thank you so much and stay healthy and safe! Jim Farrales, farnavos@comcast.net, Continuum of Care Champion.



Raise the Roof/Habitat Greater New Haven: RTR and Habitat New Haven home builds remain on hold. We learned this morning their store ReStore has reopened and the RTR/Habit team are working on plans and protocols resume construction in the next few weeks.

Frank maintains his contact with Laya Camara and we hopeful we can start English lessons soon. There may be an opportunity for landscaping at his house when we are able. We are looking forward to partnering with First Church Guilford, Temple Beth Tikvah and others when the building resumes. Frank has also been in conversation with a youth leader and mentor at First Church Guilford about the possibility of organizing a youth group among churches and other youth organizations to engage in Habitat construction. Stay tuned! We will see how far we can take this. Frank Walsh frankwalsh@comcast.net and Cal Price, calvinkprice@gmail.com, RTR Champions.



St. Martin de Porres Academy. This month we will send SMPA our annual donation to provide student academic support. Since March 16, SMPA students have been distance learning from home, ongoing student support and learning by phone calls, emails, texts, laptops and Chromebooks, video conferencing, technical support, food, internet service and social work services – whatever it takes to keep their students focused and moving forward every day. In addition, as is the tradition, support is also available and very reassuring for their graduates. Many thanks for your ongoing support – it is making a huge difference. Karen Miller, SMPA Champion, dksamiller@msn.com.



The Congregational Life Ministry team sponsors, coordinates, and facilitates events that will enable folks to get to know each other and to build fellowship while living out our purpose statement. In light of the pandemic, the plans for a potluck in Fellowship Hall were put on hold. Instead, during the month of May, the team sponsored a series of three zoom meetings all showing the same TED Talk featuring Amy Hunter who spoke about Lucky Zip Codes. Each of the evenings explored the long-standing racial injustices, which is not just

about inequality and discrimination but an injustice that stems from a wider issue that is systemic in nature, grounded in legislative and social policies, as well as white privilege.

The conversations touched on the recent events including Ahmaud Arbery, who was killed while jogging. Breonna Taylor was shot 8 times and killed while sleeping in her bed after police carried out a “no-knock warrant” at the wrong house. Her boyfriend, Ken Walker, who has a license to carry a gun and thought it was a home invasion, opened fire and hit one of the plain clothes police officers in the leg. He was arrested and charged with attempted murder. George Floyd can be heard crying out “I cannot breathe” and “Don’t kill me!” After 9 minutes of a police officer kneeling on his neck, his body became motionless. Through this conversation, we learned that we’re not seeing an increase of racial injustice but rather more of it is being video recorded and telling a story that our black and brown brothers and sisters already knew. The three events occurred on May 19, 22, and 27, 2020 with a total of 18 in attendance over the three evenings.

Contact Jim Farrales, farnavos@comcast.net with any questions about the Congregational Life Ministry team.



Prison and Re-entry Ministry:

“I was released and you welcomed me.”

Albert Einstein said, “in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.” No doubt COVID 19 is an extreme challenge but it has ushered in significant opportunities for NMCC to further our passions and partnerships in the area of social justice.

During this pandemic we have been called to broaden our conversation on racial inequalities particularly with a focus on the very vulnerable prison population that suffers from crowded and unsafe conditions.

An opportunity by way of an invitation from the First Congregational Church of Guilford helps us expand our commitment to making a difference. We have been asked to participate in Guilford’s Prison and Re-entry Ministry. This hands-on BACKPACK AND DUFFLE BAG PROGRAM is designed to assist people who have been incarcerated as they are released and integrated back into the community.

Our goal to provide 10 filled backpacks/duffle bags has been met through the generosity of the NMCC community! Each filled bag will be delivered with a handwritten note from NMCC to the Project Fresh Start program in New Haven to men and women as they re-enter society.

A big thank you to **Sue Kenney and Vera Levis** for coordinating donations, purchasing materials and filling the bags. Thanks also goes out to all of you who contributed so generously to make this on-going ministry a tangible commitment to ensuring that all of God’s people are seen and cared for.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who so generously donated and supported us with the Backpack Ministry.

Our goal was to raise \$1,000 either monetarily or through listed item donations to fill 5 backpacks for men and 5 duffle bags for women. We received about 90% monetary and 10% listed item donations in just two weeks.

We are grateful for the awesome support of the Congregation especially during this Pandemic and financially uncertain times. What a perfect time to show our love and support for each individual who will be released from prison and re-enter society as a free citizen.

Finally, quotes by Nelson Mandela,

“There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find that ways in which you yourself have altered.”

“Let there be justice for all, let there be peace for all. Let there be work, bread, water and salt for all. Let each know that for each the body, the mind and the soul have been freed to fulfill themselves.”

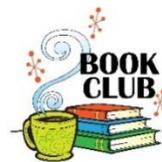
Love and blessings,

Sue Kenney, Kate Summerlin, Rev. Heather Arcovitch, Merrie Harrison and Vera Levis

- Get Involved / Stay Connected -



There are many ways to be involved in NMCC's vibrant community – serving in an Outreach Ministry, mentoring and teaching our children, joining in musicmaking or worship planning, helping out around the church building, sharing the gifts God has given you, learning new skills from others, enjoying the fellowship of working on projects together. Visit our [Get Involved](#) page for opportunities at northmadisoncc.org.



Book Discussion Group: The next NMCC book discussion will be held on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 PM (*note the half-hour time change*). The book was written by three Nobel-prize winners, the Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, and Desmond Tutu. The name is "THE BOOK OF JOY". You are invited to read and join us or just listen in as it is discussed on June 30. Shortly before the meeting, The Zoom link information will be sent to all interested participants. Please let Peter Meier know if you are interested in participating (peterm190@yahoo.com).



Tuesdays in the Garden: *Spring has sprung
The grass has riz
We know where the gardens is!*

During the months of April and May we have invited you into the gardens of the NMCC community through our [Tuesdays in the Garden](#) weekly video program. So far we have learned about salad gardens, composting, hydrangea care, spring gardens, invasive plants, gardening by the moon, and helpful garden tips. As June unfolds we have another month's worth of new gardens to bring to you along with gardening expertise and know how. Stay tuned to learn about iris', community gardening, annuals and follow up visits to gardens we've already seen. Past and present gardening videos are available on both the NMCC website and the

church Facebook page. If you are a gardener and have a garden you'd like to share, please get in touch with either Melissa Blundon - pdbludon@aol.com or Kate Summerlin - summerlin.kate@gmail.com



Sharing Your Gifts: Would you like to offer something in worship? Music, a prayer, a children's story, a stewardship moment, a poem that has inspired you, a question or thought you would like to see Pastor Heather talk about? Please email Heather or the Church Office and let them know!

Would you like to feature your garden in an upcoming Tuesdays in the Garden episode (on Facebook, our YouTube Channel, and the NMCC website)? Please let Kate Summerlin know.

As we create together what our congregation is and does in this time of COVID-19 and the months ahead, have you got an idea for us to think about?

We'd love to hear from you--don't be shy!



COVID Mask Making Ministry: The need is great! The demand for home-made masks continues, especially since it is likely that the wearing of masks will be required or recommended for many venues, for the foreseeable future. To date, we have delivered 211 face masks to Continuum of Care, as well as additional masks to community members and to Columbus House. Thank you for considering involvement with our COVID Mask-making Ministry team! More information can be found by clicking [here](#).

Prison Re-Entry Ministry:



Thank you from Eleanor Watt! I have been overwhelmed with all the birthday wishes, which included yesterday's song and candles (during the Zoom church service) and the many beautiful cards and notes I have received. I cherish the best wishes extended to me from many church friends. I am blessed with a wonderful church family. Thank you.

My love and blessings to all,



Staying Strong and Resilient Webinar Recording: If you missed it, Orlene Gallops *Staying Strong and Resilient Webinar* recording is available to view on YouTube until June 1, <https://youtu.be/SPu8cO7io5A>.



Thank you for your Support in these Strange Times: Especially now, it's so important to support our church's financial health. Please keep your giving up to date, and purchase grocery cards which support our church, at no extra cost to you. [Click here to give online](#), or mail your check to the church office. [Click Here](#) to see more ways to give and other options to send your contribution.



Weekly Church Emails: Are you receiving our weekly email? We're now using Constant Contact in addition to PowerChurch to send out our all church emails. If you haven't been receiving them, please check the following:

- Check your spam folder and mark us as a trusted sender, or "not spam."
- In Gmail, check to see if our email is going to your "Promotions" folder. If so, you can select "move" and put it in your primary inbox. It will ask if you want to change your settings so future emails go there and you can select "yes."
- If the steps above don't work, please contact Jackie in the church office and she'll look into it, office@northmadisoncc.org.

Ongoing Ways to Stay Connected

TUESDAY

Tuesdays in the Garden: Posted Tuesdays on Facebook and also available on [YouTube](#) or our [Church Website](#).

WEDNESDAY

Junior JYG: Our 3rd-6th graders have been enjoying connecting Wednesdays from 4–4:30 p.m. We've been playing games to get to know each other, and ourselves, better. Julie Abbott emailed the link.

Evening Vespers Prayer: Join us Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. on Facebook. If you don't have Facebook you can view them later on our [Church Website](#).

THURSDAY

Prayer Meeting: Join Pastor Heather and Linda Young (prayer chain anchor) Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. to pray. [Zoom](#)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86917918019?pwd=SWVZaUZISXpvc3QwbVZrZDRodWdYZz09>
Dial in: 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 869 1791 8019 Password: 992815

Bible Study: Join Pastor Heather Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Lectionary

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87259524756>

Virtual Fellowship Hour: Grab your tea, coffee, or beverage of choice this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and visit with your NMCC friends! Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84430043451>

SATURDAY

Story Time: Stories read by our youth and friends will be posted on Facebook on Saturdays, and posted on our [Church Website](#), where you can catch up on those you've missed.

SUNDAY

Virtual Worship: Live streamed at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays on Zoom and Facebook. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84536179298>. Also available afterwards on Facebook, [YouTube](#) and our [Church Website](#).

If you have problems logging in please contact: Sandy Dickson 203-376-7075 -- Orlene Gallops 860-339-5844 – Carol Luckenbach 203-530-9903

Youth Group Meetings: Will be meeting every other week: JYG (5:00–5:30 p.m.) SYG (5:30–6:00 p.m.) and Sue Timony-Hall will email the link.



Have you “liked” us on Facebook?: Please share the love and a glowing review there~tell our neighbors what you love about being part of NMCC and what God is doing here. You never know who may be looking for a welcoming church home, or whom you may inspire!

- In the News & Noteworthy -



NMCC and Members in the News: We often spot an article in the local paper, *Patch* or in other news outlets, and have been posting them on our bulletin board and our Facebook page. We'd like to expand the coverage and add a feature about this type of news in the monthly newsletter. Please send or drop off the news articles you find to the office at office@northmadisoncc.org and we'll be sure to include them.

Night Sky Banner: Read Heather Crawford's Letter to the Editor on Zip06 about the Night Sky's Banner Sanna Stanley and our youth created [here](#).

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