



THE CIRCLE CHURCH NEWS

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September blessings! September, for a lot of us, indicates summer's end, autumn's beginning, and the ushering in of a new school year. Students and teachers (and administrators, and aids, and bus drivers, and lunch aids, and janitors, and school nurses and psychologists, and substitutes...) are very much in my prayers this week as another Covid-infused school year begins. What a new normal we are all living into!

September is also the ninth month of the Gregorian calendar, while named for the Roman numeral "7." This amuses me, and causes me to reflect on the ways other things in our lives bear witness to words and ways that we hold onto past their usefulness.

Living with a therapist, and very much valuing pastoral counseling as a meaningful element of ministry, I have reflected often on the ways we, as adults, continue to act or believe things uncritically that we learned in our youth—coping mechanisms and behaviors that served a purpose for our child-selves but so often impede the full development of our adult potential. Diabolically, these things can be both deeply ingrained in and completely invisible to us, even through years of soul-searching. Once identified, such patterns can still be difficult to root out and mend. It seems a strange design flaw in humanity, if God were to ask me.

I believe most, and perhaps all, prejudices come from this place. Dependence on one set of parents or one family group grows into reliance on one tribe and then discomfort with other families' ways (I once allegedly melted down at a young friend's home, much to her poor mom's dismay, because they didn't have my brand of peanut butter at their house.). This discomfort, when unaddressed lovingly, can lead to distrust, and our human distrustfulness has grown to govern much in the best of our communities and our nations.

For those of us on a spiritual journey, however, we are called as a core practice to broaden our boundaries. We are covenanted to reach beyond the niggings of our uncertainties and to practice, and thus discover, the transformative and nearly magical power of love. This is not news to you as you read this. It bears repeating, however, for its fundamental importance.

Case in point: Barb and I, as you may know, moved to Madison a few months ago. We made this decision in order to be closer to the church, and also to bring an intentional witness of visible diversity to our church's community. As pastor and "first lady" of an Open and Affirming congregation, it is important to us to be "all in" in and with the community we serve.

This morning, Barb, Charlie, and I exited our home to go walking. We discovered this:



Our yard signs were torn out of the yard and strewn across Green Hill Road and our Pride flags are shredded.

We were for a moment shaken, but are ok. We have made a police report and replaced our public witnesses for neighborly love proudly back on our lawn. We don't welcome such heart-bruising vandalism, but have been through worse (Once, Black Lives Matter and rainbow banners were stolen so many times from a previous church that I finally raised money for an electronic billboard on the highway.). And, as Barb reflected this morning when we finally did get out on our walk, this is why we moved here.

AND, this is why NMCC's Open and Affirming witness matters. Outdated ways of living in distrust continue on all around us, harming vulnerable members of our community. Barb and I are old enough not to have to withstand bullying in school anymore, and tenacious enough to be "out" publicly. We are currently both privileged to hold jobs in which we are not discriminated against. We are well-supported by you and by friends and family members who welcome and love us. AND, Barb and I are not the only people who saw the signs strewn across the road, or the shredded flags flapping hollowly. LGBTQIA children heading back to school, wondering if they are safe this year among their peers, or fully loved within their families, may have seen the hate messages. Parents worrying for their queer children may have, too.

AND, someone in our neighboring communities is living with the person(s) who vandalized our home. Someone raised them. Someone is experiencing, and perhaps encouraging, the distrust of neighbor that grew into the fear and hatred that inspired their vandalism. Someone in their church may have taught them that being gay or welcoming immigrants or supporting Black lives was against the Christian scripture.

So, as this new month named for old ways, Barb and I are grateful to walk with you in this community and to share the bold witness of love and inclusion that NMCC strives to live. Thank you! It is so good to be back in the saddle with you – may God bless us all, and open the hearts of our "old-thinking" neighbors, as we journey together!

Heather

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Welcome to a new academic year, friends!

I hope you all have had a relaxing summer with friends and family. I have missed you all and am eager to be together again!

Here are some events to get our year started:

Sept. 12th, at 10:00am Welcome Sunday! You are invited!

Please join us for outside worship, church school and fellowship on September 12th to kick off the new school year! We will be blessing our students, teachers and backpacks during worship! (Please bring your backpack)

Join us for church school outside and play games to get to know each other better. There will also be a special treat to celebrate!

Journey Group & Mentors - Please gather outside on the grassy knoll with Pastor Heather, Carol & Sue on **Sunday, Sept. 19th at 11:30-1:00** to share the work you have completed with your mentors over the summer. We can't wait to see you!

Sunday, Sept. 26th, 5:30-7:00pm, JYG & SYG Pizza Gathering - Come and catch up with friends and hear what is in store for the fall at NMCC. We'll meet outside or in Fellowship Hall in case of bad weather.

Please also keep an eye out for a quick survey regarding your family's comfort level with in-person outdoor programming and then indoor programming as the weather turns chilly. We want to make sure that we are utilizing in-person, virtual, and homebased options (like providing fun family

activities that can be shared at home) so that our entire church community feels connected as we move through another autumn with covid.

We need you! Please consider teaching church school or sharing a hobby, skill, craft or service project with our young people. Kids and teens thrive when they feel the support of their church community and intergenerational friendships are a blessing for everyone. Please get in touch with Sue (cell - 203.8843.6206 or email stimonyhall@hotmail.com) to share an idea or offer to teach. The commitment can be as much time as you would like. We will provide training.

Gratitude to our Christian Education Board: Erica McMillian (our new CE chair), Missy Belcourt, Jill Abouljian, Meredith Young, Jeff Ignatuk, Lyn Boling and Jen Davies for sharing God's love with our children and youth this year!

Please remember that I am always available to chat or meet. Looking forward to this new season together!

With love and gratitude,
Sue



OWL Classes for Fall, 2021: The NMCC Board of Christian Education will again offer the OWL (Our Whole Lives) responsible sexuality-education classes to youth entering grades 7-9, beginning in the fall and running over the winter months.

In today's media driven world, many young adults are being educated by glorified and graphic images of sexuality. The objective of the OWL program is to equip youth with accurate age-appropriate information to help them clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional, and social aspects of sexuality.

Over 30 NMCC youth have completed the grades 7-9 program in years past, and are the best references we could provide for the value and effectiveness of the OWL program. More information is available at the websites of the UCC and the Unitarian Universalist Association who jointly created the OWL program. All facilitators (teachers) are trained by OWL personnel from one of these institutions.

This year, NMCC is again working together with First Church, Madison. Participation is optional and independent of other NMCC youth activities.....OWL classes are offered at separate times from Church School and other Youth-Group activities.

To help plan for this fall, we ask that interested parents respond by e-mail to peterm190@yahoo.com or Sue Timony-Hall ce@northmadisoncc.org (or both). We can guide you through the process and answer any questions about the OWL program.

- Music -



CHOIR NEWS!!! Calling all choristers - - - It is time to MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER AGAIN!!! Choir rehearsals will begin the Thursday after Labor Day... September 9!! Yaaaaay!!! 😊

CHOIR REHEARSALS will begin on the Thursday after Labor Day, September 9!! PLEASE NOTE –
– The FIRST rehearsal will be virtual on ZOOM, in order to discuss thoroughly the procedures we
will need to follow in order to have in-person rehearsals in the sanctuary, which we hope will resume
the following week – masked and well distanced. 🎵🎵🎵🎵.

More details will be forthcoming as the time draws closer, but meanwhile, be thinking of your
favorite hymns or anthems ! Though we do have new music to work on, we also thought it would be
fun to get out music we know and love – and haven't sung for SO long – and just ENJOY singing it!

We can be SO proud of "US!" – for despite challenges of all kinds during this COVID time, our
choir has continued its joyful enthusiasm and love for one another as well as for creating music in
whatever way we can

So, MARK YOUR CALENDARS !! 🎵🎵 Thursday, September 9 🎵🎵 And ONE step at a time –
we are ON TO A NEW YEAR!!

- Community Outreach and Fundraisers -



Ministry Resource Team: July and August activities were a bit quiet for our
Outreach Ministries. Community Yoga on Zoom and Outdoors on Thursdays when
weather permitted continued all summer and will continue into September – both
on Zoom and Outdoors. In August, Karen Miller launched our Fall drive for
Connecticut Quest for Peace, this year focused on Paraguay due to the political situation in
Nicaragua. The collection will continue into September. Karen also partnered with her other
Ministry, St. Martin de Porres Academy to launch a bike-and-helmet campaign to teach students how
to repair and maintain bikes and then ride the bikes on outings.



Connecticut Quest for Peace: We're off to a good start with your donations for the
people of Paraguay and have added collection dates in September. A shipment will be
sent in September. Items needed are warm and cold weather clothing, shoes, plastic
dish ware and pots and pans, medical supplies, such as walkers, crutches, dressings,
bandages etc., school supplies, musical instruments, sports equipment, sewing items,
such as material, thread etc. linens and hygiene items.

Please place items in bags or boxes and label the content. Warm and cold weather clothing can be
mixed together. Paraguay has a warm and cold season. Items are likely not being sent to Nicaragua
due to political conflict that are restricting shipments.

Donations can be dropped off at Karen Miller's home- 7 Godman Road, Madison, on September 9,
14,19,23 and 27, between 9am to 5pm. If you have any questions, please call me at 203-915-2989 or
email me at dk samiller@msn.com. Thank you for your generous donations! Karen Miller,
Connecticut Quest for Peace Champion



Loaves & Fishes – At the request of the Clinton and Madison food pantries, we have
given each of them \$300 in grocery cards from our MRT funds. For Madison we're also
planning to resume food collection, on Sundays during worship or any time when the

office is open in Fellowship Hall. You may leave your donations in the box at top of the ramp near the office door on Sunday, or any day during the week. As a reminder, we agreed (BC - Before Covid) to be their Tuna Church so let's focus on that for starters and other items you wish to donate are also welcome. Thank you! John Gallops, Loaves & Fishes Champion



Raise the Roof - Your Shoreline Connection Habitat - We are looking for a new Champion to lead this Ministry to carry on the legacy of Frank Walsh, who suffered a massive stroke last September while working on a Raise the Roof build in New Haven. He was also checking out their Covid safety protocols to ensure they met his standards for us to join in future builds, doing what he loved. Contact Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com.



Saint Martin de Porres Academy is adding a COVID FRIENDLY CO-CURRICUAL ACTIVITY for their students. They will be learning to care for and repair used bikes. What is needed are 20 used bikes and helmets for 9- to 14-year-old kids. The older students may be able to ride adult size bikes. The school will hire someone to teach the skills for care and repair of the bikes for \$30.00 per session. The sessions will be held two times per week for nine weeks. The students will then take their bikes out on biking outings on the Farmington River Heritage Trail, which begins in New Haven.

Are you able to donate a used bike or helmet? Please drop off your helmet or bike - at Karen Miller's home: 7 Godman Road, Madison. Dates for drop off are 8/31, 9/9, 9/14, 9/19, 9/23 and 9/27, 9am to 5pm. However, we are hoping as to as many bikes as possible by Labor Day. If you are unable to drop off the bikes, email Allison Rivera at president@saintmartinacademy.org for pick up.

Don't have a bike or helmet to donate? Could you donate \$30 to cover the cost of one of the 18 bike repair lessons? Please skill session check directly to SMPA (not NMCC), and designate Bike Drive, to: Saint Marti de Porres Academy, 208 Columbus Avenue, New Haven CT 06519

Allison will update us weekly on our goals - 18 lessons, 20 helmets and 20 bike donations - so we can track where we are! Thank you for your support! Karen Miller, SPMPA Champion



New Reach - is a returning Outreach Ministry, New Reach Champion, Lyn Boling, has partnered with Sue Timony-Hall and they are planning an outdoor cleanup on Saturday, October 2 with our youth groups at the New Reach facility in New Haven. Lyn Boling, Champion for New Reach



Community Yoga: We offer Yoga both Outdoors and on Zoom - Our September Monday series begin on September 13 (no class on Labor Day, September 6) and runs through October 4th (4 classes). Our Thursday series begins on September 9th and ends on October 7th - both classes begin at 6:00 pm. Pricing:

- Mondays (Zoom only) series costs \$28 for 4 classes (none on September 6). Monday-only students may add any Thursday class (outdoors at NMCC or by Zoom) to give you a total of 5 classes. Cost is \$35 with one Thursday class.
- Thursdays (outdoors by the Community Room + Zoom) series costs \$35 for 5 classes; in case of rain, the outdoor class will be held on Zoom, and you will be notified on the day of class.
- Bonus Thursday option - in lieu of a "walk-in" option, sign up for three outdoor or Zoom classes on Thursdays for \$25.

Checks can be mailed to NMCC, 1271 Durham Road, Madison, CT 06443 - please clearly mark the check and envelope with "Yoga". Electronic options are available as well. If you, your friends or family would like to join, we'd love to have them - advising them previous experience is recommended. Not sure? Try one of our classes for free before committing. To questions or to register, contact Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com or 203-500-8311.



Prison Ministry: In the past 14 months NMCC participated in 2 prison-ministry-related initiatives, with the idea of formalizing an official NMCC Prison Ministry in the near future, with several initiatives coming this Fall and Winter.

One campaign will once again connect us to Free Forever Prison Ministry as we collect and donate food and other items greatly needed by prison inmates' families. Our second campaign will be to assist Guilford Congregational Church in providing backbacks to those recently released in the New Haven area.

Won't you please join us as we try to make a difference in the lives of those in need? More information to come in future emails. Please contact Nora Price with any questions, wildwood9@msn.com, 203-245-8566. Thank you!



Critical Race Theory Webinar: CRT is at the center of very heated local discussions and protests by some parents of Guilford Public School students and Board of Education candidates this summer we are expecting interest to spread to Madison and other Shoreline towns. NMCC, through the Ministry Resource Team, and First Church Guilford were 2 of the sponsors of this event on August 10th, with primary funding from The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. This unbiased educational webinar on CRT was presented by retired lawyer, judge, and current Quinnipiac law professor Angela Robinson and the Guilford Human Rights Commission. Please also stay tuned for follow up conversation opportunities at NMCC this fall concerning Critical Race Theory and our ongoing commitment to social justice initiatives in our world. Sue Timony-Hall

Ministry Resource Team: If you are interested in starting a new Outreach Ministry, the Ministry Resource Team can help you with ideas, best practices, funding and resources to help you design and engage our NMCC community in supporting your ministry. Contact Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com if you would like to learn more.

- Get Involved / Stay Connected -



There are many ways to be involved in NMCC's vibrant community – serving in a missional outreach ministry, mentoring and teaching our children, joining in musicmaking or worship planning, helping out around the church building, singing in the choir, 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.



Regular Worship Time Resumes: Sunday, September 5, North Madison Congregational Church will return to its regular worship time of 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you then!



Amend: The Fight for America: Please join us on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. as we continue our viewing of "Amend", a Netflix series about the 14th amendment hosted by Will Smith. We will present one episode monthly on the first Tuesday night of September, October and November. Each episode is an hour long and will be followed by a short discussion.

The September episode is titled "Wait". As the civil rights movement gains momentum in the 1960's, Martin Luther King, Jr. orchestrates protests that goad President John F. Kennedy into action. - Netflix

The October episode is titled "Control." In the 1970's, women appeal to evolving interpretations of the 14th Amendment in their fight to achieve equality and control their own destinies. - Netflix

In November we will view "Promise." Immigrants have long put their hope in America, but intolerant policies, racism and shocking violence have frequently trampled their dreams. - Netflix

Please mark your calendar for an enlightening and entertaining view of the 14th Amendment! The Zoom link can be found in your all church email.

Please contact Barb Black at babsyblack@sbcglobal.net or Nora Price for more information or if you have questions.



Book Discussion Group Meeting: The Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss **Apeirogon by Colum McCann**. Karen Chapman has invited us to meet outside at her home at 19 Jenda Way, in Madison. In the case of bad weather, we'll meet in Fellowship Hall. Karen will have some snacks. Please BYOB and mark your calendars. A brief summary of the book follows.

Apeirogon by Colum McCann: C.M writes with an amazing abundance of humanity as he describes the age-old story of inhumanity to man. It is the story of a Palestinian man and an Israeli man who have both lost daughters to the violent conflict between the nations. They recognize the loss that connects them and employ storytelling in an attempt to use their grief as a weapon of peace. "McCann finds the emotional accuracy, the sensitivity and the beauty to tell the heartbreaking reality of life in Israel-Palestine, while allowing readers a glimmer of necessary hope.



News from the Generosity Team: In January of 2021, the Board of Finance reinstated the Generosity Team to take on the challenge of closing the projected 2021 deficit of \$130,000. This team reached out to all of the members and friends of NMCC to ask if they would either increase their 2021 pledge or make an additional one-time financial donation.

This dedicated team is comprised of the following members: Dwight Juliani, Meredith Young, Scott Chasse, Melissa Blundon, Peter Meier and John Gallops.

The Generosity Team set a goal of \$40,000. Letters and emails were sent out, messages at virtual church services were made by some of this group and personal phone calls made. For members and friends that stepped up, thank you cards were sent. If, for any reason, you did not receive a thank you card, please contact the office so we can make sure your increased pledge or one-time donation was received and properly noted.

As of August 1, 2021, this drive supported by so many of you has raised an additional \$39,200 in commitments in donations. If you are able to help close the \$800 gap it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the entire congregation for your support and generosity.



Update from the Covid-19 Task Force: A Congregational Meeting was held immediately following worship on Sunday, August 22, 2021 to discuss the Covid-19 survey results, as well as provide updates from the task force in preparation for the church's reopening.

Summary of Survey

The survey took place for one week from 8/11/21-8/18/21. A total of 150 were emailed out and opened. Out of that number, 70 individuals completed the survey representing a 47% response rate.

Of the 70 respondents, 97% indicated that they were fully vaccinated. While we can't assume this percentage represents the whole congregation, it was reassuring that of those who responded, the rate of vaccination was very high.

For those who indicated having children under the age of 12 and not eligible for the vaccine, 70% indicated they would attend if there were requirements of wearing masks while 30% would not at all.

The survey invited comments of which many took the opportunity. Overall, there was unanimous support for the wearing of masks once we are back inside for in-person worship. Additionally, there were many concerns shared about virtual worship ending once in-person worship begins. To clarify, current plans do include a hybrid model of continuing to stream the service virtually while offering in-person worship inside the sanctuary. Streaming the service will keep our congregation connected for those who are either not ready to come back into the sanctuary or not local and desire to continue worshipping with NMCC. There were also comments about how children's church will be handled, as well as the availability of the nursery/toddler room that was available pre-covid.

Worship

Outdoor Worship: Plans are currently underway to hold outdoor worship on the grassy knoll beginning Sunday, August 29, 2021. We unfortunately lost some time with Heather being ill that we haven't started this up until now. September is normally beautiful weather and will give us the time needed to prepare for indoor worship. Masks outdoors would be optional.

Indoor Worship: The Worship Team is working out all the logistics of in-person worship including the following:

Masks: Given the survey and current public health data, the Task Force is requiring everyone to wear masks *whether vaccinated or not*. Being fully vaccinated has proven to be effective in protecting oneself from contracting the virus, but with the delta variant and breakthrough infections, there is just as much risk of a the fully vaccinated carrying the virus and infecting others including children under the age of 12 who are not currently eligible for the vaccination. Other considerations that the Worship Team needs to address as we plan for Indoor Worship is how to handle someone who chooses not to wear a mask, i.e., how would the pastor or deacon handle that. We may need to provide disposable masks available at the door, as well as hand sanitizer. Questions of how we space out congregants, e.g., every other row to allow for social distancing and how to handle Communion Sunday.

Social Distancing: What kind of requirements we do want to impose to respect social distancing? This includes hugging, kissing, and respecting social distance. Since not everyone is comfortable asking someone not to touch them or to request that the other person socially distances, a suggestion was made to having different color stickers that can be placed on congregants' name tags or shirt/blouse indicating an individual's comfort level with contact. For example, a green dot for "I'm okay if you want to hug or hold hands" or a red dot for "I'd rather not touch and would like some distance".

Music and Choir: The choir has some logistical considerations to make in terms of whether to sing in person or remain virtual with it being projected onto the wall. A suggestion that the choir considered was going outside to sing and the congregation would watch them virtually in the sanctuary. Choir members, however, would miss out on a good portion of the worship service going in and out of the church.

Christian Education

Ongoing discussion with Christian Education (CE) and Sue Timony-Hall about creative ways of engaging the children for children's church in outdoor activities and the need to consider whether we will have the resources to provide the nursery/toddler room.

Hospitality

Lastly, the Hospitality Team will need to meet and discuss how they might provide coffee hour and refreshments, as well as whether all of the current members are comfortable serving on this ministry team at this time.

Fund Raisers and Facility Usage

Harvest Dinner: While patrons can choose whether to purchase tickets and attend based on comfort level, the task force had concerns about this kind of venue because masks cannot be worn at all times since folks will be eating. Moreover, there are concerns about having enough volunteers given they may not feel comfortable serving this year whether it is a full in-person dinner or strictly take out. A planning meeting is being held on Sunday, August 29th for the November 6th event to discuss these concerns and whether they can count on the number of volunteers needed to carry out this long-standing tradition.

Fire in the Kitchen Concert: Given the type of event, attendees can choose to attend or not based on their comfort level. Attendees will be required to show proof of vaccination. Minimal volunteers

from the congregation are required and masks will be required based on state or local mandates. If ice cream is served requiring removal of masks, ice cream will be served inside but patrons will be asked to social distance while eating or encouraged to eat outside.

Christmas Craft Fair: As an indoor event, masks will again be required. Once planning meetings begin, the task force will provide any guidance needed to insure we address any concerns that might come up.



Church Office Update: Our professional ministry team members have been serving great dedication throughout the pandemic. Much of this has been accomplished virtually.

To keep our staff and one another as safe as possible, please

- Make an appointment to ensure only one visitor at a time.
- Wear a mask.
- Keep a 6 to 10 foot distance.
- When entering the office, please knock and pause for the staff member to put on their mask before you enter.

Ministry Staff in-building office hours: The church office is open Monday – Thursday from 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. and on Friday from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- **Jackie** (Administration) is in the office on Monday and Wednesday (and working remotely on Thursday and Friday).
- **Rhonda** (Accounting) is in the office on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- **Heather** (Ministry) Wednesday - Friday in office 9:00-1:00, and by appointment
- **Linda** (Music Ministry) at her discretion
- **Tom** (Facility Management) at his discretion
- **Sue** (Faith Formation) by contract, returning August 31

Ongoing Ways to Stay Connected

Please let us know if you need help connecting with virtual ministries – we can walk you through logging onto Zoom, Facebook, etc. – we want you to be able to participate!

Please contact the office and we'll have a deacon call you to help.

Wednesday Evening Vespers Prayer: Join us Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. on Facebook. If you don't have Facebook you can view them later on our Church Website.

Wednesday Bible Study: Join Pastor Heather for bible study on **Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.** starting September 15. The week's passages and Zoom Link to join is in the Friday all church email each week. Absolutely no previous scripture knowledge is required.

Sunday Virtual Worship: Live streamed at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays on Zoom and Facebook. The Zoom link can be found in the Friday all church email. The service is posted afterwards on Facebook, [YouTube](#) and our [Church Website](#). Virtual fellowship time is held immediately following the service for those who wish to participate—see and talk with your church friends near and far (in tiny but amusing little boxes on your screen!).

If you have problems logging into worship, please contact: Sandy Dickson 203-376-7075 or Carol Luckenbach 203-530-9903 for tech support.

- In the Community -



17th Annual Roslyn Young Memorial Concert: On Sunday, October 10 at 4:00 pm, we invite you to join us as the Madison FCC *Music at the Meetinghouse* series presents the piano duo, Julia Bady and Andrew King, performing “Gems of the Piano Four -Hands Repertoire.” The program, which will be presented **virtually**, will include beloved pieces by J.S. Bach, Mozart, Schubert and Brahms. Roslyn Young, professional violist and sister of Linda Young, grew up in Guilford, and is lovingly remembered by her family, friends and colleagues.

Please visit our website, RoslynYoungMemorial.org on October 10 at 4:00 p.m., where you will find the link for the performance on our YouTube channel. The concert is free, but we are grateful for any donation you wish to make in support of our artists. Donations may be mailed to Roslyn Young Memorial at 267 Church Street, Guilford, CT 06437. Contact dpalms@sitestar.net for more information.



From Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center: Upcoming Weekend Programs
- Join us in the retreat season for our day and weekend programs!

[Pride Retreat](#) 9-12th grades - Fri-Sun, November 5

[Christmas at the Lake Family Day](#) - Saturday, December 4

Overnight Retreat, [4-6th](#) & [7-8th](#) grades - Fri-Sun, December 10-12

[Maple Sugaring Overnight Retreat](#) 6-8th grades - Fri-Sun, March 18-20, 2022

- 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.

St. Martin de Porres Academy was featured in an article in the New Haven Register August 24, 2021, highlighting their plans to add a new athletic field and basketball court to the school. See it here [New Haven-based independent Catholic middle school to move ahead with planned improvements \(nhregister.com\)](http://NewHaven-based-independent-Catholic-middle-school-to-move-ahead-with-planned-improvements.nhregister.com)

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