



THE CIRCLE CHURCH NEWS

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North Madison Congregational Church
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PASTOR'S NOTE

October blessings!

This is the time of year when the greens of summer green give way to our beloved New England autumn reds, oranges, and yellows. When I was a child, it seemed like green was the trees' authentic hue. It was, and is still, so exciting to me to see the first baby spring green leaves pop out on branches as the initial reddish haze of buds give way. As leaves grew, watching those baby greens darken into more mature, sturdier green hues was also a joy as school days ended and long, summer days oozed in. Lying under summer's green shade looking up at the dome of blue sky was a great pleasure.

When fall swept in, and familiar greens melted into autumn's warmer hues, I thought I observed trees losing their true colors as fading greens were lost to autumn's decay. Autumn reds and yellows, though beautiful, looked to me like a sign of tree leaves no longer able to sustain who they truly were. As winter drew near, they seemed to change into something different than what I knew them to be.

It was strange to discover in science class one fall that it was actually the colors exposed in autumn that were the leaves' truer hues. I was amazed that the greens I observed in spring and summer were the color of chlorophyll and not the colors of the leaves themselves. Autumn was not a time of leaves losing their colorful identity, but of the leaves' true colors being more fully revealed. Amazing!

This feels poignant to me as I have been hearing of late from more and more of us asking questions about who we are as we come into new phases of life. As our children grow up, as our parents grow older, as professional and personal identities shift and friends and loved ones move or pass away...who are we now? Without this job? Without this friend?

Without this familiar shape of family? In a world that feels so different than the one we grew up in? How, and who, are we supposed to be in this new environment?

Maybe we can take a lesson from the wisdom God instills in the trees. Perhaps the people we thought we were, though important, beloved, and beautiful, has never been the fullness of our identity. Perhaps it is in the changing seasons of life that the truer fullness of ourselves will begin most beautifully and richly to be revealed.

I wish you good autumning. May the changes of the season and your life bring unexpected blessings and deepenings, and new beauty under the surface that was always there where you least expected it to be, waiting to bless you with your own richness. And if you're feeling stuck or lonely as autumn leaves start changing, maybe hug a tree? Who knows what wisdom you may find there!

Love and blessings on the journey,
Heather

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



Hi Friends!

I am really happy to share that we now have a youth ministry team of adults in addition to me and our CE board. As things begin to open up again and there are more service opportunities, we plan to offer 3 separate groups for youth this year, with increased offerings.

Great thanks go to Jen Davies for offering to work with our senior youth (8th/9th-12th grades - kids in 8th grade can decide which group to join), and to Lyndia and Peter Haff for working with our junior youth (5th/6th-8th grades. Kids in 5th grade may decide which group to join). Many thank yous to Lyn Boling for providing leadership and assistance to both groups. Huge thanks also to Elizabeth McCann for jumping in and out to provide programming events as she is able.

In addition to working with our leaders on programming content, I will also be leading the Junior JYG group (2nd- 4th /5th grades - kids in 5th grade can decide which group to join) while facilitating programs of a more spiritual nature at intervals throughout the year for junior and senior youth.

It is so wonderful to have such loving and experienced youth leaders wanting to guide our youth. Our CE board and I are hopeful that this new approach will allow us to build supportive mentoring relationships around our kids and teens by increasing the number of adults who are in direct contact with our youth regularly. This approach will also allow us to be more present in our surrounding community through building partnerships and programs to address needs as we make our way through the year.

More good news - and thanks to Erica McMillian - who is working on a calendar and RSVP system for our new website so that event information and RSVP capabilities will soon be located in one place and be easier for families to access and keep track of in a more streamlined way.

Please see below for upcoming topics and dates for church school and youth groups.

Also, for our PreK-2nd graders' parents: please keep an eye out for a special invite for your child and a friend to join our newly forming kindness club! To begin mid-October and run for 6 weeks, Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00.

With thanks and much love,

Sue & your CE crew (Erica, Meredith, Lyn, Missy & Jeff)
Sue Timony-Hall (she/her)

Church School – October 2022:

- Sunday, Oct 2 church school - Coins for Food project
- FYI - Weds, Oct 5 No school Yom Kippur
- Sunday, Oct 9 No church school, BUT please attend Madison Pridefest, Noon – 4:00 pm, Madison Green, NMCC table at event. Food, vendors, speakers, music, James and Jackson's baptisms
- FYI - Monday, Oct 10 No school
- Sunday, Oct 16 Church School - Painting our Pollinator Garden Mural. Kids wear long pants & closed shoes that can get dirty, bring gardening gloves if they have any.
- Sunday, Oct 23 Church School - Planting our Pollinator Garden. Kids wear long pants & closed shoes that can get dirty, bring gardening gloves if they have any.

Family Events & Youth Groups:

- Oct 9 Sunday noon -4:00pm Pridefest on the Madison Green - We have a church table - All church event
- Oct 11 Education, Support & Allyship Event at Polson for Families, Kids & Teens - 6:00-8:00 at Polson (Looking for youth to help at our swag table and/or read a storybook for our youngest group of guests during the event - please let me know if you would like to help!)
- Oct 23 Sunday Arrive 1:15pm at City Climb - JYG & SYG Outing - Rock wall climbing! Look for details this coming week
- Oct 29 Saturday 4:00-5:30 Sandwich Making at NMCC - SYG taking the lead on prep (only youth group leaders & youth). We will need help from our congregation to supply food and cookies, please.
- Oct 30 Sunday Chapel on the Green 1:00-3:00 in New Haven - All church event - short worship & outside lunch service for unhoused neighbors (You may remember we did this in early June.)
- Nov 5 Saturday Harvest Dinner - youth groups are invited to make salad and to serve. More details to come!
- Nov 20th Sunday 5-7pm JYG and SYG to meet separately - details to come on a fun evening at NMCC!
- Dec 3rd Saturday Christmas Fair All church event. Youth are invited to sell raffle tickets and work the raffle prize table
- Dec 4th Sunday - 5-7pm JYG & SYG blanket making for Columbus House Christmas



The Pumpkin Prayer: *This prayer has become a popular Halloween tradition that we enjoy sharing on the Sunday closest to Halloween each year at NMCC. Pastor Heather and Sue will lead our young people in praying it together on October 30th this year. If you would like to pray with your own pumpkins at home as you carve them, here is our NMCC version...*

cut off the top of the pumpkin

Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things and consider new ideas!

remove the guts

Sometimes life is messy...please help me to be kind and courageous through the hard spots!

cut out eyes

Please open my eyes to see the beauty in the world and to see all people with your love.

cut out a nose

Please forgive me for the times I've turned my nose up at things I don't like.

cut out the mouth

Please help me to speak thoughtfully, using kind words.

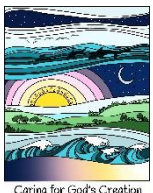
place a candle inside

Dear God, please help me to remember that your light is in me—and in everyone I meet! Help me to let your light shine in me and the things I do. Amen!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND FUNDRAISERS



Mission Ministry Team: Caring for Creation Ministry: Our Champions enjoyed sharing stories of our Missions partners and programs in our first-ever Missions and Carols worship service. Thank your support and raising your voices in song with us.



Caring for Creation: Our Garden Rescue Team has spent several Friday mornings clearing out the future Pollinator Garden on north side of our parking lot – including an endless collection of sassafras trees, bittersweet and grapevines, rocks and interesting metals and other debris. Our Church School kids helped out with weeding one Sunday, will gather

October 16 to paint a fence that will be installed to hide the dumpster and then plant pollinator plants and spring bulbs October 23.



Carol Luckenbach and Heather Crawford



Ann Clemmons

As a result of an invitation during this Ministry's participation in the Missions and Carol's service, we have signed up 8 walkers who will join Heather C and Pastor Heather explore and learn about our local environment. Heather Crawford, Tom Lauher, Roberta Hanlon, Champions



Food Pantry: Through your generosity, as of the end of September 2022, NMCC has contributed 473 pounds of food to the Clinton and Madison Food Pantries! In addition, we have sent \$300 to the Madison Food Pantry and \$1350 to the Clinton Food Pantry from both our Missions endowment funds and our Coins for Food. That is over \$3000 worth of food donated this year helping those who are food insecure in our area. You are all amazing. Thank you.

Champion, Holly Francis



New Reach: It was great to speak to a few new people on Missions and Carols Sunday, interested in knitting, crocheting, and sewing for the children at the shelter. We had one person offer to sew fleece mittens and others interested in joining the

knitting Ministry. Champion, Lyn Boling



Prison Ministry: On behalf of the Prison Ministry, thank you to all NMCC members who were able to join us on Sunday, September 18, 2022, as we welcomed our guest preacher and speaker the Rev. Dr. Dietra Wise Baker. What an amazing day! Her message and spirit inspired us all as she reflected on “Resisting Incremental Liberation”. And during the afternoon session, Rev. Baker spoke to us on Mass Incarceration and how we can model our actions by using the “Justice Buffet”. May those lessons guide us as we take action for the justice of the incarcerated.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped organize, set up and break down, and to those who contributed to the Free Will offerings. It couldn't have been done without you! As always, many thanks to our gifted choir for their outstanding praises, making the service spiritual and heartwarming. Let the church say “Amen!”

We invite you to join us as we continue to bring justice to those who don't have a voice.

Peace and blessings! Champion, Nora Price



Shoreline Interfaith Refugee Resettlement: A year ago in October, I started this journey to try and make some bit of difference in the horrible situation that was going on in Afghanistan last summer. The opportunity came up to be part of Shoreline Interfaith Resettlement and I jumped at the chance. I did not know at that time, what a journey it would be and how you all would be part of it. Our little church joined with other faith communities in Madison and Guilford to create a force. A force so strong that IRIS thought we could handle resettling an Afghan family with two parents and 9 children.

I was and continue to be overwhelmed and so grateful for the generosity of this church. From donations of sheets, mattress covers, towels, sewing materials, blankets, furniture, lamps, kitchen items of all varieties, cleaning items, curtains, small appliances, a new vacuum, Chromebooks for the older daughters, and money to help pay for rent, utility bills, food, and other items that the family needed. On top of all of those amazing donations, this church then helped clean the house from top to bottom and helped move and set up everything before move-in day. After move in day, members of our church continued to assist the family with tech support, registration for school, and tutoring.

What a welcome this family received after all of the unimaginable trauma that they had to endure in their own country. The daughters of this family will be able to live a life that was completely closed off to them under Taliban rule. I thank you all for your generosity of time, items, money, and spirit for helping to make this all happen. Champion, Janice Wolf



Community Yoga: Following our Missions and Carols stories, 2 new students joined our Monday class, with 2 more expected in our first class in October! Champion, Roberta Hanlon

Mission Ministry Team: If you are interested in starting a new Outreach Ministry, the Mission Ministry 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.



NMCC Harvest Dinner! November 5, 2022 - Our "classic" Harvest Dinner is back! Both Dine-In and Take-Out options are available!

Delicious meals of pumpkin or cranberry muffins, roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, turnips (rutabagas!), green beans, cranberry sauce, ending with home baked apple or pumpkin pie. Wow! Reservations required for all dine in and take out meals. First Seating: 5:00 pm, Second Seating: 6:30 pm. Dine-in: \$25.00; Seniors age 65+: \$20.00; children 12 and under: \$10. Email the church office, office@northmadisoncc.org and note on the subject line "Harvest Dinner" or call 203-421-3241. Parties of 4 or more should sent payment in advance to: NMCC Harvest Dinner, 1271 Durham Road, Madison, CT 06443.

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.



An Update from the Covid Task Force:

"No one should seek their own good, but the good of others."
1 Corinthians 10:24

In her Vespers chat on Wednesday, September 21, Pastor Heather talked about the need to find balance in our lives. She used the equinox as her metaphor, that day of perfect balance between night and day.

Just an hour earlier, the Covid Task Force had wrestled with the need to find balance between the desire of many to move beyond masks and restrictions and the need to protect the most vulnerable among us. After much discussion we came to the conclusion that we would continue our "masks optional" policy both during worship and for activities held in the church building. We also determined that we would retain a section in the sanctuary for those who prefer to remain masked and socially distanced. This section, on the left side facing the chancel, is clearly marked; masks are required for those who sit there, and every other pew will remain empty. Please let an usher know if you wish to be seated in this section.

We also decided that we will no longer require the choir to be masked, and that we will not require masking during the singing of hymns and Shalom. While we still strongly recommend that everyone who attends be vaccinated and boosted, this is no longer required.

We will resume coffee hour beginning in October. Please sign-up in fellowship hall to provide food.

Along with the easing of restrictions must come an emphasis on personal responsibility. *Thinking interdependently* is one of our congregational norms. It is important that we all remain sensitive to the needs of others regarding masking, personal space, and physical contact. It is also crucial that we stay home if we feel even the slightest bit unwell, and that we mask at least temporarily if we know we have been exposed to Covid even if we are feeling fine. All of us are responsible for doing our part to ensure that NMCC is a safe space for all.



Winter Pew Blankets: If you donated a winter pew blanket during Covid that you would like returned, please contact Heather Crawford by Sunday, October 2, hm-crawford@comcast.net. We will be donating any that are left to one of our mission partners. Thank you!



Connecticut Quest for Peace Collection: The quest for peace continues. Please start collecting items for donations to Nicaragua, Paraguay and Appalachia. 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. and linens.

Please place items in bags or boxes and label the content. Place warm and cold weather clothing in separate containers and label them WARM or COLD. Donations can be dropped off at Karen Miller's home in Madison any time between September 19 - October 24; leave them inside the garage. Or call Karen if you need help unloading or for a pick up, 203-915-2989.

Karen is also looking for a shoreline site, where someone could accept donations year-round. Her garage has limited space and is very damp in the Summer. There are 2 locations that are available year-round. One is the Quest for Peace warehouse in Bridgeport at 394 Main Street. They are open 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturdays and Bill Evans home at 11 West Fair Drive in Westport. The garage is always unlocked and items can be dropped off at ANY TIME. Questions, please call or email Karen at 203-915-2989 or dksamiller@msn.com. Thank you for your generous donations!



Caring for Creation: It's a beautiful time of the year to enjoy nature's bounty and to learn about what's going on in your back yard, our community and ways to help. October 8th has 2 educational opportunities – a Beach Cleanup led by a marine biologist and sponsored by Save the Sound 4:00 to 6:00 pm, followed by a Climate Change Event sponsored by Mad4Trees 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Surf Club – food, expo with community organizations and a presentation. See details in the In the Community section below. Contact Heather Crawford for more info, hm-crawford@comcast.net, 203-414-1599

October 15th more educational opportunity and fun activities await you at a free, old-fashioned country fair at Madison's Bauer Park from 11:00 to 3:00 pm. See more details in the Community Section below.

For the Pollinator Garden planned for October 16, we welcome your donations of pollinator plants and spring bulbs for the big planting day by our Church School kids on October 16. Contact Heather Crawford for help identifying pollinator plants, hm-crawford@comcast.net, 203-414-1599.

Finally, if you're interested in joining the walking group (yes, we need a name), contact Heather Crawford, hm-crawford@comcast.net, 203-414-1599 or Pastor Heather, pastor@northmadisoncc.org, 203-687-9172.

Heather Crawford, Tom Lauher, Roberta Hanlon, Champions



Madison PrideFest! Madison's third annual PrideFest is next Sunday, October 9th from 12:00 - 4:00 on the Madison green! As you know, Lyn Boling was one of the organizers of the inaugural PrideFest as part of Madison Diversity and Inclusion; several of our members volunteered; and Pastor Heather was one of the speakers, reflecting on about the importance of LGBTQIA+ visibility and inclusion in faith communities.

Last year, Barb and Heather became half of the PrideFest organizing committee and worked to increase community participation, adding vendors and communities of faith, and inviting NMCC's friend and favorite drag queen, Desire Declyne, to emcee the day. NMCC's Fence Team and ONA team supported the event with fencing, rainbow hats and scarves for sale by our knitters and crocheters, and temporary rainbow tattoos and friendly greeters.

This year, there will be artists and artisans, crafters, food trucks, community groups, face painting, and local youth and other entertainers on stage. Desire is returning from St. Louis to perform and emcee, NMCC's Fence Team will be on the job, and our ONA ministry will sponsor a table with more hats, tattoos, and friendly greeters to welcome Pride-goers NMCC-style.

This year, too, Sue Timony Hall, Lyn, and other NMCC friends are collaborating with community agencies and NMCC friend and nationally-recognized trans and youth advocate, Tony Ferriolo, on a youth and family event the following Tuesday in celebration of National Coming Out Day (see separate article).

You are encouraged to sit at the NMCC table on Sunday to have fun applying temporary tattoos and welcoming attendees. This is an all-ages event. Please see Lyn Boling or Peter Meier to sign up this week, or just come on down to enjoy the afternoon after church!

Don't miss this fun--there is something for everyone!

LGBTQIA+ FAMILY EVENT!

October 11th (National Coming Out Day!)

Support and Education for our Trans Community!

6-8 p.m @ the Polson LMC.

-Community Meal

-Workshop Led by Educator

Tony Ferraiolo "From Fear to Acceptance"
for Parents.

-Student led workshop for 6th-12th Grd.

Stories and Crafts for 5th Grd. & below!

FREE EVENT

Our trainer, Tony Ferraiolo, is the
Director of Health Care Advocates
International LGBTQ+ Youth and
Family Program.

Sponsored by:



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(203) 245-5645



MEN'S
Men's Retreat: Calling all men! Join us for fellowship, food and fun on Friday, October 21 from 5:00 -10:00 p.m. and/or Saturday, 10/22 from 12:00 - 10:00 p.m. at 20 Griswold Point Rd., Old Lyme, CT. If you have questions or would like to join us, please contact Peter Haff at pbhaff@sbcglobal.net or 203-415-2773.



Food Pantry: In November we are introducing a special program to enhance our Coins for Food collection during Communion Sunday each month. It is co-sponsored by both the Food Pantry Mission and our Youth with our own Sue Timony-Hall providing us with a Children's Sermon to help launch our new program. See you on Communion Sunday in November! Holly Francis, Champion



Prison Ministry: We'd like to invite all who feel moved to join the Prison Ministry team, to reach out to Pastor Heather, Roberta Hanlon or Nora Price to let us know of your interest. There will be a scheduled meeting soon to discuss next steps. Already in the workings are a Holiday collection for Free Forever Prison Ministry and a possible collaboration with the National Council of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls involving legislation addressing incarcerated parents. Nora Price, Champion



New Reach: Knit, crocheted and sewn baby hats and blankets are needed all year. In addition, the cold weather is coming, so we will need warm hats, scarves and for older children. I'm also researching other ways the congregation can get involved in New Reach. Lyn Boling, Champion



SMPA is in Need of Volunteers: If you have a skill you are willing to share with middle school students, such as: knitting, drama, gardening, sports, cooking, scouting, computers, music, art or are a Ms. or Mr. fix it, there is a place for you.

SMPA also need 2 dorm size refrigerators and 1 medium refrigerator, new or used, to replace ones that are broken. Contact info@saintmartinacademy.org Karen Miller, Champion



Community Yoga: Our current Monday in-person and on Zoom Yoga series runs through October 17 and our Thursday Zoom series runs through October 20th. All classes begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Cost for each 5-week series is \$35. You're welcome join us at any time and your first class is free. To register or questions, contact Roberta Hanlon robertahanlon@msn.com or 203-500-8311. Visit our website for more details: [Yoga \(northmadisoncc.org\)](http://Yoga(northmadisoncc.org))



Flowers for Worship and Food for Fellowship: If you'd like to sponsor flowers for Sunday worship or bring food for fellowship, please sign up on the sheet on the easel in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, or contact the office at office@northmadisoncc.org or 203-421-3241.



Crafters Wanted for NMCC's 27th Annual Holiday Craft Fair December 3 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. To apply visit our web site: <http://northmadisoncc.org/calendar-events/craft-fair/> and download an application or call 203-421-3241 for more information.



Grocery Cards: Please help support our church and community! Visit our team members Sundays after worship in fellowship hall and buy grocery cards. And thank you all for your purchases to date! For more information about this program or to be added to the schedule to sell cards after worship, please see Calvin Price, or email him at wildwood9@msn.com.



Tom Lauher Needs Our Help: As many of you know, Tom Lauher is very ill with Chronic Kidney Disease. Tom's best hope for survival is to receive an organ donation from a living donor. A team of Tom's champions has launched a social media campaign to get the word out. Please click here to see his story and learn how you can help by spreading the message to family, friends and acquaintances:

<https://www.thedonorapp.com/tomlauher/em/p/a>



If you would like to help out in another way, the link to Tom's story and GoFundMe page is <https://gofund.me/b2e5801d>.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Beach Clean Up/Climate Change Event: Saturday, October 8, 4:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Beach Clean Up 4:00-6:00, Surf Club; Climate Change Event 6:00-8:30, Surf Club

Join marine biologist Julie Ainsworth from 4:00 to 6:00 in a beach clean-up sponsored by Save the Sound, grab a bite to eat from a food truck, then join us for a climate change event hosted by Mad4Trees. The evening features a tabletop expo with participation by various community organizations, free Ashley's ice cream and Lenny and Joe's clam chowder, additional food for purchase from food trucks, live music performed by School of Rock, and a compelling program presented by Dallas Hetherington of C-Change Conversations. The presentation, C-Change Primer, uses visual data, charts and photographs to provide an accessible, non-partisan overview of the science behind climate change and a clear-eyed assessment of the potential risks ahead.



18th Annual Roslyn Young Memorial Concert: "Tutti Vivaldi!" - Sunday, October 9th at 4:00 pm, at First Congregational Church of Madison. The concert, which is part of the Music at the Meetinghouse series, will feature the New York-based early music ensemble, Circle of Friends, consisting of flute, 2 violins, viola, cello and harpsichord. There will be a reception following the concert. Tickets are \$20 at the door, under 18 free. Roslyn Young, sister of Linda Young, grew up in Guilford, performing often on violin and viola at the Connecticut Early Music Festival, as well as in New York, and throughout the United States and Europe.



Bauer Park Harvest Festival - October 15, 2022, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM: Bauer Park, 257 Copse Road, Madison, CT. A free, old-fashioned country fair at Madison's Historic Farm Bauer Park. Located at the intersection of Copse Road and Hunter's Trail. Hay and Pony Rides, Children's Crafts, Apple Tasting, Pumpkin Painting, Hay Maze, Live Music, Food Tent, Scarecrow Making, Cider Press, Exhibitors, and more!

IN THE NEWS AND 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.

Congratulations to our **Allison Rivera, president of St. Martin de Porres Academy (SMPA)**, in collaboration with The Treworgy Planetarium at Mystic Seaport Museum, was selected as one of three schools nationwide to participate in a new, space-centered STEM initiative launched in August 2022 that will culminate in students watching the SpaceX Crew-5 Shuttle launch live at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on October 3, 2022 (weather permitting.) Read the full article [HERE](#).

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