



Niantic Community Church

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Love One Another, 2008 photograph by Nathan Harper, Gatlinburg, TN

This week we are following up blessing upon blessing. Last week we had the joy of celebrating the baptism of a sweet and cooperative child, James Warren Mayott who joined us with his people. A delightful moment in worship. This week we will be welcoming a new member, Karen Rando, as part of our fellowship, just in time for our quarterly meeting! These are good things.

In worship I'll be preaching on **1 John 4:7-21** which is such a simple text it seems deceptively easy. It is summed up in verse seven: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.* I know a camp song to

that verse – I understand the children are learning it. I hope they will sing it for us. My preaching challenge is not to make a simple message too complicated. A former Divinity School professor of mine, Dr Cornel West is fond of saying: "Justice is what love looks like in public." Not every quote deserves repeating, but that one does. Love takes us on all manner of unexpected journeys.

I'm grateful for your partnership in ministry,
Rev Erica

Happenings This Week & Next

*Spring Rummage Sale – Saturday, 4/27
from 9am - Noon.*

Accepting all family clothing and housewares. NO rugs/ winter sports equipment/ electronics or furniture.

Donations may be dropped off during office hours 9am-4pm, and Thursday from 6-8pm directly to the Dining Hall.

Please consider helping out on Friday 4/26 for set up, and/or Saturday 4/27 9am-Noon during the sale. Any time you give is useful and appreciated! SIGN UP WITH THE OFFICE!

Spring
RUMMAGE SALE **Saturday April 27 Open 9am-Noon**

Niantic Community Church
170 Pennsylvania Ave
Niantic
860-739-0877

Shop our collection of family clothing and housewares!



Donations may be dropped off next week during office hours 9am-4pm, 4/21 to 4/26.


Call Jeannette (860) 389-4057 or Edie (860) 739-4790 if you need help with delivery of your items. Email [HERE](#).

The Chosen - Wednesdays

The Chosen Series - will be shown today at 5:30pm and the following Wednesdays: 5/1, 5/15 and 6/5. Today we will watch and discuss Season 2: Episode 1: Thunder. (See link below).

This popular and compelling series follows Jesus as he gathers his disciples, heals the needy and sacrifices himself for the sake of humanity. Contact Keith Nielson for info at: 860-861-9890.

'The Chosen'
Wednesdays
at 5:30pm
April 24
May 1, 15
June 5



Showing in the Fellowship room

The Chosen

Spring Clean Up - OSCBG

SPRING CLEAN UP
SATURDAY APRIL 27 9AM-NOON
OR ON A DATE/TIME OF YOUR CHOOSING

BRING YOUR OWN RAKE + GLOVES



CONTACT ELLEN ASHBURN

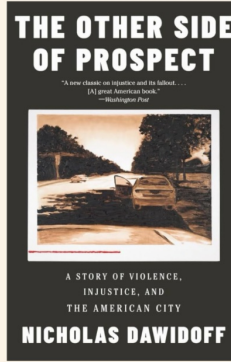
Old Stone Church Burial Ground – Spring Clean Up will be held Saturday, 4/27 from 9am-Noon. If you'd like to help, contact Ellen Ashburn. You can arrange a time that works best for you, or attend on 4/27. Bring rake and gloves. Bags provided.

Author Talk - The Other Side of Prospect - May 5

Niantic Community Church welcomes Nicholas Dawidoff, author of *The Other Side of Prospect: A Story of Violence, Injustice and the American City*, to discuss and sign copies of his book on Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Dawidoff's 2022 book explores the history of New Haven's Newhallville community and systemic injustice. It has been described as a landmark work of intimate reporting on inequality, race, class, and violence, told through a murder and the intersecting lives in an iconic American neighborhood.

The Other Side of Prospect is a Finalist for the New York Public Library's Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism; and a Finalist for the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award for Media and the Arts.



Author Talk

with Nicholas Dawidoff

The Other Side of Prospect: A Story of Violence, Injustice, and the American City

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.

Niantic Community Church
170 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic
info@NianticCommunityChurch.org
860-739-6208

EmBELLish Handbell Choir - May 4



Handbell Concert
Saturday, May 4
7:00pm at NCC

Featuring the EmBELLish
Handbell Choir

New Bible Study Group

The Pastors have been asked if we can offer a Bible Study introducing what the Bible is and how to read it for adults who are interested to learn to read the Bible. The request was made by someone who works during the day, so they are interested in an evening or weekend option. We would like to see if there are others who would like to join, please use this form to let us know your interest and availability:

[New Bible Study](#)

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

STOCK SALE

APRIL 28 & MAY 5
COFFEE HOUR

In support of
NCC Youth Mission Trip
Woonsocket, R.I.
July 14 - 20, 2024
The Stock dinner
will be held in August.



Don't miss our **Stock Sale on April 28 and May 5** - at coffee hour. Your donations help support the NCC Youth Mission Trip to Woonsocket, RI.

[Email Marsha](#)

[Confirmation Meal Sign Up](#)

CONFIRMATION CLASS

SCHEDULE 2024

Meets alternate Wednesdays

5:30-6:45pm in the Fellowship Room.

Led by Pastors Erica and Kaleigh

April 3 April 17

May 8 May 22 May 29

June 2 - Confirmation Sunday

Meals provided

If you can help provide a simple home-cooked meal for any of the meeting dates May 8 or 29, sign up below.
Thank you!

[Meal Sign up](#)

Open, Affirming, Reconciling Survey



Open, Affirming, Reconciling Survey 2024

What LGBTQIA+* topics do you want to see, hear, discuss, or learn about at Niantic Community Church this year?



The O.A.R Ministry Team would like to find out what YOU may be interested in for LGBTQIA+ programs at Niantic Community Church this year. Please click on the link below to answer a few short questions. Thank you!

[OAR Survey](#)

Faith in Action - Hunger & Homelessness

Faith In Action Special Offering #2: Hunger & Homelessness

It is on this coming Sunday that NCC focuses on monetary donations to **Care & Share** of East Lyme as part of the Special Offering #2. Care & Share not only gives out food - it also gives out Emergency Financial Assistance to families for rent and utilities.

Sue Gagliardi has stepped up to become the lead for Niantic Community Church with **Safe Futures** and provide liaison and informational services between the NCC and that agency. Sue already volunteers for Safe Futures weekly but sees that much more can be done to support them. Read more [HERE](#).

Walk to End Homelessness is this Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 pm. Sign up to WALK or SPONSOR our NCC Team via the [link below](#).

[WALK to END Homelessness](#)

[Care and Share](#)

Anne Davis Meals - 4/27 + 4/28

April 27
Saturday

New London
Community
Meal Center



April 28
Sunday

Homeless
Hospitality
Center

Sign up below to help serve the meal or donate food. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Individually wrapped desserts are needed, and can be dropped off in the freezer in the church kitchen with a NLCCM label.

[Anne Davis Sign Up](#)

Announcements

Quarterly Congregational Meeting – April 28

Notice of Call - On Sunday, April 28 immediately following worship, the Niantic Community Church will hold its Quarterly Congregational Meeting to vote on the following:

1. Approval of associate leads for Teams: Legacy, and Property + Tech
2. Approval of delegates to UCC and UMC
3. Approval for a new door in the Sanctuary
4. Update from the settled pastor search committee
5. Any other business to come before the congregation.

Governance Office Hours: Carol Donovan (President) and Nancy Hunt (Vice President) are holding office hours on Tuesdays from 1 -3 pm and at other times by request.

A Sacred Place is offering a wonderful volunteer opportunity. We truly make a difference in the lives of the women at York and their children by providing a way through a **Storybook Project** and a **Caregiver and Me** gathering for parent and child to stay connected. Please help by **volunteering your time** so that this ministry continues to be a blessing and success! Contact: Juanita Durham, (860-460-1976) and Verna Swann, (860-287-2377).

Announcements in Worship

Please submit your announcement for church activities here. Your submission may be communicated via.... worship bulletins, Facebook, online slides, Tidings and verbal announcements in worship as appropriate. If you would like to make a verbal announcement in worship, please speak to one of the Pastors ahead of time. All announcements submitted here may be edited to conform with the church style guidelines, and for clarity, and brevity. If you have any questions about communications, please contact: Theresa@nianticcommunitychurch.org
The link to the online form is here: <https://bit.ly/NCCAnnouncementForm>

Meet with Interim Minister Rev. Erica Avena



Contact Rev. Erica for a one-to-one meeting, using the links below, or call the office to find a time on her calendar.

[Email Pastor Erica](#)

[Meet with Pastor Erica](#)

Meet with Associate Pastor Kaleigh

Contact Rev. Kaleigh for a pastoral counseling appointment, or if you/someone you know in the church needs a prayer, a warm hug, or a visit from Kaleigh or Parish Life Ministry.

Meet with Rev. Kaleigh



email Kaleigh

Prayer Chain



Prayer Chain

OFFICE HOURS

Church Office - Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our staff meeting is held Wednesdays 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

April Tidings

Gov Board Minutes March

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