

# NIANTIC COMMUNITY CHURCH

An Open and Affirming/Reconciling congregation of the  
United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church

A Heritage of Faith since 1719 • Each Member a Minister

“Whoever you are;  
wherever you are on life’s journey:  
you are welcome here.”

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PEACE  
BE TO  
YOU.

August 22, 2010

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00AM

## WE GATHER AS THE CHURCH

HYMN SING

SHARING OF PARISH ACTIVITIES & RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Those in each pew closest to the center aisle will please begin passing the Friendship Pads so that everyone has an opportunity to indicate their presence here today and make a note of any messages. After the sharing of parish concerns, all will be invited to greet one another in Christian fellowship and love. Prayer requests will be collected during the second hymn.

INTROIT

RECEIVING GOD’S WORD AND CHRIST’S LIGHT IN OUR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 111

Leader: In you, O Lord, we take refuge.

**People: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

For you are our rock and our fortress.

**In you, O Lord, is my hope.**

In you, O Lord is our trust.

**All my praise is continually of you.**

Let us praise and worship God.

✠ HYMN #61

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN



✠ DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, comforter:  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

✠ UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, accept these gifts as symbols of our commitment to live in response to your Word and to work toward a world where your love and peace are held as the highest values. May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

✠ HYMN #419

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

I AM THINE

✠ BENEDICTION AND THREE-FOLD AMEN

(Hymnal, 898)

POSTLUDE

"Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (Hursley)"

*Rawsthorne*

**Please remain seated in silence during the Postlude  
before going out to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**



## **WELCOME TO NIAN TIC COMMUNITY CHURCH!**

A Heritage of Faith since 1719, and an Open and Affirming/Reconciling congregation, Niantic Community Church is a federated congregation of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ. It is also a welcoming home to people from a great variety of church backgrounds and life experiences. Your presence here today is a gift to us! We hope you will feel God's Spirit here today through our worship and fellowship.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to sign our guest register by the rear entrance to the sanctuary. "Welcome" information packets, children's bulletins, and toys are also available. Our services are recorded each week. You may listen to sermons online: from the home page of our website, click on the "Sermon Archive" link. Audio tapes are also available by calling the church office (739-6208).

**Please set cell phones and pagers to silent mode  
(unless you're expecting a call from Jesus)**

**Assistive Listening Devices, Large Print Bibles, Bulletins, and  
Hymnals are available. Please ask an usher for assistance!**

### **Today's Worship Leaders**

**Ushers:** Nancy Burkhardt, Barbara Heaney, Ron & Jan Johnson

**Worship Leader:** Paul Helvig

**Guest Preacher:** The Rev. Lynn W. Anderson

**Parish Host:** Ron Johnson

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of our anniversary and our family  
by John & Catherine Vincent.

✘ All who are able may stand at these times

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE LED IN WORSHIP TODAY BY THE REV. LYNN W. ANDERSON.**  
Rev. Anderson was a teacher and supervisor of mathematics in the Vernon Public Schools for 34 years. Upon retirement he completed requirements for his Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School and since, has served as an interim pastor at various churches in Connecticut. He now makes his home in Charlestown, RI, with his wife, the Rev. Shirley Anderson, who recently was a worship leader here.

## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

**Ministers:** All Participants in the Life of the Congregation

### Worship & Music

**Organist and Music Director:** Paul Althouse

**Directors of Children's and Gospel Choirs:**  
Lee Wilkerson & Nikki Rollins

**Sound Engineers:** Dick Robinson, Ron Deziel

**Seashore Praise Team:** Ellen Ashburn; Diane Blair; John Parker; Ocean Pellett; Ned Ruete

### Education & Youth

**Director of Religious Education & Youth**

**Ministries:** Jessica Bunger

**Children's Center Director:** Kathy Tiller

### Caring & Community

**Community Minister:** Patty Chaffee

**Parish Nurse:** Marie LaTourette

### Holding the Parts Together!

**Church Secretary:** Judy Snitkin

**Church Officers:** Kim Kalajainen, *president*;

John Whritner, *vice-president*; Avery

Morgan, *clerk*; Linda Leavens, *treasurer*, Liz

Kuchta, *historian*

**Financial Secretary:** Judy Layden

**Bookkeeper:** Maureen Godin

**Librarian, Newsletter Editor:** Jennifer Datum

**Pastor and Teacher:** The Rev. John A. Nelson

## OCCASIONS FOR SERVICE, WITNESS, AND PRAYER

In Our Prayers:

*We gladly list joys and concerns, and typically print them for four weeks after they are offered in worship. (Prayer requests may be renewed at any time.)*

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### Continuing concerns:

Bill, recovering at Smilow rehab • family members hospitalized • Daughter Tricia, difficult recovery from surgery • Luane Lange, recovering from surgery • Safe travel for Michael, driving to Arizona to start a new job • Rich and all in treatment for addictions • a friend's son who was burned • Vera Winters, hospitalized • death of a co-worker's grandmother • Rachel Benin, recovering from a serious car accident • comfort and strength for Freddy • healing for Walter • comfort and strength for Freddy • For those in deep need of vacation, and for those in deep need of work • Paul Swann • Those suffering from depression and anxiety.

*In treatment for cancer:*

Linda, battling breast cancer • a friend with pancreatic cancer • Deb, Rose, and Sandy, in cancer treatment • Paula Pawlikowski, breast cancer • Fr. Emmett Jarrett, metastasized cancer • Missy Gardner • Nancy Jacobson, brain cancer • Ray Herzberg • Clara Ball — and their families, friends, and caregivers.

A lamentation for the ongoing devastation of the Gulf Coast, and for the human failings that have brought catastrophe on God's creatures and creation.

*For those grieving and struggling in response to wildfires in Russia and California, and to floods in Pakistan.*

Those suffering due to the ongoing financial woes of the nation, whether struggling to meet

an unaffordable mortgage, confronting the loss of a job, or working to find just resolutions to the crisis.

Friends and family now serving our country in the armed forces: Scott Basham; Greg Balsmeier; Alyson Barrett; Brian Donovan; Josh Earnhart; Matt Fergione; Tony Fergione; Matt Liebal; Nathaniel Lowe; Brian Perchal; Zachary Peters; Peter Rondeau; Caitlin Strauhal; Stephen Weiss.

All those serving or living in war or conflict zones around the world, particularly in Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia, Gaza, Georgia, India, Pakistan, and the Sudan.

**Family & Friends  
who have passed away:**

Shirley Cordero • Aunt Sue  
Professor Hightower • Rachel Ayer  
Servicemen and service women who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan

*We thank God for their lives, and offer prayers of comfort and support for family and friends who mourn their passing.*

**Praise and Thanksgiving:**

For the amazing, grace-filled ministry of Jess Bunger! ... with sadness at her departing, with gratitude for all she has been and given and done, and with our love and prayers as she moves to new adventures in Florida.

For the love, support, cards, and visits from our faith family to the Cushing family, in the recent passing of Rachel Ayer • Mark, at home and recovering • Jake & Kathryn's wedding • Fabulous mission trip of senior high youth to "Lynn, Lynn, the City of Him!"; thanksgiving for the people we served and for new friends made • For a stupendous Vacation Bible School – "Yea, God!" • For Kelly McNatt's adoption of Joshua Daniel • For quick recovery for Billy and Mark • Time spent with family and friends.

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**IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR WOULD LIKE A PASTORAL VISIT**, be sure to let us know by calling the church office (860-739-6208) or emailing Pastor John at [jnelson@nianticcommunitychurch.org](mailto:jnelson@nianticcommunitychurch.org). Sometimes we don't find out about an injury or illness or other need until long after – so please call!

**WE ALSO HAVE AN ON-GOING PRAYER CHAIN.** To add a prayer request to the Prayer Chain please send an email to [prayers@nianticcommunitychurch.org](mailto:prayers@nianticcommunitychurch.org), or call the church office (860-739-6208).

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**, Thursdays at 7pm by the pond, weather permitting. Come for casual worship, uplifting music. All ages welcome, refreshments served.

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED AN INHERITANCE?** If so, consider gifting part of the inheritance to the Church, in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.

**COOKBOOKS WILL BE SOLD** during coffee hour. If you haven't bought yours yet, here is another opportunity. They are \$15.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING**, August 29th. Christian Hour 9:00-9:45am; Worship Service 10:00am; Pastor John A. Nelson, preaching. Scripture readings: Psalm 81:1, 10-16;

Jeremiah 2:4-13 or Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

**YOGA OFFERINGS** have been temporarily postponed for the balance of the summer. Watch for new classes to begin in September.

**MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PAVING CONTRACT.** Preparation for the paving of NCC's parking lot will begin on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and last for approximately 2 weeks. During this time there will be some minor inconveniences—mainly parking our vehicles. Everyone's patience during this time would be appreciated. The Maintenance Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TREASURER:** If you plan to donate stock to the church, please contact Judy Layden or Linda Leavens for the current account numbers as our accounts and numbers have changed.

**COOKBOOK MINISTRY** – If you feel called to help sell cookbooks during coffee hour, at Summer Suppers or other events in the coming months please let us know. It is an easy, single commitment ministry that will help make our cookbook fundraiser a huge success. Contact Carole Glenn [csg1@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:csg1@ct.metrocast.net) or Patty Chaffee at 860-739-6208.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** October 10, 31 are available if you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in memory or celebration of loved ones. The approximate cost is \$35. The flower chart is located on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office (739-6208). Thank you.

**PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS** of Sunday school age children are encouraged to download Christian Education Registration forms from the NCC Youth Ministry website: <http://nccyouth.shutterfly.com/>. A link to this site is also available from the NCC main page. Registrations are also available in the church office as well as in the Christian Education office. Please email or turn in these forms to Jess Bunger as soon as possible, thank you!

**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** in order to sustain the growing Christian Education and Youth Ministry at NCC. There are opportunities to serve that include assisting and leading as well as a simple adult presence. It is my prayer that we would each look inside ourselves to find ways to prayerfully support this ministry. By providing rotating teams of volunteers everyone will be able to worship, learn, and serve as well as nurture the faith of the children and young adults in our congregation. If you have questions or think that this opportunity is for you, contact me at 860-739-6208 or [jessbunger@nianticcommunitychurch.org](mailto:jessbunger@nianticcommunitychurch.org).

**LOCAL CHILDREN'S** author, Kiki Latimer, will be presenting a Book Reading and Signing on Friday, August 20th at 7:00 PM. at Niantic Community Church Children's Center. Children's authors Christina Cody and Susan Epstein will also be joining this event. Refreshments will be served. This event will be held in conjunction with a Used Book and Toy Sale. The proceeds will benefit the Niantic Community Church Children's Center. We now have three children's authors coming to our fundraiser on the 20th.

**DINNER/MOVIE GROUP** will meet on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us at 5:30pm at Family Pizza, 233 Main Street, Niantic for dinner. Following dinner we will attend the movie "Eat, Pray, Love" at the Niantic Cinema. All women are invited. No reservations required. For further information call Judy Layden (860-739-6741).

**IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS...**Zachary Peters, a member of our congregation, is serving with the United States Army in Iraq. The Parish Life Committee is coordinating a collection of items that will be shared with Zachary and his fellow soldiers. Suggested donations include Sunflower Seeds, Tuna/Chicken Packs, Beef Jerky, Fruit Snacks, Chewing Gum, Granola/Protein Bars, Cookies/Brownies, Books/Magazines/Articles from home Newspapers, Batteries (AA or AAA depending), playing cards, nail clippers, baby wipes, love and prayers. A complete list is available outside the church office near the donation box. Drop off items by September 30. If you have immediate family serving in the military overseas and would like them to receive a package please let us know. Please avoid candies that will melt in the heat. Monetary donations are welcome to cover the cost of mailing expenses. Please note "Afghanistan packages" on your check. Letters and cards area also greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry.

**THE 3RD ANNUAL NCC Chili Cook-Off** will soon be upon us and a subcommittee is forming to take on the spicy task. A planning meeting will take place in the Parish Life Ministry office on Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m. Please consider helping out on this short term ministry project of the Parish Life Committee. The Cook-off is scheduled for October 16th. If you can't attend the first planning session but would like to be involved anyway, there's room for you. Call Jeannette Woodworth at 860-739-2945.

**IF YOU ARE GOING** to the Fox Hopyard luncheon on August 29th at 3:00 please bring with you a photograph of yourself either as a baby or a young child. We're going to have a contest on "name that face" Put your name on the back of the picture and give it to either Cheri or Edna the afternoon of the 29th.

**Our Record Of Faithfulness In Giving And Attending**

Received to Date for 2010: \$252,701.23; Needed to be current for 2010: \$260,754.45; Last Sunday's Attendance: – 114

**WE ARE PAVING THE WAY ... TO A MORE WELCOMING CHURCH!**

On July 11<sup>th</sup> we voted to take care of our bumpy, crumbling parking lot by raising the funds necessary to make it safe and inviting for all who come to Niantic Community Church. The goal for our capital campaign is \$100,000. As of August 15<sup>th</sup>, ninety-one individuals and families have pledged **\$91,215** to the effort. We give a hearty thank-you to those who have pledged (**names of new pledgers are in bold**):

Ellen & Charlie Ashburn; Jane & Wayne Barth; Rich & Sue Basham; Ralph & Jane Bates; Chris & Sarah Bayreuther; Alina Beebe; Dean Beebe; Doris Beebe; Nina & Tom Beebe Muriel Briggs; Jetske & Wim Budding; Liz Buhler; Jerry & Nancy Burkhardt; Don & Lenore Campbell; **Bob & Marge Caste**; Laurie & Bob Castronova; Howard & Janice Christensen; Catherine Daboll; Jen & Mike Datum; Joyce Daubar; Anne Davis; Ray & Debbie DeConto; Chris & Tanya Deveau; Helen Dey; **Karen & Ron Deziel**; Zachary Deziel; Pat & Jim Doran; Dan & Daun Estey; Jerry & Edna Gilstad; **Carole & Dale Glenn**; Dick & Ellen Goeben; Roe & Georgie Granger; Angie Hayes; **Paul & Linda Helvig**; **Alice Hendricks**; Peg & Ray Herzberg; Martin & Carol June; Kim & Jackie Kalajainen; Sy & Jessie Kessler; Bruce & Liz Kuchta; Mike & Sandy Kuchta; Allen & Heather Larson; René & Susan Laurençot; Judy & Justin Layden; Linda Leavens & Maggie Aydelotte; Willard & Kathy Leindecker; **Nori & Sandy Lembree**; Phil & Carolyn Lombardo; John & Bette Mahon; **Dale & Susan Martin**; Marion McKenzie & Judy DeVey; **Jane McLane**; Lew & Cheri Meier; **Dorothy Mike**; Jay Mirecki; Frank & Mary Mirecki; Joanne Moore; Avery & Bob Morgan; Stan & Ruth Morgan; Rich Morrill; Jennifer Munzner; David Mut; John Nelson & Angela Lomanto; Keith & Candy Neilson; Bob & Wendy Nielsen; Ed Painter; John Parker; Karen Peacock; Ocean Pellett; Robert & Marie Pierce; Harold & Anita Potts; Marion Prescott & Dwight MacDonald; Andrew & Louise Proud; Carl & Sue Putnam; Dick & Sue Robinson; Ned Ruete; Richard & Janice Saxton; **Doris & William Seelig**; Eleanor Shoop; Sandy Spencer; Elaine Steinhilber; Pamela Stollo; Paul & Verna Swann; Elizabeth Taylor; **Iva Thomas**; Rich & Sue Thomson; Bill & Anne Wernau; Kay & John Whritner; Fred & Eleanor Winters; Joyce Wood; Jeannette Woodworth.

**THANK YOU ... AND PLEASE JOIN US IN PAVING THE WAY!**

## THIS WEEK AT NIANTIC COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are a community of Christians:  
learning God's ways;  
sharing God's love;  
extending God's peace and healing grace to all.

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00-9:45AM "Christian Education Hour"

**Children** (Multipurpose Room)

**Adults:** Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study  
(Fellowship Room)

10:00AM Worship Service

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### MONDAY, AUGUST 23

No Personnel Meeting

7:00PM PPRC (Fellowship Room)

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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:15AM Breakfast Bible Study (Niantic  
Diner)

7:00PM Boy Scouts (Dining Hall)

7:00PM Men's Group (Multipurpose Room)

7:00PM Prayer Shawl Knitting Group  
(Fellowship Room)

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### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30PM NA (Dining Hall)

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### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

6:00PM Shoreline Food Pantry (Dining Hall)

7:00PM Contemporary Worship (outside  
altar, weather permitting)

8:00PM AA (Dining Hall)

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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00PM AA (Dining Hall)

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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

10:00AM Caregiver Support Group  
(Fellowship Room)

8:00PM AA (Dining Hall)