



Niantic Community Church

The Wednesday Note

weekly e-news

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Blanket Sunday ~ May 12



Worship Notes - May 12

This Sunday May 12, Seminary Student Jeff Birch will lead worship. Scripture reading is Acts 6:1-7 and his sermon is titled "The Sea of Affinities".

After four years at NCC, Jeff will graduate from Seminary on June 14. On Saturday, June 8 we will hold a church potluck to bid him farewell and show our gratitude for his service to NCC.

Faith Formation for Children & Youth

CLUB 26 BEACH BUCKET COLLECTION

Sunscreen, flip flops, sand-molding toys,
drink boxes, bubbles, beach balls,
and individual snacks.

To support *Waterford Youth & Family Services*. Drop off donations now through June 2nd. Bins are by the Youth Faith Formation office.
Thank you for your support!



Club 2-6 is filling beach buckets!

Suggested items include: ball, sunscreen, flip flops, sand-molding toys, drink boxes, bubbles, individual snacks, and your favorite beach toy.

Accepting donations now through June 2nd. Contact Marsha Swan with questions. Thank you for your support!

[Email Marsha](#)

Prayers for Youth Mission
Thanks for contributing to our Stock Sale in support of the Youth Mission Trip!

NCC YOUTH MISSION TRIP



July 14- 20, 2024

We have blue sheets for you to write a blessing to the mission team available outside the office and at coffee hour.

Save the Date - Youth Mission Trip Stock Dinner
Sunday, July 21 at 5:00pm in Church Dining Hall.

Faith in Action

Special Offering #3: Blanket Sunday

The Special Offering #3: Immigration Rights & Refugee Resettlement begins this Sunday with Blanket Sunday. Blanket Sunday is organized by Church World Service (CWS) and has been running for over 75 years. This Sunday there will be offering envelopes in the pews. The donations will go to people in emergency situations in the U.S. and around the world. Make checks to Niantic Community Church with "Blanket Sunday" in the memo.

Below please find some videos to watch about people who have been involved with Blanket Sunday.

[Blanket Sunday](#)

[Special Offering #2
Summary](#)

Faith Forum

Faith Forum - Conversation about Matters of Faith
This week's topic: **Welcome Home - Going Out**
May 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room

FAITH FORUM
Adult Conversations about Matters of Faith
Sunday at 10:30am in the Fellowship Room.
All are welcome to join the conversation.

Many of us think of welcoming as something that happens just when someone enters our building. But what about those people who never walk through our doors? How are they to know we're a welcoming church?

[Read More](#)

Announcements

NCC Focused Retreat - Saturday, May 18, 9am-2pm.

Two main areas of focus:

- 2024 Goals and Mission/Vision statements.
- Grow and Glow - what is working and what needs 'tweaking'

Open to the congregation, lunch provided.

Please RSVP with the office [here](#) or Carol Donovan, Nancy Hunt.

Flag-raising Ceremony May 25

The annual NCC Memorial Day American flag-raising is set for Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Sanctuary doors. Please join us for a brief reading and prayer to honor our Veteran's, past and present. Hope to see you there. Nancy Hunt, Vice President

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.

Educational Grants

The Memorial Fund is now accepting grant applications for those seeking higher education this includes college, technical schools, and other post high school education. Applicants must be NCC members or their children. The firm deadline to receive applications is June 30. Click [here](#) for the application.

Seeking Rental House

A church member is seeking to rent (year-round) a 2-bedroom house in the Niantic/Waterford/Old Lyme area. 1 adult, 1 dog. Contact information 860-395-9149. Text or call.

Anne Davis Meal Ministries

May 25
Saturday

New London
Community
Meal Center



May 26
Sunday

Homeless
Hospitality
Center

A small group of very dedicated church members have been keeping this ministry going for many years. If you have always wanted to volunteer; please give us a try! We would love to have you! Sign-up here to donate food or volunteer:

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

[Sign Up May Meals](#)

Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center



[Silver Lake](#)



[2024 Regional Youth Event - In Case You Missed It on Vimeo](#)

Executive Conference Minister Rev. Darrell Goodwin encourages registration for the **2024 Regional**

Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center has been named one of America's Best Summer Camps in 2024 by Newsweek Magazine.

Youth Event, to be held July 28 - 31 at Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center in Sharon, CT.

Bible 101 - date survey

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:

[Respond Here](#)

Announcements in Worship

Please submit your announcements here. Your submission may be communicated via worship bulletins, social media, online slides, our Tidings newsletter, and verbal announcements in worship as appropriate. If you want to make a verbal announcement in worship, speak to one of the Pastors in advance. Announcements submitted may be edited to conform with church style guidelines, for clarity, and for brevity. If you have any questions about communications, please contact the office:

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](#)

[Prayer Chain](#)



[email Kaleigh](#)



[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.

[Tidings](#)

[Gov Board Minutes March](#)

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