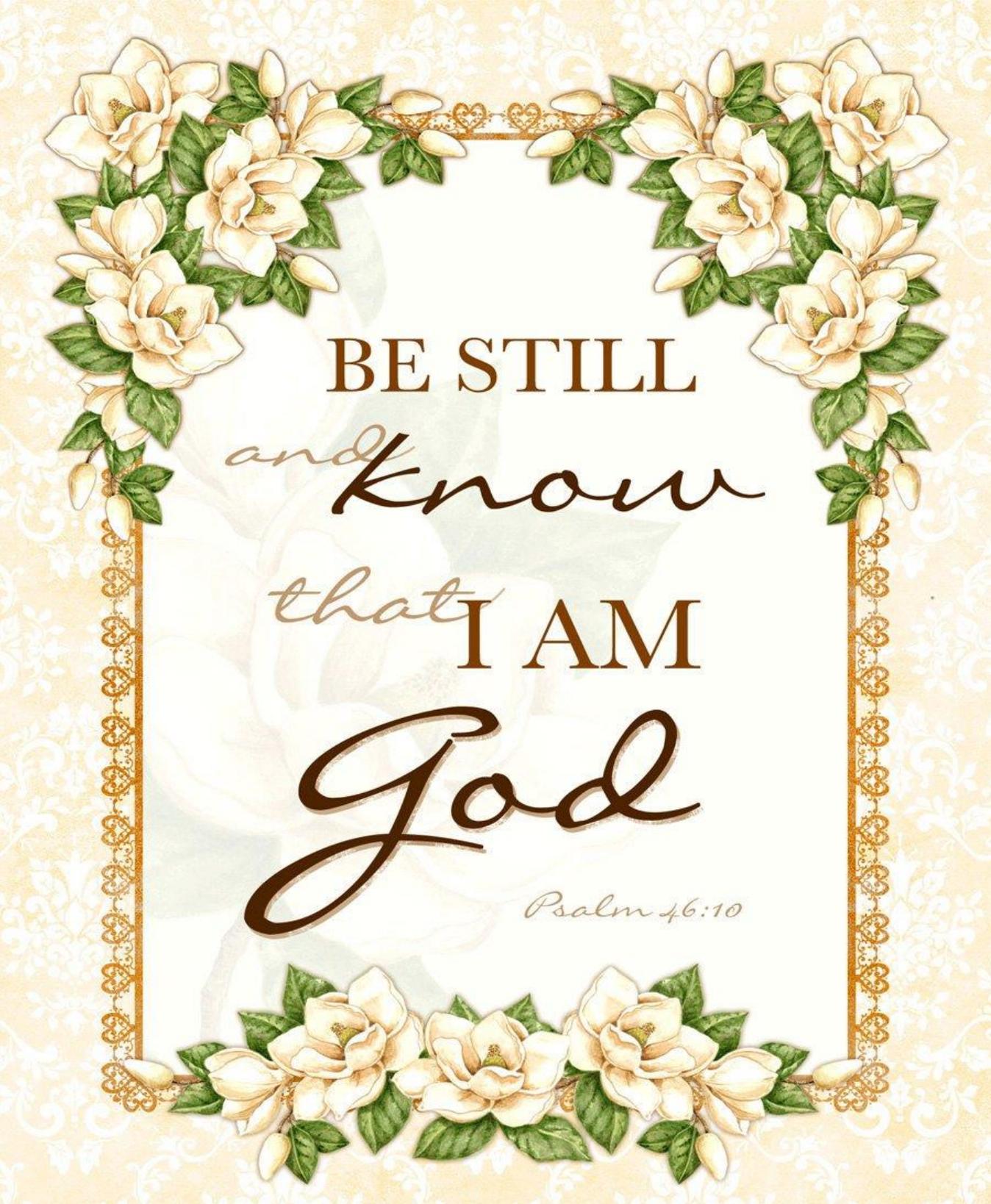


North Branford Congregational Church
October Parish Visitor 2022
Newsletter



BE STILL
and know
that I AM
God
Psalm 46:10

*A MESSAGE FROM
THE WORSHIP LEADER*



My Dear Church Family:

Fall is one of my favorite times of year, particularly in New England. The leaves change, the air grows cooler and there are wonderful activities like apple picking and hayrides at local farms. It's also the season for bringing in many crops and celebrating our Thanksgiving holiday. In the book of Deuteronomy, we find this inspiring and challenging verse about harvesting:

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. (Deuteronomy 24:19)

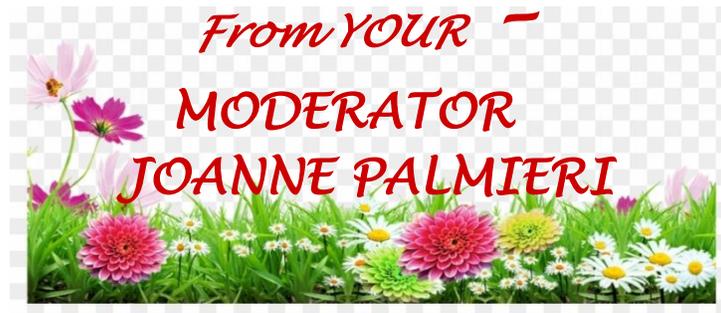
God has compassion for those who struggle and face challenges in this life. And here he calls on the Israelite people to be part of the solution for marginalized folks. Leave a little behind, they are told. And there is the promise of a blessing that comes with it. In doing good they will help others and God will bless them. While we may not all be farmers, or even gardeners with a crop to bring in, I think we can emulate the kindness and the awareness of the struggles of others shown in this verse. Our harvest might not be wheat

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it could be a promotion at work resulting in a bit more in the bank account, a little extra time open in our schedule, or a skill like knitting, singing, or cooking that we've reaped from hours of practice. How can we make sure that some of our harvest is given to those in need? Perhaps we might donate to a worthy cause, volunteer at a charity or use our time

and talents to support someone who is struggling. In big or little ways, we can "leave a sheaf" for someone having a tough time – whether it comes in the form of a casserole, a caring phone call, a set of helping hands or a gift card. It's been a true blessing to see this church help those struggling, putting our "sheaves" together to make a difference, whether it's for the foodbank, to help recently released prisoners, to give gifts to youth in care at Christmas time or to bless a family devastated by a house fire.

Like the beauty of fall, the harvests in our lives are a gift from God. Let's prayerfully ask Him how we can best share them with others!

In Christ,
Wendy Tarry



Dear NBCC Family,

As your moderator, I would like to wish everyone a beautiful, refreshing, and spirit lifting Fall Season. I can't thank you all enough for your harmonious diligence at our last Congregational Meeting. You all put the fruits of your spirit to good use for the welfare of our church. Important decisions were made in a harmonious and Christian atmosphere.

I pray that we continue to use the fruits of the spirit throughout the amazing new church year ahead.

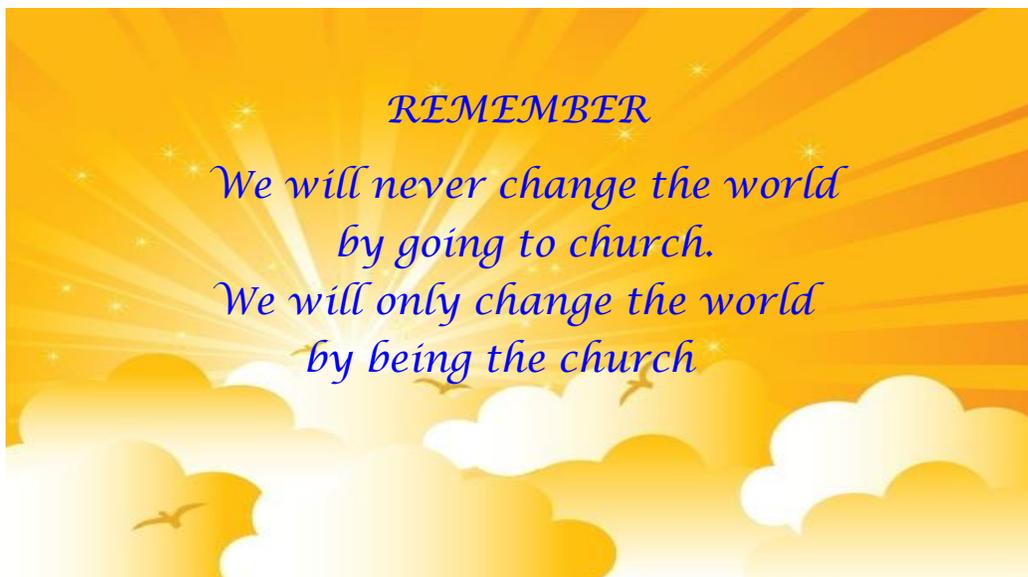
God Bless,
Joanne Palmieri, Moderator



North Branford Congregational Church

Stop in any Sunday at 10:00 AM

Come worship with us as we lift our voices to the Lord.
Reach out and invite a family member who has been
away from the church and/or a friend to share the day
with you!





A MOMENT TO PAUSE

Did you know that you can stop in church at any time? You don't need an appointment because God is always waiting to meet you.

~ fran v. giambalvo



Our Church History

Our NBCC Church has a history that goes back for centuries. Each month we will bring you an interesting fact from our centuries old church life.

Interesting Fact!

North Branford Congregational Church has been meeting since before the formation of the United States of America. We have almost 300 years of history in this community!

Back in 1777 a call for troops from Connecticut was read during Sunday Service from the pulpit? After the service ended, 60 men from the church answered General Washington's call. The minister at the time, Rev. Samuel Eells, was chosen to be their captain.



LASAGNA DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 6:00 pm
North Branford Congregational Church
1680 Foxon Road



Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert

ADULTS \$15

CHILDREN (Under 12) \$12

For reservations call: Diane Farley 203 467-7470
NO later than October 16





*Bible Verses for the
Month of October*

Luke 6:35

2 John 1:6

Proverbs 17:17

Judges 5:31

Zechariah 8:16

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Hosea 6:6

Romans 14:17-19

Luke 12:33-34

1 Peter 4:10

Zechariah 7:9-10

Daniel 7:13-14

Isaiah 47:4

2 Samuel 22:29

Psalm 8:3-4

Haggai 2:6-7

1 Peter 3:14

Revelation 1:8

Psalm 42:11

2 Peter 1:16

Psalm 112:1

Deuteronomy 28:9

1 Kings 8:61

2 Peter 1:20-21

John 17:17

Romans 10:8

Judges 6:12

Isaiah 41:13

Matthew 10:28

Romans 8:15

Psalm 23:4



The Secret of Fall

Have you noticed the trees have started their fall cleanup by letting go of the old leaves? It is as if even trees know to “not” carry the old leaves and the burden of their heaviness year after year, but rather to let them go and look forward to new beginnings which will make them bigger, stronger, and more beautiful when the new leaves start to sprout forward.

So it is with our lives, for knowingly we carry the old ways with us year after year even though they are weighing us down and making us feel tired and making us lose the beauty of each new day. Why do we do this? Maybe it's because we don't want to venture out of our comfort zone, after all change means we have to get up, leave the house, and do some work to make new things in our life and around us possible.

Just think if the trees never lost their leaves every year, they would become so heavy they would lose their luster and their branches would start breaking off leaving a bare stump in its wake. Maybe now is the time to look at the trees not so much as something that grows all around us, but rather as a gift from God. This is a gift that says instead of carrying around a heavy load; leave it back in yesterday where it belongs. If we think about it, with all the wonderful yesterday's God has already given us, maybe now is the time to leave our old comfortable ways behind and venture out into the promising new adventures that await us. For no matter what our age, who doesn't love the excitement of a new adventure!

So, the trees that have been losing their leaves throughout the centuries maybe knew something all along that we are just beginning to learn – that it is time for us to do a “fall cleanup” within ourselves so that with each new tomorrow our lives will grow bigger, stronger, and even more beautiful. We just need to learn to leave yesterday behind and start a new beginning with every tomorrow.

~ fran v. giambalvo



Please remember that it is because of you, our church family, your weekly offerings make it possible to keep our church doors open.

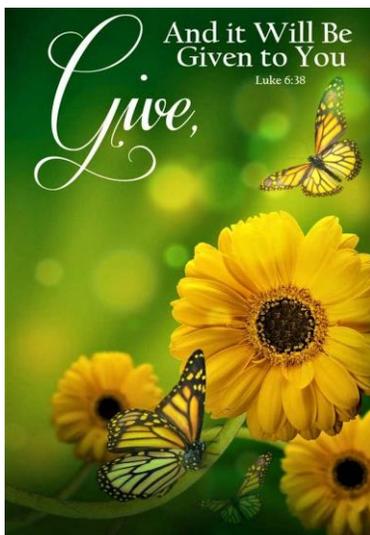
Remember your weekly donation or annual pledges can be mailed directly to the church or through PayPal.

By Mail:

North Branford Congregational Church
P.O. Box 410
1680 Foxon Road
North Branford, CT 06471
attn. church treasurer

By PayPal:

Go onto our Facebook page and follow the directions or call Jen at 203.645.3107 if you need further instructions.



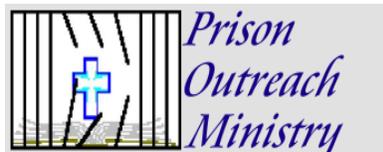
If you have questions, please contact:
Jennifer Downer at 203.645.3107 bellmad1@aol.com or
Nancy Bodwell at 203.481.9925 nancebodwell@yahoo.com

Mission and Outreach

Some of us have been blessed with so much yet it takes so little to reach out to say, *“I am here for you!”*



Please remember on the first Sunday of each month to bring a non-perishable food item to church. Let us help those who are in need by helping to fill up shelves at food pantries.



Let us help Rev. Charlotte White in the ministry which helps newly released prisoners. We can assist Rev White in this ministry by donating only new items listed below. These everyday items may not seem important to us, but to those who have been incarcerated these simple items can help start a new life in society. **Items can be placed** in the box as you enter the Sanctuary. Thank you for helping to do our Father's work for those who are trying to start over.

GENERAL ITEMS -both men and women:

wash cloths, hand towels, large bath towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, note pads, pens, calendars, etc.

FOR MEN

Every day: shaving cream, razors, combs, deodorant, body and foot powders,

Spring: socks, T shirts, undershirts, light jackets and ball caps

Fall/ Winter: socks, sweatshirts, gloves, scarves, and knit hats. Extra items such as wallets, flashlights, Bus pass: \$15.75, etc., are also needed.

FOR WOMEN

Every day: hair conditioner, hairbrushes, shaving cream, razors, deodorants, hand cream, face cream, Tampons, etc.

Spring: socks, tee shirts, blouse, rain jacket, umbrella

Fall/Winter: socks, sweatshirt, gloves, scarves and knit hats. Extra items such as wallets, small purses, make up bags, Bus pass: \$15.75, etc. are also needed.

THE CLOTHING SHED

The clothing donation shed is located in the parking lot of the church, it's designed to give our members and neighbors a uniquely clean, convenient, and well-cared-for option to donate their used clothing. St. Pauly Textile Inc., has provided the shed, partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items here in the U.S. and worldwide, for people who are in need.





He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love.

Romans 5:5



Holly Fair

Our Church Holly Fair will take place on November 19 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.
Please leave any items for the White Elephant Room in the church undercroft.

Live Streaming: Are you are unable to attend Sunday Worship but would still like to feel the closeness of your church family? Just click on the following link below to watch the sermon portion of our Worship Live on Sunday Morning starting about 10:15 AM.

Remember, your church family is never far away. Click on this link -
www.Facebook.com/CTNBCC



Has something ever touched you, which made you feel closer to our Lord? Are you a story writer or a poet? Looking for church members, who would like to share their experience or one of their writings to be put into a monthly Parish Visitors! Please email them to Fran at nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net



Your pledges help to keep our church doors open. Pledge Sunday for Stewardship will take place on Sunday, October 16th . Please join us!



OCTOBER

3: *Lewis Reid*

9: *Stephanie Small & Margaret Holcomb*

12: *Victor Tarry*

17: *Miles Vongher*

28: *Sandra Artkop*

Forgotten anyone on our birthday list please
call the church office at
203.488.8456 and let Fran know!





CHILDRENS

Halloween Fun Word Search

bat
 black
 broom
 cat
 costumes
 ghosts
 halloween
 hoot
 monster
 moon
 mummy
 night
 owl

pumpkin
 scare
 skeleton
 spider
 spirits
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 vampire
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OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 7:00 pm NA
2 10:00 am Worship Communion Sunday Worship Meeting follows sevice Holly Fair Meeting follows service	3 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Women's meeting	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:00 pm TOPS	6 7:30 PM AA	7	8 7:00 pm NA
9 10:00 am Worship 12:30 pm Festa Studio Concert	10 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Women's meeting	11 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Leadership Meeting	12 6:00 pm TOPS	13 7:30 pm AA	14	15 7:00 pm NA
16 10:00 am Worship	17 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Women's meeting	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 6:00 pm TOPS	20 7:30 pm AA	21	22 7:00 pm NA
23 10:00am Worship 30 10:00am Worship	24 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 pm Women's meeting 31 7:00 pm Women's meeting	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 6:00 pm TOPS	27 7:30 pm AA	28	29 7:00 pm NA

Everyday...

~ pray for someone who is alone ~

The North Branford Congregational Church, UCC

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*The ministers of this parish are all of its members.
Assisting them in their ministries are:*

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**No Matter Who You Are,
No Matter Where You Are on Life's Journey,
You are Welcome Here!**