

*The North Branford
Congregational Church
PARISH VISITOR
NOVEMBER, 2021*



JOIN US FOR



North Branford Congregational Church

Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

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

The background of this section is a vibrant sunrise scene. Bright yellow and orange rays of light radiate from the center, illuminating soft, white and yellow clouds. Several birds are shown in flight, scattered across the sky. The overall atmosphere is warm and hopeful.

*We will never
change the world
by going to church
We will only
change the world
by being the church*



NBCC HOLLY FAIR
Saturday, November 20
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Co-Chairs:

Laurie Vincent: lauriemvincent@comcast.net | 203-444-7020

Melanie Bauchman: abbey.leximay@yahoo.com | 203-988-6039

The Holly Fair everyone has been asking about is back! Save the Date and get ready to do Christmas shopping from the many tables in our Fellowship Hall as well as outside where other holiday tables will be set up. Browse through all the treasures in the White Elephant Room then pick your favorite cookies from our Cookie Walk! Purchase some tickets and try to win one of our wonderful Raffle Baskets. We are excited to welcome all our friends back to our NBCC Holly Fair. All covid restrictions will be in place so please wear a mask when shopping indoors. Please join us!

Crafts: We will be announcing some times for this to help with items for Marcia's craft room. If you want to contribute, please see our contact info and we work together. Or let us know if you can contribute your own items.

White Elephant Room: Donations of gently-used items needed - (no clothes or large furniture) can be dropped off in the undercroft anytime from now until the Friday before the fair.

Better Treasures: Donations of fine and new items - a little better than regular "tag sale" - can be dropped off in the undercroft.

Jewelry Table: Donations of used and new jewelry, jewelry boxes, ring holders, etc. - can be dropped off in the church office.

Raffle Baskets: We **REALLY** need baskets! Items do not need to be in a basket - can be in a box or bag and we will make the basket. Please see the list in THE HALLWAY TO THE SANCTUARY for ideas and sign up – can be dropped off in the undercroft or chapel with a note describing the theme BEFORE NOVEMBER 13th. If the baskets are complete and wrapped they can be dropped off by Friday the 19th.

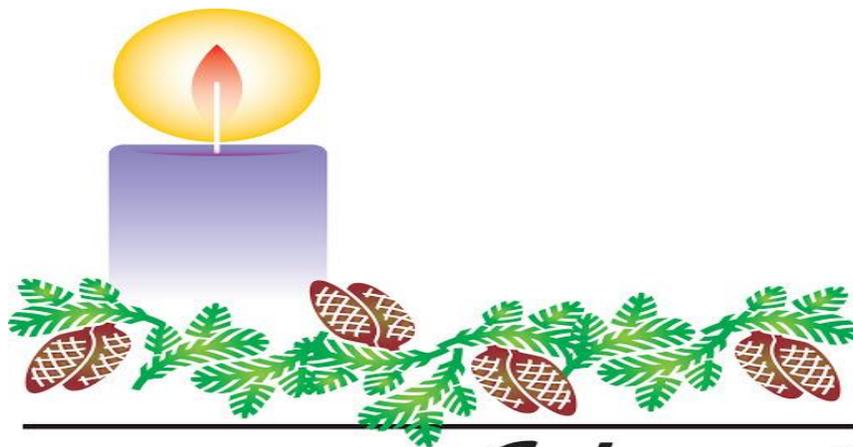
Country Kitchen: We need volunteers to run this big table this year (please see contact info above) AND we need donations: small and large quick breads (cranberry, banana, etc), coffee cakes, all varieties of fudge, chocolate dipped - anything, any kind of homemade candy - can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall any Sunday, or please contact Laurie or Melanie and we can pick them up.

Cookie Walk: Please see Alice Lehr to sign up for making cookies - it's good to have a wide variety



God doesn't stop bestowing blessings upon his children, so why would we stop reaching out to those in need?

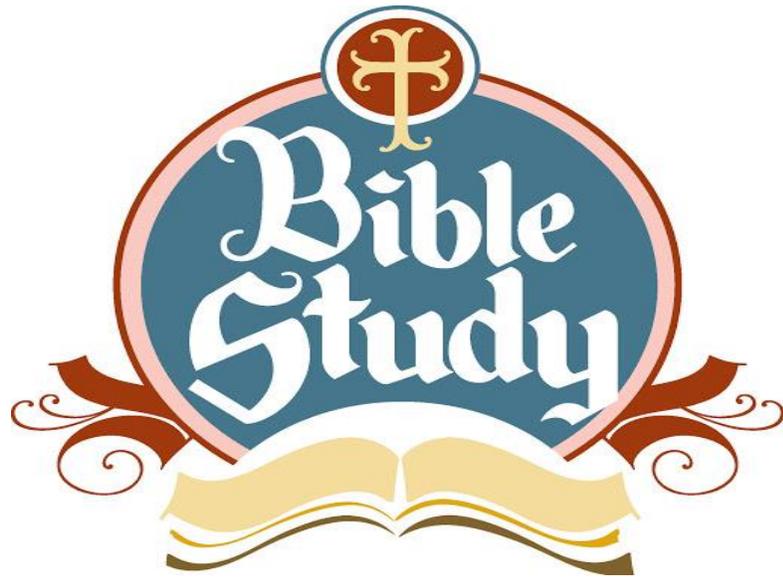
~ *fran v. giambalvo*



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Please join us on Sunday, November 28 as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent:

HOPE

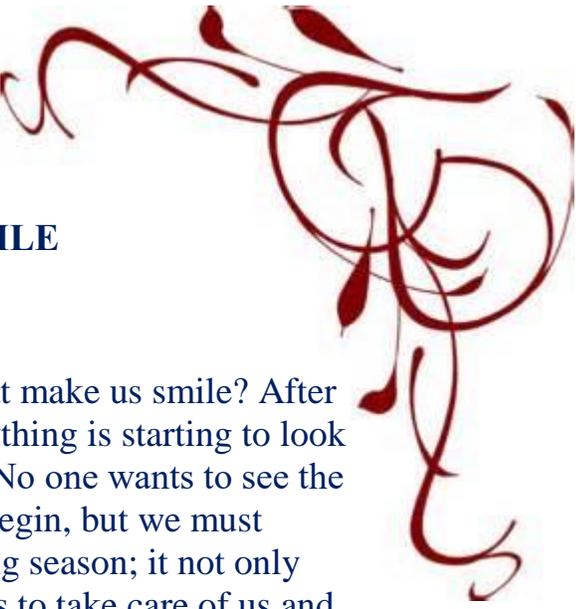


***“Your faith should not be in the wisdom of men,
but in the power of God.” ~1 Corinthians 2:5***

Please join us on November 4 for our final Bible Study of the year, on the Old Testament of “Leviticus.”

Any questions please email Jennifer: bellmad1@aol.com





A THANKSGIVING SMILE

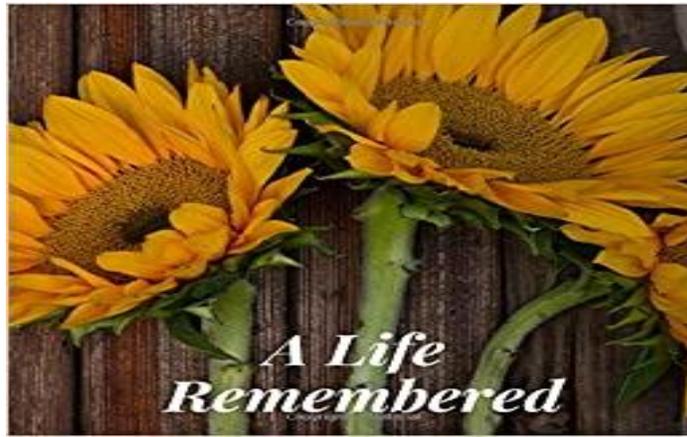
What is it about the month of November that make us smile? After all the trees have lost their leaves, and everything is starting to look bare and cold...where is the happy in that? No one wants to see the summer end and the dreary days of winter begin, but we must remember there is a reason for each changing season; it not only takes care of the earth around us, but it helps to take care of us and the changes in each of us every day as we grow in our life.

Let us realize that when the trees lose their leaves it's that time of the season for them to rest so they can emerge with stronger and healthier branches that can hold many more leaves, to show off their beauty next spring. Not unlike the trees, we must also find the time to rest, or, how can we grow stronger throughout the rest of the year enabling us to keep moving forward, embracing our life, our family, and the blessings we are yet to receive.

Why does the month of November make us smile? Maybe it is because it is the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving which reminds us of two very important things. First, take time to rest and contemplate what your life was like up until this past year with all of the blessings our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon you. Second, focus on the journey you want to take moving forward while each and every day being thankful for the loving family and friends you have by your side.

So, each morning when you walk outside, especially during this month of November, take time to smile and say, "Thank you, Lord, for making me stronger and giving me another beautiful month of Thanksgiving to walk through!"

~ fran v. giambalvo



I would like to give a brief background of my sister Carol Sabia's young life.

By Alice Lehr

When she was about 8 years old we moved from a duplex home in Bridgeport which had three bedrooms and modern conveniences to a home in Branford that had three rooms, no electricity, no running water, no central heat and we had to use an outhouse. There were five children. We had to take care of the animals; there was a cow, pigs, a horse, and chickens, all before school then walking a mile to the bus stop. These chores also had to be done after school, in addition to filling the kerosene lamps and sawing wood for the cooking stove. Carol was 12 years old before we got electricity.

Summers were spent earning money any way possible, like picking strawberries for Stanley Doolittle, helping my father butcher, cleaning Mrs. Doody's chicken coops, picking raspberries at the Mushal farm, and delivering papers on bicycles. Not much time for fun. Carol is the one who introduced us to this Church.

After high school Carol held many different jobs, mostly in the accounting field. She had an excellent math mind and if given the opportunity she could have been a CPA or in some other math related field.

Her journey took her in many different directions. Bookkeeping for many businesses, cooking for a children's day care, working for a cleaning service, driving a school van (she loved children) delivering papers, and being a caregiver. All this time she was devoted to this church filling many positions such as sexton, which she did a great job, and knowing all the procedures for weddings as well as funerals. She was a deacon serving as flower coordinator making sure we had flowers for the holidays. She chaired the Chicken Pie supper, worked on the silent auction at the Church Fair, and she was one of the original organizers of the North Branford/Northford Home Delivery program operating out of our church.

When a job had to be done and no one would volunteer, she most always stepped forward. She will be missed.

My Mother – Carol Sabia

By Sandra Astarita

She worked for Harry Falkoff as a bookkeeper for about 20 years, she cleaned offices, took care of elderly people, worked as the cook at Guilford Day Care. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women, she was a girl scout leader for many years even after I stopped being involved. She had started being a girl scout leader, when the leader of my troop had gotten married and was no longer going to be active in girl scouts. She was active in the PTA when Michael and I were in grammar school.

My mother also did many things at the church, she was Superintendent of the Sunday school when I was in grammar school, she was the sexton of the church and was a deacon. She would help with the Midnight run, ran the kitchen for the holly fair for quite a few years. She volunteered at the Community Dining Room and the Clothing Bank in Branford.

I know if someone needed money and my mother had her last dollar, she would give the person that last dollar. She always felt that a person needed it more than she did.



Wait Patiently - Psalm 27:14

Have Faith - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Pray - Phillipians 4:6

Think of Others - Phillipians 2:4

Trust In the Lord - Proverbs 3:5

Read God's Word - Psalm 119:12

Give Thanks - Psalm 136





ONLINE GIVING

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR DONATIONS

If you are worshipping with us in the sanctuary or live streaming on Facebook, please do not forget your weekly offerings as it makes it possible to keep our church doors open.

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:

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Nancy Bodwell at 203.481.9925 - nancbodwell@yahoo.com

don't forget church pledges...

Thank you to those who have already mailed in their pledges. Please remember your pledge is an important commitment to your church as it helps us maintain financial responsibilities throughout the year. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes and mail in your pledge by December 31.



Thank you for your continued support!



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Some of us have been blessed with so much
and it takes so little to reach out to say,
"I am here for you!"

MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Worship committee will meet on Monday, November 1 at 7:00 pm
Leadership board meeting is on Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm

CLOTHING SHED IS NOW OPEN

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., the company that has provided the shed, partners with businesses and various organizations to distribute donated items both here in the U.S. and worldwide, where they're ultimately re-worn by people who need them. NBCC receives funding for donated clothing, allowing us ways to maintain and expand our ministries.

TOPS

TOPS exercise program meets every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

GET TO KNOW OUR CHURCH

Live Streaming Worship On-Line! 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 our Worship Live on Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM. With this link you can also watch a recap of any past Sunday worships you might have missed. **Remember, your church family is never far away!** Click on this link - www.Facebook.com/CTNBCC



NOVEMBER



- 10: Michael Cropley*
- 13: Brent Juniver*
- 14: Kathy Wisting*
- 17: Jason Bagley*
- 23: Lewis Reid Jr*
- 25: Lori Vogt*
- 26: Brittany Cattaruzza*
- 27: Laurie Vincent*
- 29: Sarah Elliston*



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



CHILDREN'S PUZZLE PAGE



Happy Turkey Day!

Apple
Blessings
Cornucopia
Cranberry Sauce
Family
Feather
Give Thanks
Gobble
Greatful
November
Pumpkin
Scarecrow
Thanksgiving
Tradition
Turkey



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November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 PM Worship Meeting 7:00 pm Women's AA group	2	3 6:00 pm TOPS	4 6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY 7:00 pm AA group	5	6 7:00 pm NA group
7 10:00 am Worship Communion Service	8 7:00 pm Women's AA group	9 6:30 PM Leadership Board Meeting	10 6:00 pm TOPS	11 7:00 pm AA group	12	13 7:00 pm NA group
14 10:00 am Worship	15 7:00 pm Women's AA group	16	17 6:00 pm TOPS	18 7:00 pm AA group	19	20 7:00 pm NA group
21 10:00 am Worship	22 7:00 pm Women's AA group	23	24 6:00 pm TOPS	25 HOLIDAY HAPPY THANKSGVING	26	27 7:00 pm NA group
28 First Sunday of Advent - HOPE 10:00am Worship	29 7:00 pm Women's AA group	30				

Everyday...

~ pray for someone who is alone ~

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*The ministers of this parish are all of its members.
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Church office hours are Wednesday—Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
203.488.8456

Parish Visitor articles must be in the office by the 15th of the month
Please leave in the church admins mailbox in the office, or
e-mail to nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net,

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