

*North Branford Congregational Church
May Parish Visitor 2022
Newsletter*



*God's way is
perfect.*

*All the Lord's
promises prove
true.*

*He is a shield for
all who look to Him
for protection.*

2 Samuel 22:31





From YOUR - MODERATOR
JOANNE PALMIERI

As I reflect on the onset of Spring, I look back with gratitude for our Lenten Services and our beautiful Easter Sunday Service. Our journey together through Lent and coupled with the Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection has been so meaningful. I would like to thank everyone in our church family for contributing their special gifts. Everyone from the Council, Deacons, Wendy Tarry (our Worship Leader), Music Director, Sunday School Chair, Outreach Chair, Properties Chair, and most importantly the members of our Congregation all came together to celebrate the gift of Christ's resurrection. My hope is that Christ's resurrection will continue to be reflected among us as we continue to grow in true Christian love and fellowship.

God Bless,
Joanne Palmieri, Moderator

*A MESSAGE FROM
THE WORSHIP LEADER*



Do you recall the old fable of the tortoise and the hare? The hare was confident in his race with the tortoise, relying on his great speed to clinch the victory. After a burst of energy, though, the hare decided to lay down for a nap. The tortoise, however, despite his slower pace, completed the race in first place. The tortoise's dogged determination and his slow and steady progress took him to the finish line. I think this old story can have a little encouragement for us as we seek to grow spiritually. It's wonderful when we have "mountaintop" experiences - when a song or sermon grabs our heart, when a retreat ignites our faith, when a miraculous answer to prayer occurs, when a service opportunity warms our hearts. These are good and wonderful things that can draw us closer to God and should be celebrated. They are not, however, the everyday "bread and butter" of our faith journey. There is much to be valued in a steady commitment to faith practices - attending church regularly, praying frequently, reading the Bible daily, volunteering to help others and being a reliable friend, family member and neighbor. Of course, we don't run the race in our own strength - God is with us every step of the way and we can turn to him for strength and guidance all along the course. He's also given us the gift of previous examples of faith in the Scriptures to learn from and a caring Christian community around us we can turn to for support.

The writer to the Hebrews, after mentioning people who were examples of faith, encourages:

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12: 1-2)

Let's all have some "tortoise" faith this month. Let's ask God to help us embrace those spiritual habits that will help us to be healthy Christians, walking steadily forward with Jesus!

In Christ,
Wendy Tarry



*A MOMENT
TO PAUSE*

The song of the birds has once again
come alive. If you listen closely to their
song, you can almost hear as they praise
God for renewing the earth.

~fran v. giambalvo



*Wishing every mother,
grandmother, and mothers to be,
a Mother's Day filled with happiness,
love, and cherished moments.*

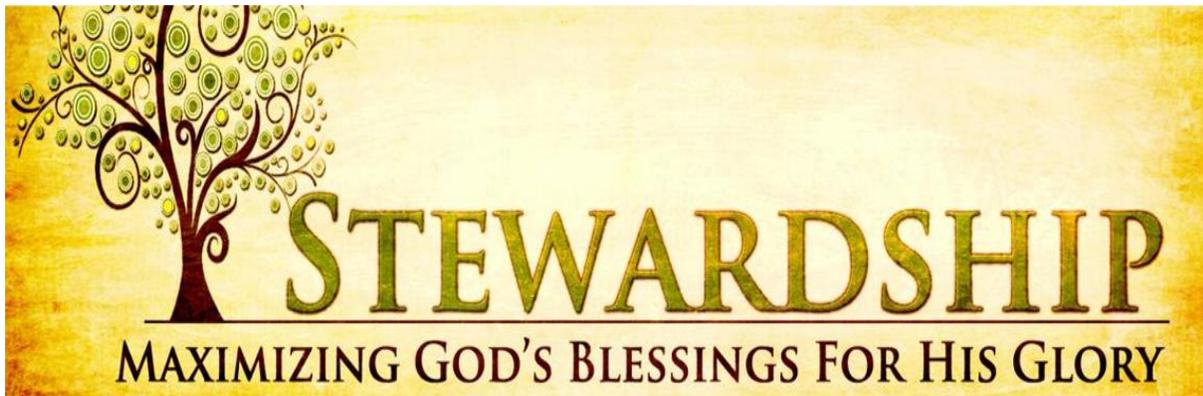


*31 Bible Verses about
HOPE
one for each day in May*

Day 1: Jeremiah 29:11
Day 2: Psalm 62:1-2
Day 3: Psalm 16:9-11
Day 4: Psalm 27:1
Day 5: Psalm 46:1
Day 6: Jeremiah 17:7
Day 7: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4
Day 8: Romans 15:13
Day 9: Hebrews 10:22-23
Day 10: John 14:27
Day 11: Psalm 55:22
Day 12: Galatians 2:20
Day 13: Isaiah 41:10
Day 14: Psalm 27:5
Day 15: Psalm 9:9-10
Day 16: Psalm 32:6-7

Day 17: Luke 12:22-31
Day 18: Psalm 34:17-19
Day 19: 1 Corinthians 10:13
Day 20: James 1:2-4
Day 21: John 3:1-3
Day 22: Isaiah 49:15-16
Day 23: Jeremiah 31:3
Day 24: Zephaniah 3:17
Day 25: John 3:16
Day 26: Romans 5:8-11
Day 27: Ephesians 1:18
Day 28: Isaiah 40:31
Day 29: Psalm 33:18
Day 30: Psalm 33:22
Day 31: Proverbs 23:18





CAMPAIGN for 2022

1 Chronicles 29:3-4

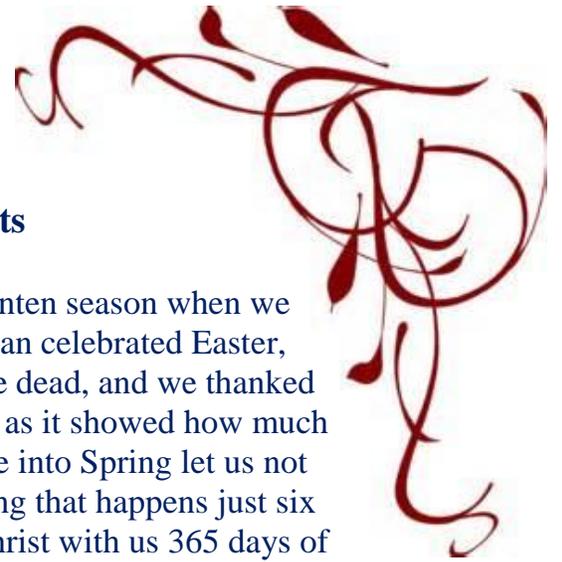
“David gave all his personal fortune to the Temple of God. He encouraged clan leaders, heads of tribes, and army officers to follow his example”.

We can also follow David’s example as we start our exciting campaign that will begin May 8 and end with Pledge Sunday on October 16.

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, you will be hearing from church members how Stewardship has affected their life.

Deedee Bagley
Chair of Christian outreach





Keeping Spring in our Hearts

It is the month of May we have left behind the Lenten season when we once again followed Jesus during his trials. We then celebrated Easter, that glorious day when God rose His Son from the dead, and we thanked our Heavenly Father for the gift of His Risen Son as it showed how much he loves each and every one of us. As we continue into Spring let us not leave Lent and Easter behind for it is not something that happens just six weeks out of our life. We must carry the Risen Christ with us 365 days of the year or it would be like casting aside the sacrifice and love our Father gave us. So, as we venture forward, let us take that Easter miracle of yesterday and bring it forward with us so we can live each and every day in our Father's love.

We must remember that Spring is a time of renewal. It is the time during the year our Father is telling us, "I renewed My Son by raising Him up in all the glory of the Heavens. And now, I have once again renewed the barren ground and trees to its colorful beauty for all my children to enjoy." Yesterday there was nothing but tiny buds sprouting on stems or on the branches of the trees, yet when you awoke today flowers were in abundance all around and the trees were heavy laden with leaves. Do we call it a miracle, or is it just something that happens every year at this time?

I call it a miracle because I believe that without the touch of His Father's hand Jesus would not have been resurrected on Easter Sunday, nor would our faith be renewed once again with that Easter miracle. The earth could not come into full bloom overnight without the miracle of our Father's gentle hand awakening it.

So, each year when we venture through the Spring season, let us realize that we are seeing it with new eyes and listening with new ears. For as we get older and change every day with age, the earth also changes with age.

As we now walk through the month of May let us not forget that we have so much to be thankful for. Our Father has given us the warmth of the sun, the soft green grass beneath our feet, and the trill of each bird singing its own sweet song. Spring is a season that says, "Look all around you, for my beauty has once again been renewed in its fullness by the hand of God!"

Now, let us walk through the season of Spring and all the newness it holds for us, and with every step we take moving forward let us realize it has been built on faith, prayer, and love.

~fran v. giambalvo



***“Our flag does not fly
because the wind moves it.
It flies with the last breath
of each soldier who
died protecting it.”***

Author unknown





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 MAY

Deacons meet – Sunday, May 1 following service

Church Council meets – Tuesday, May 10 @ 6:30 pm

CLOTHING SHED IS 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



MAY

4: *William Miessau IV*

6: *Mary Lou Woodward*

7: *Lisa Nanamaker, William Miessau III*

12: *Shelbie Downer*

14: *Gerry Borgerson*

17: *Harry Juniver*

18: *Wayne Juniver*

22: *George Duenkel*

28: *Mitchell Juniver*

30: *Bill Holcomb, Laura McManus*



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

CHILDREN'S PAGE



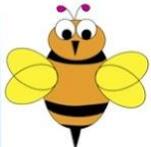
Spring



egg



snail



bee



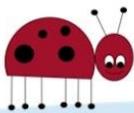
frog



caterpillar



lamb



ladybug



butterfly



owl



sun

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MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 am Communion Sunday Deacons Meeting follows worship	2 7:00pm women's AA meeting	3	4 6:00 pm TOPS	5 7:00pm AA meeting	6 	7 7:00pm NA meeting
8 10:00 am Worship Mother's Day	2 7:00pm women's AA meeting	10 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	11 6:00 pm TOPS	12 7:00pm AA meeting	13 	14 7:00pm NA meeting
15 10:00 am Worship	2 7:00pm women's AA meeting	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 6:00 pm TOPS	19 7:00pm AA meeting	20 	1 7:00pm NA meeting
22 10:00 am Worship	23 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm women's AA meeting	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 6:00 pm TOPS	26 7:00pm AA meeting	27 	28 7:00pm NA meeting
29 10:00 am Worship	30 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day 7:00pm women's AA meeting	31 OFFICE CLOSED				

Everyday...

~ pray for someone who is alone ~

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