

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT

March 13, 2016

Share the Sunday Liturgy ~ Bring a friend to Church

GOOD FRIDAY

- On Good Friday, March 25, the church will remain open after the noon service until 7:00 pm. This will give members and visitors a chance to stop in at any time when you can just sit and meditate, be able to reflect on the events leading up to Easter, or just sit quietly and enjoy the peace and the beauty of the sanctuary. No matter what your religion our doors will be open for you!

Please note: We will need volunteers to be in church the hours it will be open for Good Friday. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet next to the hour from 1:00 to 6:00 pm that you would like to be in church so the doors can remain open for those needing time to pray on this special Friday. The sign-up sheet will be in church Sunday or you can call or stop in the office.

ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS

- Reminder that the flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday must be ordered by March 18. Please pick up a form in the church and call Carol Sabia with your flower order.

TAIZE WORSHIP

- This evening, March 9 and next Wednesday, March 16 let us come together and praise God throughout this Lenten season with a very uplifting hour of prayer, song and meditation. Please join us in the chapel of the NBCC church from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

PUT YOUR MESSAGE IN AN EGG

- There is a basket of plastic eggs on the altar. It is not too late to take one and put a message inside regarding something you wish to work on or accomplish for yourself. On Easter Sunday put the empty egg back in the basket.

EASTER FLOWER CROSS

- Once again we ask on Easter Sunday if you can bring in fresh cut flowers so we can decorate our cross for Easter service. This a powerful and beautiful tradition of our church.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- St. Augustine's Parish (now known as St. Ambrose Church) has invited us to a special service of "The Living Stations of the Cross". This very moving rendition of the stations will be portrayed by The Youth of their Parish. This will take place on Friday, March 18 at 7:00 pm. There will be refreshments in the church hall after the service.

IMPORTANT - CALENDAR DATES

- It is very important that anyone wanting use of the church building whether member or non-member must check with the church office and fill out a form. **Do not just assume** that the space you want on any given evening or weekend is free. PLEASE contact Fran at the church office - 203.488.8456 if you would like to use the building as this **has always been the procedure**. Thank you!

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

- Please pick up your pledge envelopes for 2016 -- located on the table by the door at the front of the sanctuary. You will need to have filled out a pledge card to receive a set of envelopes, so if you haven't pledged yet, please see Laurie Vincent or stop in the office for a card.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS ARE FAMILY SUNDAYS

- Just a reminder that we are designating Communion Sundays as family Sundays, so there will be no Sunday School on the first Sunday of the month.

BLOOD DRIVE

- NBCC will hold a blood drive on Friday, April 15 from 1-6 pm. To give please call 1.800.give life.

FAMILY SUNDAYS AND A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

- Have you ever thought of teaching a Sunday School class? Well, here's your opportunity! There is a wonderful program, all prepared and ready for you to go, and teachers ready to help you get started in teaching a class. Also please note: Communion Sundays will now be Family Sundays, when children stay in church as we celebrate communion with special family-focused services

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER:

- Anyone desiring to become a member of NBCC can do so by speaking to one of the Deacons or calling the church office at 203.488.8456.

NBCC WEBSITE ADDRESS

- Please note the new address for the NBCC website – northbranfordcongregational.org

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

FOOD BANK ITEMS NEEDED

Items needed for the food bank shelves: jelly, fruit, cake mix, toilet paper, ketchup, canned pumpkin, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes. Mac & cheese, ramen noodles.

HOME DELIVERY PROGRAM

The Home Delivery program meets every Tuesday from 9 am to 11 am in the church kitchen. . If you know someone who may be eligible for this program please contact Kathy or Louisa at North Branford Senior Center 203.484.6017.If you would like to help prepare these meals or have any questions please call Alice Lehr @ 203-488-7126 or Diane Farley @ 203-467-7470.

- ***MIDNIGHT RUN*** takes place every 3rd Monday of each month meeting at 7 pm. Everyone meets in the church parking lot.

FAIR HAVEN PARENTS MINISTRY DONATIONS

Please don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to church the first Sunday of each month. Breakfast cereal is always in high demand.

- ***PENNIES FROM HEAVEN*** jar is located in the Sanctuary by the back door. The money collected is used to purchase toiletries, socks, and food items for the homeless in New Haven served by The Midnight Run.

WEEKLY REMINDERS

FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET

The sign-up sheets for flowers are posted in the hallway before entering the Sanctuary.

- ***TOPS***
TOPS meets every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
- ***NEED A RIDE***
If you need a ride to church please call Louise Mason @ 203.488.5737, Sheila Juniver @ 203.481.2677 or Andrea Barlow @ 203.824.5199 no later than noon on Saturday.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Baby Logan Shelbie Downer

Brian McManus Chris Harrison Ewan van der Swaagh

Christopher Hackett Virginia Aumuller Marie Vincent

Please pray for everyone across the country that has lost so much due to the devastating tornadoes that are still ripping through their areas.

***ALWAYS KEEP IN PRAYER
OUR MEN AND WOMEN
IN THE SERVICE***



A LENTEN TIME TO PAUSE

We are starting the sixth week of the Lenten Season and let us think about TRUST!

We trust our family and friends but where would our faith be if we didn't put our trust in God! A trust that He will always lead us onto a road filled with all the dreams in our hearts. A trust that will speak volumes of our love for Him!

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*Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

## CALENDAR/MEETING

### Week of March 6 – March 12

**Sunday** 10:00 am Worship  
**Monday:** Office Closed  
**Tuesday:** Office Closed  
9-11 am home delivery program  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Taize service  
**Thursday:** 7:30 pm AA Meeting  
**Friday** 1-2:30 pm Food Bank  
**Saturday:** 7:00 pm NA Meeting

### Week of March 13 – March 19

**Sunday:** 10:00 am Worship  
2d Sunday Brunch  
**Monday:** Office Closed  
7:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting  
**Tuesday:** Office Closed  
9-11 am home delivery program  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Taize service  
**Thursday:** 7:30 pm AA Meeting  
**Friday:** 1-2:30 pm Food Bank  
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***If you do not see your meeting on the two week calendar - OR - if a meeting has been cancelled and is still on the calendar - please call Fran at the church office 203.488.8456 so it can be corrected***