



Mt. Carmel Congregational Church, 3285 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

**The Mt. Carmel Congregational Church
(A United Church of Christ)
Newsletter for May, 2021**

Dear Members and Friends,

I have enjoyed serving in the ordained ministry for 43 years this June 6th. What is most fulfilling to me is creating a loving, joyful and faith-based community. I am honored to bring Hope to people when they feel hopeless. I feel uplifted to bring love when people are facing fears. I am motivated to inspire people to be what God has called them to be.

I enjoy teaching people about the Bible and how they can find “Their Story” in God’s Story and how it can transform “our Story” together. I encourage people to see Christ in every person, to help people move toward forgiveness and reconciliation in their lives. I challenge people to share and be generous with their gifts both spiritual and material. I seek a balance of fellowship, education and mission both in the local church and larger church community.

I believe in healing through the arts and creativity to help people base their lives on gratitude, hope and transformation.

I know the value of extending comfort and care to the sick and lonely and seek to “bind up the broken hearted”. I base my preaching on real life experience and seek to make life more sacred and the sacred more full of life.

Yours in Christ,
Peace, Rev. Olivia Robinson

Haiku

Olivia Robinson

Lilac scented air
Brushes against my body
Welcoming new Life!

Our May Worship

May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day – On line streaming service

Scriptures: Psalm 98
John 15:9-17

Sermon: "Loving and Leaving" (Ascension)

May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
John 17:6-19 (live stream)

Sermon: "Casting Lots"

May 23, 2021 Pentecost - Outdoor Service
Confirmation Sunday - Wear Red
(In case of rain the service will be streamed from the church)

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "The Birthday of the Church"

May 30, 2021 Trinity Sunday - Outdoor Service
Memorial Day Sunday

Scriptures: John 3:1-17

Sermon: "Mysterious Encounter"

"In June we hope to have our first in person church service in the Church with the windows open!! I will be glad to see you in person and to meet some of you I have not met yet." Rev. Robinson

PASTORAL VISITS

If you are planning on having a procedure done at one of the local hospitals, please let Reverend Olivia know so that she can plan a pastoral visit - (203) 248-7408. Hospitals no longer call local churches with information about their patients. The church depends on others letting us know, and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

From the Treasurer: If you have any questions, I can be reached at treasurer@mccucc.com. Ellen

APRIL, 2021

Income: Pledges and Offerings:	\$4,238.00
Other Income:	\$1,350.00
Subtotal:	\$5,588.00
Other Stock pledge converted to cash:	\$8,000.00
Partial proceeds from Parsonage sale:	\$15,000.00
Total Income:	\$28,588.00

Expenses: Total Expenses:	<u>\$35,757.00*</u>
Net Income (Loss):	(\$7,169.00)

*Note – Expenses include \$6,500 for tree chipping/removal on church grounds and parsonage; and \$15,000 for deposit on replacement windows for the church and the Parish House.

BOARD OF DEACONS

The Deacons will zoom meet on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, 7:00 pm.

GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS

Joys and Concerns. If you wish to have a joy or concern announced during worship, please email Rev. Olivia at Hayes641@comcast.net or call the church office (203) 248-7408.

Bible Study Group. Leon Fiftal and Diane Scott along with Rev. Olivia host zoom bible study meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. The zoom link is on the church website: <http://mccucc.weebly.com/> Click the Bible Studies button on the front page to access the zoom link.

Committee Openings. These committees need volunteer members to meet their minimum requirements as specified by the bylaws:

Deacons – 1 more; Trustees – 1 more; Music Committee – 3 more. If you would like to try out a committee (attend a meeting), please contact the committee chair – Leon Fiftal, music; Val Duffy/Diane Scott, Trustees; Eric Grantz, Deacons.

Craft Ladies. The Craft Ladies will be holding their Spring Tag/Craft Sale on Saturday, June 12 from 9 AM to 2 PM, outdoors. (Rain Date: June 19th)

- Sandwiches and drinks will be available. Also featured will be a Hand Caned Chair.

- Spaces while available at \$20 Each.

For further information or to reserve a table please call 203-239-7135

Clean Up The Churchyard Day – Saturday, May 8, 9:00 – 11:00 am

Homes for Heroes -Touch a Truck. Fundraiser in the Church parking lot for the non-profit Homes for Heroes. Sponsored by Homes for Heroes and the Hamden Chamber of Commerce. May 27, 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

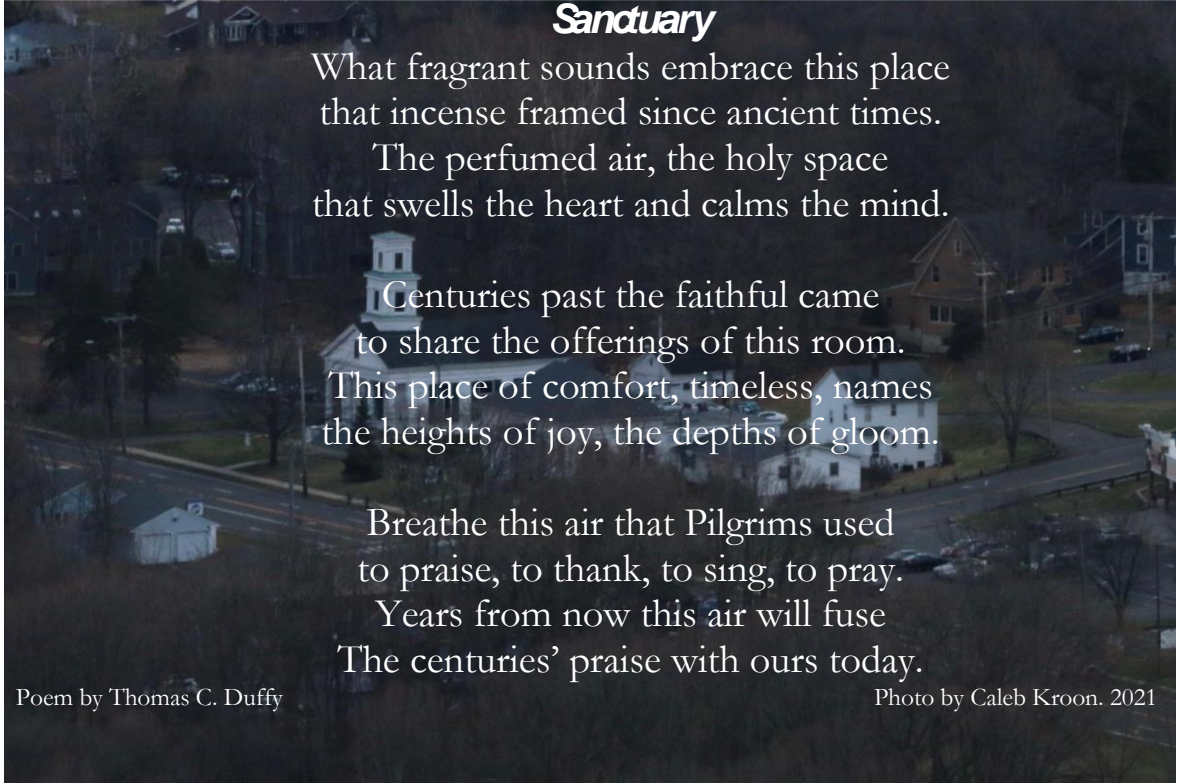
MAY BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday wishes go to the following:

Greta Edelman	May 4
Ellen Amato	May 11
Anna Anderson	May 19
Chris Duffy	May 31

If you would like your birthday listed please email me at hayes641@comcast.net or call the church office. When we get together again, we can have a monthly birthday cake to honor our members and friends each month.



Sanctuary

What fragrant sounds embrace this place
that incense framed since ancient times.

The perfumed air, the holy space
that swells the heart and calms the mind.

Centuries past the faithful came
to share the offerings of this room.
This place of comfort, timeless, names
the heights of joy, the depths of gloom.

Breathe this air that Pilgrims used
to praise, to thank, to sing, to pray.
Years from now this air will fuse
The centuries' praise with ours today.

Poem by Thomas C. Duffy

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