



# THE GOOD NEWS

## *From the Belfry*

JUNE 2026



*The Newsletter of the United Congregational Church of Haddam and Higganum*  
*A member of the United Church of Christ*

### Worship Schedule

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**JUNE** worship is at the  
**Higganum Campus**

#### June 7

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
 Communion  
 Gen 12:1-9 and Ps 33:1-12  
 Hos 5:15-6:6  
 Ps 50:7-15  
 Rom 4:13-25  
 Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

#### June 14

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
 Children's Sunday  
 Gen 18:1-15; (21:1-7)  
 Ps 116:1-2, 12-19  
 Ex 19:2-8a and Ps 100  
 Rom 5:1-8  
 Matt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

#### June 21

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
 Father's Day  
 Gen 21:8-21  
 Ps 86:1-10, 16-17  
 Jer 20:7-13  
 Rom 6:1b-11  
 Matt 10:24-39

#### June 28

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
 Outdoor Memorial Garden  
 Gen 22:1-14 and Ps 13  
 Jer 28:5-9  
 Ps 89:1-4, 15-18  
 Rom 6:12-23  
 Matt 10:40-42



**Join UCCHH at one of these Pride events:**



**Middletown PRIDE**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Booth:** For the first time, we will have a booth at PrideFest! We will be located on Main Street, in front of the bridal shop. Come visit us!

**Parade:** We will gather on Grove Street at 12:30 pm (or meet at our booth on Main Street at 11:30 am). The parade begins at 1 pm. See Glen Stebbins or Nancy Soneson for more information.



**HK Pride Event**

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 AM – 5 PM

Killingworth Courtyard ~ 176 Rt. 81, Killingworth

Once again, UCCHH will have a booth at the HK Pride Event. If you would like to help man the booth, please see Nancy Soneson.



## Outreach/Mission News

Submitted by Sue Craffey, Outreach Chair



The April Haddam Food Bank collection yielded thirty-eight items, PLUS the collection coordinated by Higganum Haddam VFW Post yielded fourteen more items and \$110.



The Mission Outreach Committee & the Christian Education Committee are collaborating to raise funds for Heifer International in May & June. Our goal is \$160, which would purchase 2 shares of a heifer and 2 beehives. Watch our thermometer grow with your contributions! Some background about Heifer International: Heifer started over 80 years ago by Dan West, a farmer and fellow church leader who rallied his church community to support a new way to help those in need. Instead of handouts, he believed families needed the opportunity to build sustainable livelihoods. With livestock and training, they could feed their children, earn income, and create lasting change. Heifer International has grown to over 19 countries, 2.9M active participants, over 10M people trained, and 59M households assisted since 1944. For more info, see Heifer.org.

### June Meetings

**Choir Practice**, Thursdays, 7 pm (Higganum)  
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**Property**, June 8, 5:30 pm (Lewis House)

**Diaconate**, June 8, 7 pm (Lewis/Zoom)

**Christian Ed**, June 9, 6:30 pm (Zoom)

**Outreach**, June 15, 7 pm (Lewis/Zoom)

**Council**, June 16, 7 pm (Lewis/Zoom)

## Memorial Garden Service

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 am

Don't forget to bring a chair!

*(This service will not be live-streamed to YouTube.)*

## Christian Education News

Submitted by Amy Harlow, CE Director

Hello from CE!

June 14th is Children's Sunday, and the kids have been working hard learning *This Little Light of Mine*, complete with hand motions! We are excited to share their hard work with the congregation.

CE is also working in tandem with Mission Outreach to fundraise for at least two beehives and two cow shares through the Heifer Project, \$160 total. I KNOW we can do that! A special thank you to Sue Craffey for creating our adorable fundraising thermometer to help track our progress!

Be on the lookout in your bulletin for more information about our summer Adult Ed book club.



Behold, our Earth Day pollinator flat is green! As the plants grow, I will thin them out and begin planting them at both campuses. I will mark them so we don't weed them by accident. Thank you to all who participated in this service.

I look forward to seeing everyone come out to support our youth program on June 14th!

As always, thank you for your continued support!

Peace and blessings,  
Amy Harlow, CE Director



# Music News

Submitted by Brian Frazier, Music Director

Our choir will conclude its regular "season" on June 21, and we will not be having our weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings again until after Labor Day. During the summer months, we will have a "pick-up choir," which will meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45 AM and then we will sing during the 9:30 AM Sunday service.

We are also excited to welcome Ian Shaw, who has been our bass section leader for Christmas and Easter, as our guest soloist on Sunday, July 5th.



## Green Church Level I Certificate Presentation Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am service

Come celebrate the presentation of our Green Church Level I certification!! Rev. Nancy Leckerling, UCC minister, pastoral counselor, and environmental justice advocate, will present the certificate.

A huge thank you to our Green Church Team: Kristin Battistoni, Lori Chadwick, Kit McKinnon, Greg Shields, Sue Henehan, Lindamae Peck, and Katy Rizzo.



[Click for the Prayer List](#)

Note from the church office:

We would like to keep our prayer list as current as possible and will be reviewing entries every month. Please contact the office to restore any prayer concerns that may have been prematurely removed.

# CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERTS

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| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>JUNE 20, 2026<br>7 PM | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>JUNE 21, 2026<br>4 PM |
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UCCHH Higganum Campus  
23 Parsonage Rd, Higganum

FREE Admission/Freewill Donation  
Presented by The Candlewood Farm Arts Foundation

## Join us for a special 2<sup>ND</sup>- HOUR MEETING

June 7<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service  
UCCHH Higganum Social Hall

An informational meeting on the results of the church's solicitations of interest in using a church building – what groups are interested and their proposed level of use and financial support. Also, a discussion on renting the parsonage.

### Pulpit Supply Schedule

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|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>May 3</b><br>Rev. Kristie Rubendunst | <b>May 10</b><br>Rev. Kristie Rubendunst | <b>May 17</b><br>Rev. Tom Leutner    |
| <b>May 24</b><br>Rev. Tom Leutner       | <b>May 31</b><br>Rev. Tim Haut           | <b>June 7</b><br>Rev. Toni Smith     |
| <b>June 14</b><br>Christine Sima        | <b>June 21</b><br>Rev. Terry Schmitt     | <b>June 28</b><br>Rev. Terry Schmitt |



Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped with this year's tag sale on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We raised \$4,000!



# Coffee Hour

The **Music Committee** will be hosting coffee hour in June. The **Mission Outreach Committee** will host in July.

## May Worship Attendance

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|------------------|---------------|
| May 3 . . . . .  | 44            |
| May 10 . . . . . | 29            |
| May 17 . . . . . | 32            |
| May 24 . . . . . | 36            |
| May 31 . . . . . | not available |



Our Ministry and Mission are maintained by your generosity. Thank you for supporting UCCHH with your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Financial contributions may be made at in-person worship services or mailed to the following address:

**UCCHH**  
**Attn: Collector**  
**P.O. Box 215**  
**Haddam, CT 06438**

Make checks payable to: **UCCHH**


### Online Giving

Visit [www.haddamchurch.org](http://www.haddamchurch.org) and click on *Online Giving* on the menu bar.



OR  
Use this QR code to go directly to our secure online giving page.





### Zoom Login Information

**ID: 391 987 2707**  
**Password: 90523**



## Church Documents

Click on the links below to view various church documents.

- Council Minutes – [May 19, 2026 \(Draft\)](#)
- [UCCHH 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report](#)
- [UCCHH 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes](#)
- [UCCHH ByLaws](#)
- [UCCHH Church Policies](#)

## Sunday Services Stream Live on YouTube!

We live stream each Sunday service - just tune in at 9:40 a.m. to watch live or watch previous recordings.



Click [HERE](#) to get started!

YouTube

## Church Contact Information

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## UCCHH Purpose Statement

*United as an inclusive congregation, following Christ's message, growing through worship, fellowship and service, striving towards a just, loving society.*

### BE THE CHURCH

*Protect the environment. Care for the poor. Forgive often. **Reject racism.** Fight for the powerless. Share earthly and spiritual resources. Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.*





## PHOTO ALBUM



### **Keeping Bees 2nd-Hour Presentation**

May 3, 2026

UCCHH Haddam Campus

As part of our Green Church initiative and Earth Day celebrations, Haddam resident Helen Hastings presented a program on the importance of honeybees as pollinators in our environment.



### **No Mow May**

At the UCCHH Haddam Campus