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Hamden Residents Enjoyed A Wonderful Pre-High Tea Valentine's Luncheon






Pictured Top: The Pastor Aide Committee. **Bottom:** Annie Haynes saying a prayer and speech, and two members playing beautiful music. **Right:** The beautiful decorated hall.

Hamden: On Saturday, February 8, Hamden residents, Patricia Jackson, Barbara Johnson, and Mary Naylor who is also the Hamden Miller Senior Center's cafeteria manager, enjoyed this wonderful luncheon with other church members of the Bethel AME church in New Haven. The luncheon was put on by the Pastor Aide Committee and what a wonderful luncheon it was. The church hall was beautifully decorated with red and white table settings, red balloons hanging from the ceiling, and bulletin boards decorated with red hearts and the words love on them, all done by some of the members. The tables were set up with delicious food and desserts, tables set up with pretty hats, candles and jewelry to buy plus a raffle table. It was spectacular the way everyone showed love, respect, and kindness towards each other. Lovely music was played by two male members playing horns, a prayer was said and a great speech was said by Annie Haynes a former teacher in North Haven for 33 years. Annie's niece sang a religious song, then everyone went up to get their food one table at a time and were served their delicious desserts by other members. A great feeling was had by everyone, it will be a High Tea Valentine's Luncheon that everyone will never forget. Happy Valentine's Day Too All.

Story and photos by Jo Ann Buccetti

St. Andrew's Welcomes All!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am.

St. Andrew's supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew's Parish Hall.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.

North Haven Congregational Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Service at the North Haven Congregational Church is held on Sundays at 9:30am.

Come and visit - you are welcome!

St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday Service

North Haven: You are welcome at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3 Trumbull Place (at the top of the North Haven Green) for Sunday Service (Holy Communion) at 9am.

Visit our website: https://www.stjohns-northhaven.org/

Follow us on Facebook: St. John's Episcopal Church, North Haven, CT.

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OBITUARIES



Phyllis L. Giardina, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2025 at the age of 93. She is survived by her four children Debbie Pullano (Sal) of Hamden, Vincent Giardina of Hamden, Joe Giardina Jr. of Hamden, Louise Giardina of Fairfield. Her 2 grandchildren Vanessa Bryer (Craig) of Hanover MA, Melinda Pullano of Pompano Beach FL, her 2 great grandchildren Ariana & Emilia Bryer of Hanover, MA & her beloved dog Molly.

She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years Joseph Giardina, Sr. and her sister Marie Caruso.

Special Thanks to the staff on Verdi 2 West and SLA-5 (HSR Campus) for their compassionate care and support.

Should friends desire, memorial donations in memory of Phyllis can be made to YNHH "The fund for Hospital of Saint Raphael Campus". Online-www.givetoynhh.org (http://www.givetoynhh.org/) or call 203-688-9644.

Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT www.beecherandbennett.com.

Human Trafficking in Connecticut and Beyond Event

Northford: The Under Ground New England, a non profit organization that aims to end human trafficking will present *Human Trafficking in Connecticut and Beyond*, hosted by St. Ambrose Parish and St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish, on Sunday, February 23, 4pm at St. Monica's Church Hall, 1321 Middletown Avenue, Northford.

Topics include: What is human trafficking?, Why is it happening?, Where is it happening?, What can we do to help??.

For more information, please contact Barbara Radigan, (203) 239-7839; https://www.theundergroundne.org/

NORTHFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
WHERE GOD'S WORD LIVES

Sunday Service

Please join us at Northford Congregational Church, 4 Old Post Road for Sunday Service at 10am.

Visit our Website: northford congregational.church

Follow us on YouTube, Tik Tok, Instagram, and Twitter: NCCHSMove

Find us on Facebook: Northford Community Church or Northford Congregational Church.

Common Ground Connecting Our Town

Northford Community Church hosts Common Ground Connecting Our Town on Sun., Feb. 23, from 1-3pm.

This is a North Branford wide community discussion that is open to everyone. We will be discussing the challenges around housing affordability and will have some opportunities to have a meaningful conversation.

Coffee, tea, water and snacks will be available. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Hosted at Northford Community Church, 4 Old Post Road, Northford.



Catherine ("Cathy") Smith, 82, died peacefully at home Monday, February 10, 2025. Cathy was born July 9, 1942 in New Haven, CT to the late George and Irene (Nodd) Miller.

Cathy leaves behind her beloved children, Teryl Eisenberg (Shahan Islam), Kristin D'Andrea (Robert), Candra Smith-Slatas, Marcia O'Connell (Daniel), Steven Smith (Jennifer), and Thomas Smith (Stefania), as well as her cherished grandchildren, Elyssa and Kari May Eisenberg, and Elizabeth Lee; Jessica, Matthew and Kaitlyn D'Andrea; Colette and Serena Slatas; Marissa, Kevin and Zachary O'Connell; Connor, Jordan and Dylan Smith; and Broden and Mason Smith.

She is survived by her loving siblings, Helen Palleria (Richard) and William Miller (Carol), and the father of her children, John H. Smith, Jr. She also leaves behind many adored nieces and nephews, and their children, including Torrie White (Mike) and their children, Mark and Katelyn, and Jill McDevitt (Chris) and their children, Lilli and Finn.

She was predeceased by her parents and her siblings, George Miller, Jr. and Mary Corvo.

Should friends desire, kindly send donations to the Edward Smith Library, where Cathy loved to spend time with her children. Please make checks payable to Town of North Branford, reference "In Memory of Catherine M. Smith," and mail to: Edward Smith Library, 3 Old Post Road, Northford, CT 06472, Att: Lauren Davis, Director.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home www.northhavenfuneral.com.

46th Annual Night of Prizes

New Haven: Come join the fun at St. Anthony Society's 46th annual Night of Prizes, (formally known as the Card Party) to be held at St. Anthony Parish Center, 70 Washington Ave., New Haven, on Fri., April 25 at 7pm. Doors open at 6:15pm. Food and beverage available for purchase or you can bring your own.

Admission ticket is $10 which includes coffee, Italian pastry and chance for door prizes. Raffle tickets for sale that night for fantastic prizes and there will also be a 50/50 raffle.

For more information or tickets, please call Anna Simeone, (203) 710-5004. No admission tickets will be sold after Tues., April 22.

Lenten Walk

North Haven: Join us for the Lenten Walk as we gather for the Stations of the Cross beginning on March 25th, Tuesdays at 5pm (also April 1, 8 and 15) at the All Saints Cemetery Mausoleum, 700 Middletown Ave. The Walk will continue for 4 weeks ending the Tuesday of Holy week. Please mark your calendar to SAVE THE DATES. There is no registration required.

Please wear "weather-appropriate" clothing. This event will take place outdoors. Walking is of moderate intensity. We will be walking up and down hills and stopping to stand at each Station to pray.

Those interested in taking on a more responsible role, please reach out to Barbara at (203) 780-8418 or email her at bgode@ccacem.org. Visit our website often for any scheduling updates at www.ccacem.org



Viola A. (Catapano) Piscatelli, age 90 of Hamden passed away February 8, 2025 at Yale New Haven Hospital / St. Raphael Campus. Viola was born in New Haven on April 19, 1934, a daughter of the late Joseph and Theresa (DePino) Catapano. She was a resident of Hamden most of her life. Viola was the widow of Robert J. Piscatelli, Sr; beloved mother of Rose Trickett of Hamden and Robert J. Piscatelli Jr. and his wife Dawn of Cheshire; grandmother of Matthew Piscatelli, Stephen Piscatelli, David Trickett Jr., Daniel Trickett Sr., and Derick Trickett; great grandmother of Daniel Jr., Stanley, Ellie, and Colton. Viola also leaves her beloved sister-in-law Virginia Catapano, her caregiver Linda Cicarella and a host of nieces and nephews. Viola was predeceased by all her siblings, her twin sister Josephine Laudano-Picone, Ann Davis, Madaline Casale, Virginia Amarone, Tony Catapano and Andrew Catapano.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions in Viola's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association at: www.diabetes.org.

Services were held at the BEECHER BENNETT www.beecherandbennett.com.

2025 Legacy Grandparenting Summit

Liberty Community Church, a North Haven-based congregation, is excited to be the only host sight for this year's Legacy Grandparenting Summit, a simulcast from the in-person conference down in Birmingham, AL.

We know that grandparents play a unique role in the life of their families, often being the second most influential person in the family besides parents of kids. We also believe faith and family structure is important to the success of family health.

Many grandparents reach their retirement years and believe this is their time to relax, but the reality is that many retired people begin to feel lost - unappreciated and unvalued as they get older. This conference seeks to instill purpose and value into the life of an older adult by reminding them of their very influential role. Many of us have some very fond memories of our grandparents that have shaped us as we grew.

If this is of any interest, you can reach out to Erik Havumaki at: erik@libertycommunity.com or to Glenn Havumaki who is running the program: chapglenn@gmail.com.

Glenn was a chaplain at Elim Park in Cheshire for 35 years and has his doctorate in older adult ministry. His experience and expertise will have a great impact on the community as we embark on this journey.

We have also begun a monthly grandparenting gathering led by Glenn to be held at our church the 3rd Sunday of each month. Legacy Grandparenting Summit: https://legacycoalition.com/sum mit/