



**Joyful Noise Bell Choir:** Dave Bower, Michelle Bower, Jane Burr, Erin Diette, Kate Fowler, Margaret Klukas, Serena Volovski

**Greeters and Coffee Hour Preparation:** Board of Music

### In Our Ongoing Prayers . . .

Prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of **Noah Grayson Piela**, son of Sarah and Jonathan Piela, born on January 7. **Lois Montlick** in Hartford Hospital after suffering a seizure; Janet Boucher, diagnosed with breast cancer; Marine Corps Lance Corporal Steven Carr and his wife, Angel Hockenberry Carr – he has deployed to the Middle East; Donna Peacock; Arianna Saegaert; Libby Ann Parker; Phyllis Chase; the people of Syria, including the family of Tarek Eid; Ruth Woodcock and her daughter Sarah; Will Livermore; Dick Saich; Mike Kermode; Mike Swan; Claudette and Art Weingart; Pat Lazeren; Meredith Ross; Deborah Costello; Richard Brooke; Stephen Volovski; Ann Garrison; Ray Turner; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Joyce Smith; Thelma Gifford; Cooper Doyle; Paul and Susan Shimer; Candy Buswell; Mary Jo Simonds-Huneger; Horst Pohlmann; John Mayhew; John Kaminski; Bess Howe; Jane Morse; Melissa Morse; Charlotte Driggs; Aaron Huneger; Donald Chase

*New additions in bold print*

### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Men's Club:** Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 AM at the Vernon Diner

**Golf Committee:** Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 PM, Library

**Crafts Group:** Tuesday, April 2, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Council:** Wednesday, April 3, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall. Agenda items should be submitted to Moderator Tony Muro no later than today.

**Support Group:** Friday, April 5, 10:30 AM, Library

**Pancake Breakfast:** Sunday, April 7, 8:30-9:30 AM in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Ways & Means Committee. Join us for plain, blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea and great service. Cost is only \$5/person or \$20/family. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

**Mission Project - Our Hearts Have Built New Hearths:** Your outpouring of generosity has enabled us to provide 46 Onil cooking stoves for families who will no longer have to breathe in smoky air or worry about their children getting burned in fires. The Board of Missions thanks you for your support and love.

**Reminder:** Applications for the **Les Childs Memorial Scholarship** are due April 10. This scholarship is available to church members who are music students. Application forms may be picked up at the Church Office.

**New Members Class, Tuesday, April 23, 7 PM in the Pastor's Study:** Anyone interested in attending is asked to drop a note in the offering basket or call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

**Pay It Forward:** Last Sunday, Michelle Giordano shared with us that she "Paid It Forward" to the Chrysalis Center in Hartford, specifically to their Rockville project. This project involves the Phelps Mansion at the corner of Ellington Ave. and Prospect St. which is being refurbished into 10 apartments for formerly homeless veterans. The project is in need of new furniture, which is where the Pay It Forward donation will be used. To read more about the Chrysalis Center, go to [chrysaliscenterct.org](http://chrysaliscenterct.org). You may also go to [firstchurchofvernon.org](http://firstchurchofvernon.org) to see this story and other Pay It Forward moments. Gilmay Markunas' name was drawn as the next person to Pay It Forward. Please join us on April 28 to hear about her Pay It Forward experience.

If you would like to participate in our Pay It Forward ministry, write your name on the index card located near the "Pay It Forward" box in the Narthex and drop the card in the box. If you would like to make a donation of any size to this ministry, you may place a check in the offering plate with "Pay It Forward" in the memo or a cash donation may be placed in the "Pay It Forward" box in the Narthex.

### Upcoming Youth Opportunities

**Sunday, April 7, Peter's Retreat:** We'll meet at FCCV at 3 PM. Pick up at FCCV at 7 PM. We will be prepping and cooking for the residents.

**April 13-14, Famine:** You may participate for 24 or 36 hours and must not eat during this time (water only). You will be on the honor system. We will meet Saturday at 7 PM for support, activities, movies, games and a sleepover. Bring your "house" or sleep under the stars. Ask friends and family to donate to your fasting. We are also asking for support from the congregation. All money raised will be donated to the USA with a request that it go to the Connecticut area. For more information, contact Linda Shivers, 860-871-9164 or [necsvga@aol.com](mailto:necsvga@aol.com).

**April 14, Meeting,** 12-1 PM (or longer if necessary) to discuss and decide on fundraisers and to work on our profile.

**Mission Week for Youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade,** July 21-26 in Newark, NY. Seven youth have signed up and there is room for a few more. If interested, please contact Linda Shivers, 860-871-9164 or [necsvga@aol.com](mailto:necsvga@aol.com).

**Wanted:** A toy box for the Toddler Room and any age appropriate books and toys for children 3 years and younger.

**Please Note:** The Nominating Committee still needs people to serve on the Board of Missions (1); Flower Committee (1); CT Conference Delegates (2). Contact Tony Muro is interested, 860-872-1757 or [tonymuro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tonymuro@sbcglobal.net).

A **Crib Room** is available upstairs near the balcony for **parents with infants up to 12 months of age** where the worship service can be heard via intercom. A staffed **Toddler Room** located downstairs in the Kellogg wing is open for **children 12 months to 3 years old**.