

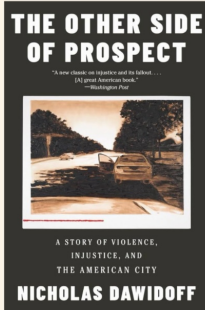


Niantic Community Church

The Wednesday Note

weekly e-news

This Weekend's Events



Author Talk
with *Nicholas Dawidoff*
**The Other Side of Prospect:
A Story of Violence, Injustice,
and the American City**

Sunday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.

Niantic Community Church
170 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic
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Handbell Concert
Saturday, May 4
7:00pm at NCC



Featuring the EmBELLish
Handbell Choir

Worship Notes - May 5



Endless Road, 1971 painting by Margaret Hofheniz-Doring, she says: "there aren't any ordinary people in the world; everyone is extraordinary because everyone has been created by God and is someone to reverence."

This week in worship Kaleigh will be back from General Conference for the United Methodist Church – some of us have been following the news releases, on Sunday we will hear directly from her! We will share communion, and we have a new altar cloth with a great back story to dedicate! For scripture I'm moving from 1 John to John (the first letter of John to the Gospel of John) to the scripture where Jesus says to his disciples that he will not call them servants any longer, but now he calls them friends.

I'll be exploring the implications of what it means to be friends of God. It's a big deal! See you in church!

Rev Erica

Rev. Kaleigh - update from UMC Annual Conference

Kaleigh has been attending as a delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. She will share her



experiences with us at worship this Sunday.

Here she is hobnobbing with the founders of the Methodist Church, John and Charles Wesley, and their sister, Susanna!

Memorial Service - Friday May 3

With sadness, we announce that Nancy Saxton Kosman passed away in February. She is the daughter of NCC members Janice Saxton and the late Richard Saxton. A Service of Thanksgiving for her Life will be held this **Friday, May 3rd at 11:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. You can view the obituary below. All are welcome to attend.

Nancy Saxton Kosman

EmBELLish Handbell Choir - May 4

On Saturday May 4 at 7:00 p.m., come and enjoy the sounds of the EmBELLish Handbell Choir at their Spring Showcase! This community concert is a free-will donation event, with proceeds given to the EmBELLish choir. They are a community handbell choir based in Gales Ferry, CT. Ringing together for more than 15 years, their mission is to bring the enjoyment of handbell music to the people of CT.

Author Talk, *The Other Side of Prospect* - May 5

We are proud to host Nicholas Dawidoff, author of *The Other Side of Prospect: A Story of Violence, Injustice and the American City*, to discuss and sign copies of his book on **Sunday, May 5, at 2:00 p.m.** The event is free and open to the public.

Dawidoff's 2022 book explores the history of New Haven's Newhallville community and systemic injustice. It has been described as a landmark work of intimate reporting on inequality, race, class, and violence, told through a murder and the intersecting lives in an iconic American neighborhood.

The Chosen - Today at 5:30pm

The Chosen Series - will be shown today at 5:30pm and the following Wednesdays: 5/15 and 6/5. Today we will watch and discuss Season 2, Episode 2 "I Saw You." (See link below). Contact Keith Nielson for info at: 860-861-9890.

The Chosen

'The Chosen'
Wednesdays
at 5:30pm
April 24
May 1, 15
June 5



Showing in the Fellowship room

Faith Formation for Children & Youth

STOCK SALE APRIL 28 & MAY 5 COFFEE HOUR

In support of
NCC Youth Mission Trip
Woonsocket, R.I.
July 14 - 20, 2024
The Stock dinner
will be held in August.



Stock Sale Sunday May 5 - at
coffee hour. Your donations
help support the NCC Youth
Mission Trip to Woonsocket, RI.

Email Marsha

CLUB 26 BEACH BUCKET COLLECTION Sunscreen, flip flops, sand-molding toys, drink boxes, bubbles, beach balls, and individual snacks.

To support *Waterford Youth & Family Services*. Drop off donations
now through June 2nd. Bins are by the Youth Faith Formation office.
Thank you for your support!



Faith in Action

Mission Moment - NCC Member Susan Gagliardi will share information on Safe Futures for a moment at worship this Sunday. Sue volunteers for Safe Futures weekly but sees that much more can be done to support them. Safe Futures has served over 10,000 victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking in Southeastern CT annually.



Blanket Sunday - May 12 The comfort brought to our neighbors, including Mothers and children, through the CWS blankets program makes a life-changing impact. Note cards to send to a loved one will be available after worship this Sunday in the Narthex. Our Blanket Sunday offering will be collected on May 12.

Many thanks to those who supported the Niantic Community Church walkers this year in the **Walk to End Homelessness!** Click the link [HERE](#) to see our Walk photo and a video!

Faith Forum

Welcome Home - Authentic Joy
Sunday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Room.
Most of us have probably sung—with



gusto—"If you're happy and you know it, then your life will surely show it." And it's true. There's a strong connection between authentic joy and a heart-felt welcome to NCC visitors.

[Read More](#)

Announcements

Governance Office Hours: Carol Donovan (President) and Nancy Hunt (Vice President) are holding office hours on Tuesdays from 1 -3 pm and at other times by request.

A Sacred Place is offering a wonderful volunteer opportunity. We truly make a difference in the lives of the women at York and their children by providing a way through a **Storybook Project** and a **Caregiver and Me** gathering for parent and child to stay connected. Please help by **volunteering your time** so that this ministry continues to be a blessing and success! Contact: Juanita Durham, (860-460-1976) and Verna Swann, (860-287-2377).

OAR Survey - closes this week



Open, Affirming, Reconciling Survey 2024

What LGBTQIA+* topics do you want to see, hear, discuss, or learn about at Niantic Community Church this year?



The O.A.R Ministry Team would like to find out what YOU may be interested in for LGBTQIA+ programs at Niantic Community Church this year. Please click on the link below to answer a few short questions. Thank you!

[OAR Survey](#)

Bible 101 - date survey

The Pastors have been asked if we can offer a Bible Study introducing what the Bible is and how to read it for adults who are interested to learn to read the Bible. The request was made by someone who works during the day, so they are interested in an evening or weekend option. We would like to see if there are others who would like to join, please use this form to let us know your interest and availability:

[Respond Here](#)

Announcements in Worship

Please submit your announcements here. Your submission may be communicated via

worship bulletins, social media, online slides, our Tidings newsletter, and verbal announcements in worship as appropriate. If you want to make a verbal announcement in worship, speak to one of the Pastors in advance. Announcements submitted may be edited to conform with church style guidelines, for clarity, and for brevity. If you have any questions about communications, please contact the office:

Theresa@nianticcommunitychurch.org

The link to the online form is here: <https://bit.ly/NCCAnnouncementForm>

Meet with Interim Minister Rev. Erica Avena



Contact Rev. Erica for a one-to-one meeting, using the links below, or call the office to find a time on her calendar.

[Email Pastor Erica](#)

[Meet with Pastor Erica](#)

Meet with Associate Pastor Kaleigh

Contact Rev. Kaleigh for a pastoral counseling appointment, or if you/someone you know in the church needs a prayer, a warm hug, or a visit from Kaleigh or Parish Life Ministry.

[Meet with Rev. Kaleigh](#)

[Prayer Chain](#)



[email Kaleigh](#)

[Prayer Chain](#)

OFFICE HOURS

Church Office - Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our staff meeting is held Wednesdays 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

[April Tidings](#)

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