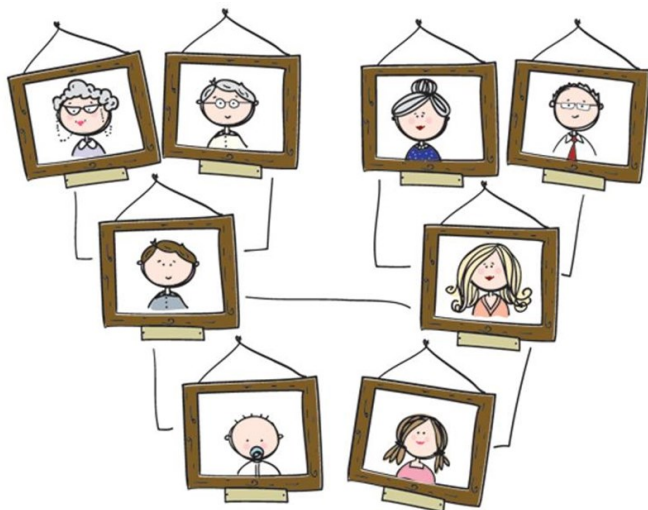


CONNECTIONS

Mission Statement: To equip all to joyfully grow their faith, seek God's will and serve others within a welcoming community centered on Jesus Christ. Wethersfield United Methodist Church welcomes, into full participation in our community, all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender, age, ability, economic status, immigration status, or culture.

April 28, 2024

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United Methodist Church
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Wethersfield, CT 06109
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Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

We Are Family
Sermon by Gary Schaffrick

Please join us for an in-person Worship Service, led by Gary Schaffrick, *Certified Lay Servant*, in the Sanctuary at church and on Zoom!

For those who would prefer to stay at home and attend worship by Zoom, you will see our worship service in the Sanctuary! **The link for Zoom can be found on this page in the right column.**

Our worship slide show, which includes music lyrics, will be projected on our screen in the Sanctuary. *Mike Gowdy* will be playing piano, singing and leading music, the *Bell Choir* will ring during the Prelude and the Offertory, *Beth Warweg* will lead the Children's Moment, *Bev Ryan* will read Scripture and *Jan Ironside* will lead Joys and Concerns.

Please join us for Fellowship Coffee Hour after worship today in the FLC and Kitchen.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Starting on Monday, May 6, Karen (Office Administrator) will have the following office hours:

Mondays: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Wednesdays: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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THE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

To give everyone enough time to read *Connections* before the weekend starts, we email it to you on Thursdays. The deadline for submitting articles for *Connections* is 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Tuesday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. is the deadline for the next issue of *Connections*. Thank you.

FROM PASTOR JOHN

Here is a last-minute reminder about the workshops our church is offering this **Saturday, April 27**. I believe they have the potential to be transformative for us as individuals and as a congregation. If you have not made advance reservations, please be assured that walk-ins are welcome!

“Celebrating and Strengthening Our Covenant Community,” 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; Old Fellowship Hall; open to all members; designed to equip ourselves to embody more fully the spirit and principles of our Congregational Covenant.

Complimentary lunch, 12:00 noon

“Responding Effectively to Conflict,” 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Old Fellowship Hall; open to all, but specifically tailored to help church leaders engage in conversations that lead to conflict resolution.

On **Sunday, April 28**, we will be blessed with a sermon by our resident Certified Lay Servant, *Gary Schaffrick*. As he is about everything else church-related, Gary is conscientious about keeping his credentials current as a CLS. Occasional preaching is a part of his ongoing process, and we will hear him gladly as he shares his message and leads the worship service this Sunday.

Grace and peace, *John*

How to contact Pastor John

- Working days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Available on Sunday afternoons and evenings for social contacts, appointments, and meetings.
- Church office phone, extension 113.
- Cellphone number: 845-707-5152, call or text; no landline at the parsonage.
- Church email address: johnthomason@wethersfieldchurch.org.
Personal email address: johnthomason1948@yahoo.com.

CONNECTIONS



This feature in our newsletter expresses thanks to people for special service to the church and highlights achievements of our members at school, at work, or in the community. Please text or email Pastor John with your contributions.



Christian sympathy is extended to the family of long-time church member Paul Leppert, who died peacefully on Wednesday, April 10, at Jefferson House in Newington. Funeral arrangements are pending. We give thanks for Paul's abundant life and for God's gift of eternal life.

NEW ARTICLES

Right on cue with the sermon Pastor John delivered on Sunday, April 21, the Wethersfield UMC Youth Group has also been carefully considering our Christian responsibility to embody “good stewardship” of the resources God has given us.

Our CJYR recycling and trash bins were recently given a good scrubbing and disinfection treatment and are now bright and clean - ready for us to get serious about sorting (the entire room has had a recent Spring Clean refresh - stop by and take a look!

As a reminder, our two recycling ♻️ containers are round like the Earth. 🌍 The others are for trash.

Another way that we acknowledge that we were created to be stewards of God’s creation and called to lives of action and accountability is to honor the service and sacrifice of others, for our direct benefit. (Matthew 25: 14-30). Below is a thank you from the Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department:



From Elishia McAllister (They/ Them/ Theirs)
Director of Children and Youth Ministry
(860) 529 - 2025, ext 115

Everyone in our Youth Group each contributed mightily to our effort to recognize and celebrate the work done by Wethersfield Fire Fighters and First Responders: Paul, Helen, Jonah, Quinn, Leah, and Fallon!

We kept both environmental sustainability and conservation of finite resources at the forefront, as we sourced both “repurposed gift bags and previously-loved books” to accompany the handmade bookmarks and custom engraved keychains we included alongside other cozy goodies and sweets.

Thank you to all who supported our efforts!



NEW ARTICLES



June 4th Senior Luncheon - "Embracing Life's Adventure: A Journey Through Iceland"

Seniors, men and women, please join us for our June picnic luncheon, Tuesday, June 4, at 11:30 a.m. in the FLC. Catered lunch, cost \$12/person, payable by check or cash. Checks payable to Jan Ironside.

Please RSVP by Sunday, June 2, either by email to Jan or signup on the Communications Board. You may call Jan in the church office or leave a message in her voicemail by following the prompts. If you leave a message in Karen's voicemail next week, please note that her messages are not retrieved on Friday (after 4:00 p.m.), Saturday, Sunday or Monday.

Our Guest Speaker is Matt Garcia, please see his write up below.

Dear friends,

I'm excited to share a journey that has had a profound impact on my life. Life itself is a precious gift from God and how we embrace it is entirely up to us. It's about seizing opportunities, pushing boundaries, and venturing into the unknown.

Last year, I embarked on an adventure that embodied this philosophy. I explored the stunning landscapes of Iceland, a land of fire and ice, where every corner holds a new marvel. It was there that I pushed beyond my comfort zone, testing the limits of what I thought possible.

From participating in an off-road gravel race to witnessing the power of an active volcano up close (please see photo on right), each moment was filled with exhilaration and awe. Sampling fermented shark and experiencing the endless daylight were reminders of the richness of human experience and the boundless wonders of our world.

Meeting incredible people along the way, each with their own stories to share, further fueled my passion for exploration. I invite you to join me on June 4th as I delve into these experiences and celebrate the joy of embracing life to its fullest.

I look forward to seeing you there.

- Matt Garcia



NEW ARTICLES

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

This is the Little Free Pantry talking.

The last time I spoke to you I was so pleased with the support I was experiencing and what I was able to offer to those in need. **This has changed dramatically.** It's been difficult lately. No matter who you are, it's harder to make your dollars do as much as you need them to do. I understand that.

But I also try to understand what it's like to have to worry everyday about food. Have you seen anyone in the market with a large bag of rice in their cart and nothing else? Have you seen anyone in the dollar store with what appears to be only food for one day's meal in their arms?



Many of you know of the man in the black truck who frequents the Pantry – many feel he comes too often. Well, I've had several chats with him. He tells me he feels he is doing what we're doing – giving food to those who need it. He told me when he gives out food from the Pantry, the recipients make him feel like Santa Claus.

Although there are a few very faithful donors I can always depend on, most donors seem unable to continue donating and/or don't feel right doing so. I hate to think I'm not going to be able to play a small role in helping those who are in need of food. But truth be told, **the future of the LFP is uncertain at this time.**

I would like to suggest we provide just some basic food items such as:

Peanut butter, jam, crackers, soup, baked beans, mac and cheese

Dry cereal, tuna fish, pasta, sauce

Maybe by limiting our selections, it would help us determine if we are helping a number of people or just a few.

SHALL WE SEE WHAT HAPPENS?

Please help with a donation if you can.

Please Sign Up to Help with the May 4th Concert

We need people to provide assorted finger foods and baked goods, help set up, grill hotdogs and hamburgers, and clean up.

We hope to have the concert outside, facing Prospect Street. If we have to move to the FLC instead, a decision will be made the day before.

Please sign up on the sheet on the Community Connections Board or contact Suzanne Neafus (skneafus@yahoo.com)

Thank you.

NEW ARTICLES

Registration Now Open - Connecticut District Conference Saturday, May 4, 2024 at Trinity Church, 180 Park Avenue, Windsor, CT.

Dear CT District Family,

It is with great pleasure that we extend a warm invitation to **EVERYONE** in the Connecticut District to the 2024 Connecticut District Conference, **Saturday May 4, 2024, Trinity Church (Windsor) 180 Park Ave, Windsor, CT.** Let us stay mindful of our guiding theme "Stronger Together" as we navigate through this journey. During this event you will gain the tools to feel empowered and comfortable evangelizing, which will foster positive change, and the ability to make meaningful transformation within your communities. As a valued member of the CT District, your presence and participation will contribute significantly to the success and vibrancy of this event.

Did you know that District Conference serves as the prerequisite for Annual Conference? Each district is required to convene prior to Annual Conference which serves as a cornerstone event where members from all corners of our district come together to connect, elect leadership & trustees, share ideas, and inspire one another. It's an unparalleled opportunity to engage with fellow members, exchange insights, and gain valuable knowledge that will undoubtedly enrich your personal and professional journey.

Throughout the conference, you can expect:

- **GREAT** Worship & Fellowship
- Election of Trustees and District Leadership
- Networking Opportunities to forge meaningful connections with fellow members and leaders.
- Updates on CT District news & current events
- Guest speaker Dr. Leonard Sweet

GET YOU BOOKS NOW!

Please note Dr. Sweet's two most recently published books [Jesus Human](#) and [Designer Jesus will be content for District Conference](#). Purchase your books and review the material ahead of time by visiting [leonardsweet.com](#). In addition, both books will be available for purchase at the conference, and you will have the opportunity to have them signed by Dr. Sweet.



Dr. Leonard Sweet

Author of more than seventy books and 1500+ published sermons, Leonard Sweet's recent publications include groundbreaking textbooks on preaching (Giving Blood), evangelism (Nudge), ecclesiology (So Beautiful) and discipleship (I Am A Follower). The second volume in his Christmas trilogy with Lisa Samson is just out (St. As). Len and co-author Lisa Samson are working on volume four (for Dementia and Alzheimers patients) of their "Songs of Light" series. Len often appears on the "50 Most Influential Christians in America" listings, and in 2010 was selected by the top non-English Christian website as one of the "Top 10 Influential World

Christians of 2010". His "Napkin Scribbles" podcasts can be accessed on [leonardsweet.com](#) or Spotify. His Twitter and Facebook microblogs are ranked as some of the most influential in the religious arena. His "LenTalk" vlogs are found on his Leonard Sweet YouTube channel. Len works with doctoral students at four institutions: Drew University, where he has occupied the E. Stanley Jones Chair, George Fox University, Northwind Seminary, and

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NEW ARTICLES

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Evangelical Seminary (Kairos), where he currently holds the Charles Wesley Senior Professorship of Doctoral Studies. In 2015 he launched his own homiletics resource preachthestory.com. In 2020 he founded his own publishing house the Salish Sea Press. One of the most sought-after speakers in the religious world today, he resides on Orcas Island in the San Juans in the PNW.

Your presence at District Conference is not only valued but crucial to the collective growth and success of our district. We firmly believe that your unique perspectives and experiences will enrich the dialogue and encourage innovation within our district.

Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this important occasion. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms and experiencing the spirit of camaraderie and collaboration that defines our district. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment. We eagerly anticipate seeing you at District Conference. **Every church has the potential to grow through evangelism. You can be the catalyst, come find out how!**

Register Now →

DATE: Saturday, May 4, 2024

LOCATION: Trinity Church (Windsor) 180 Park Ave, Windsor, CT

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Proven Techniques of How to Grow Your Church Through Evangelism
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	District Conference, Renowned Guest Speaker Dr. Leonard Sweet, The Connecticut District Mass Choir, and more!

Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester, D.S.
Connecticut District, NYAC, UMC
646-533-4377

In Connecticut, After God, We Put People First!

Connecticut Spring Ring - Thank you!

Last Saturday, April 20, the Connecticut Spring Ring occurred in our Family Life Center. The event was a great success, in large part to the church members who helped throughout the day. A thank you to all who set up, provided refreshments, greeted audience members, attended the concert, and helped clean up. I am afraid to list names because I will most likely forget somebody. You can watch a concert recording here: <https://vimeo.com/937409431?share=copy> Thank you all. - Suzanne Neafus

200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CORNER

We Are the Church

Just like today, our church has always dealt with building maintenance, alterations and repairs. Reading through decades of church council meeting records and yearly charge conference reports might indicate that the first priority was physical and financial survival. However, my sense is evangelism, social outreach and nurturing one another in Christian love were at the heart of church life, just less debated and thus less documented. Our next series of articles will look at the activities of the numerous church groups that hummed in Christian service, as well as the dominant role of worship in our cherished building.



From our early days, individual groups, such as the Womens' Society of Christian Service, a Sunday School class, the Epsworth League or Men's club, assumed the hands-on working or financial responsibility for a specific project. A fallen tree or broken pipe could break the budget. Heating the church was often a challenge and money for coal a large budget item. A "roll call supper" in 1925 raised money to pay the coal bill, as did a whist party held by the Elder Young People's Council. Meetings and Sunday evening worship were occasionally held in members' homes to cut down on church fuel costs in the coldest months.

In reviewing meeting records for the first half of the 1900s, the following caught my interest:

- In 1913, William Boardman donated \$1,000 for the construction of a Sunday School addition. He was then active in South Methodist Church in Hartford (no longer a church but used today as the South Park Inn homeless shelter), but had grown up in town and attended our church Sunday School as a child.
- In 1919, the church council voted that the Rev. Thawley be authorized "to make arrangements to procure the 1,050-pound bell in the nearby Baptist Church for our church." That Baptist Church disbanded in 1922 and I found no further reports on how or if we even got that bell.
- The 100th anniversary of laying the cornerstone for our original church was celebrated with services on May 4, 1924. There was also a special musical program featuring the dedication of a new organ during that evening service. Coincidentally, our 200th Celebration Concert is on May 4, 2024. Programs for the 1924 anniversary events are posted on the hallway bulletin board near the Old Fellowship Hall.
- In 1929, records list 92 active members. On February 3, 1930, the Rev. Bergston reported he had "taken 50 into the church since last October and there was a need for a few more hymnals."
- In 1930, the Epsworth League paid G. Fox & Co. \$258 for new sanctuary carpeting.
- In 1933, records noted that a dead tree at the Marsh Street parsonage needed to be taken down and it would cost a great deal. It was decided to wait until the leaves were down in the fall, but "in a great hard windstorm Saturday evening in June, the wise hand of providence guided it down in such a way that very little damage was done."

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200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CORNER

We Are the Church (Continued)

- The October 10, 1934 meeting notes include “discussion and questions concerning a certain cow and noise during church services,” and years later on July 2, 1941, the secretary was instructed “to ask Mr. James Anderson to keep his cow away from church property.” (Perhaps cows are bothered by organ music.) To this day, Anderson Farms plants crops to the rear edge of 130 Main Street, but no longer has livestock to disturb Temple Beth Torah services.
- In 1936, changes were made to the sanctuary including a new Hammond electric organ and new lighting. Two plaques in our current narthex list names of members who donated to purchase that organ. In November of 1937, meeting notes record “dampness down in the church cellar and how the water settled there. After much discussion as to causes, the repair committee was asked to investigate.” Records of our 2024 council meetings are very similar!
- In 1938, a new kitchen was added. The nearby prison, which had been located at today’s Cove Park, provided labor to dig the trenches for the concrete.
- In 1939, reading these old records become easier with the change from handwritten to typed reports.
- In 1941, we are no longer part of a circuit, beginning the conference year as a “charge church.” The Rev. Greene states “this parish presents an unusual field for service.”

WUMC IS DONATING A TREE TO OUR TOWN

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EARTH DAY: As part of our 200-year celebration of building the first Methodist church in Wethersfield, WUMC is donating a tree to our town. Watch for an oak tree to soon be planted between our parking lot and the roadway to Mill Woods Park.

CREATIVE PASTIMES

CREATIVE PASTIMES/PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We continue to meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at WUMC in the Fireside Room. You are welcome to bring your portable handcraft any week you are able. Most of us knit or crochet. Prayer shawls are always available. Call Grace Hayes for information at 860-970-3108.

CELEBRATION CONCERT

Celebration Concert

Come out on Saturday, May 4 at 3:00 p.m. for our Celebration Concert, commemorating 200 years of the WUMC! The concert will take place outdoors (weather permitting) in front of the church, so make sure to bring your folding chairs and blankets. There will also be food and refreshments available. The concert will include the choir, bell choir, praise band, and solos. Musical selections will include a range of music from traditional hymns to gospel, inspirational and Christian rock. This is a free event, so bring your friends, family, and neighbors! As a reminder, this is an alcohol-free event.

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LADIES OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch

From Jan Ironside



Here are some upcoming dates for the Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch:

May 9, 11:30 a.m., at Saybrook Fish House, in Rocky Hill

June 13, 11:30 a.m., at Casa Mia, in Rocky Hill

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Gerry and I enjoy facilitating Red Cross Blood Drives. We would appreciate having a few other church members to serve as backup if we are unable to be present for any unexpected reason. It involves unlocking the FLC at 7:00 a.m. and setting up tables and chairs, and taking them down and securing the building at 2:00 p.m. Please contact us if you are willing.

A Blood Drive will be held on **Saturday, April 27**. - Gerry and Grace Hayes

If you would like to make an electronic offering to WUMC, please click on this link:

[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)

CARING FOR CHURCH GROUNDS

The extensive grounds of WUMC are cared for by volunteers. Al Dowd and Doug Weed do all the lawn mowing, blowing, and raking. Gerry and Grace Hayes need help with the gardens. Could someone, or maybe a family or church group, adopt an area, such as around the gazebo, or in front of the sanctuary ramp, or the shrubbery bed in the middle of the FLC ramp? The memorial garden requires frequent weeding and deadheading. Please call Grace at 860-970-3108 to volunteer.

OUR NEW PASTOR

Our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Marion Ryan Hubbard

As of July 1, our new pastor will be Rev. Dr. Marion Ryan Hubbard. She had previously served with us back in 2021 for 4 months while Rev. Beckford was on leave. Listed below is her biographical information



Rev. Dr. Marion Ryan Hubbard is a member of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church with 20 years of service in parish ministry as an ordained Elder. She has served as a pastor to seven churches in the New York Annual Conference. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Post University. She also holds a Master's of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University. Her doctorate dissertation was "A Guide to a Faith-Based Support Group for Adults Who Personally Experienced Childhood Trauma."

Marion has done extensive work in ministry in Ghana, Africa. In her ten years of service to the Ghanaian people, she was a co-founder of the Project Dorcas Medical Clinic in the north of Ghana in Tamale, bringing much-needed medical assistance to the wonderful people of the rural Yapalla Village and surrounding areas. She has also been a part of the Kairos International prison ministry team serving over 10 years in the Connecticut prison system.

Being a New Yorker, born and raised with a love of adventure, has taken her on many exciting journeys with God at her side. She has traveled to many

states across the U.S. and around the world including Korea, China, India, Turkey, Jerusalem, Germany, the Czech Republic, England, Ireland, and Scotland.

In 1981, Marion became a single mom and left New York City with her three children and settled in Bethel, CT. As God would have it, twelve years later, the love of her life appeared, and she married for a second time to a wonderful man, Robert Hubbard. Between them, they have ten children and twenty-one grandchildren. They were married for 31 wonderful years until Bob's passing this past January from Dementia. In 2018, Marion retired from active ministry at the New York Annual Conference to take care of her husband who developed dementia. For the past six years, they have lived in Tequesta, FL, and attended First United Methodist of Jupiter, FL. She has been active in her local United Methodist church, serving wherever needed, preaching on occasion, visiting the shut-ins, and running Bible studies and support groups during the year. She is currently working part-time as a Counselor for Community Christian Counseling Center.

Her mother always stated, "Going out with Marion is like going on an adventure; you never know where you will end up." Pastor Marion is so excited to be joining us again to continue the journey of bringing God's love to Wethersfield and beyond.

A NEW BOOK STUDY

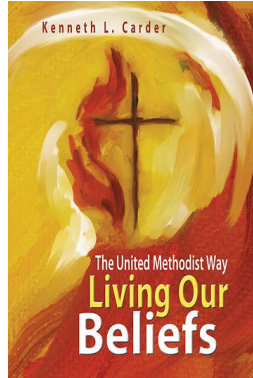
A Book Study on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

“Living Our Beliefs”

The United Methodist Way

By Kenneth L. Carder

Foreword by Randy L. Maddox



Faithful Christian discipleship requires a foundation in the core belief and practices of the Christian tradition. Wesley's sermons

and writing provide this stepping off point. “Living Our Beliefs” offers a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Book of Discipline. Readers uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as they live the United Methodist way.

Please contact Gary Schaffrick for more information.

REGISTER FOR UM ARMY SUMMER CAMP

It's Time to Register for UM ARMY Summer Camp! - From Judy Dowd

Summer is right around the corner and it is time to register for UM Army! The link for individual registrations is below. Note two important dates - **registration (now)** and June 1st payments are due to UM Army Northeast, so **I will want payments mid May**. Scholarships are available. Don't make money be the reason you don't register!

And remember, **we need to have 2 adults for every 5 youth registered**. Participating in UM Army is a life changing experience!

Again, our week is Sunday, July 14th to Saturday, July 20th in Hampton, NH and the week is \$325.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact Judy Dowd at (860) 989-5106. Come share an amazing experience with the awesome youth in our church!

Individual Registration Link: UMARMY.net | [Online Mission Experience Management](#)

Here are some dates to remember as we begin to plan for your trip:

April 15th - We will connect and discuss your participant numbers and if they are changing. You can continue to add additional participants. After this date, your church will be financially responsible for the number of participants that have been registered.

June 1st - Your group's registration balance is due. For our refund policy, please visit our website at umarmy.org

CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR REHEARSALS

On, Thursday, April 25 and May 2, the Bell Choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. in Old Fellowship Hall and the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

FUNDRAISER FOR U M ARMY

Please see below for an opportunity for all the golfer or eaters in the Congregation. **U.M. ARMY Northeast Invites You To "Swing For The Green"** . . . or if you are willing to donate an item for the silent auction, it will support UM Army Northeast.



U.M. ARMY NORTHEAST

SWING FOR THE GREEN

GOLF OUTING & DINNER
BENEFITING YOUTH MISSIONS

18 Holes of Golf
Prizes and Local Craft Beer Tastings
19th Hole Cocktail Hour
Dinner
Silent Auction

Sponsorships
available!



Lyman Orchards Golf Club
Middlefield, CT

Friday, May 17th, 2024

AT
1PM

GOLF & DINNER

\$150



COCKTAIL HOUR &
DINNER ONLY

\$60



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FUNDRAISER FOR U M ARMY

Swing for the Green (continued)

Join us as a golfer, diner, or sponsor and help U.M. ARMY bring youth mission to folks all over the Northeast! U.M. ARMY is an acronym which stands for United in Mission, Action Reach-out Ministry by Youth. U.M. ARMY programs support low-income, seniors, and disabled community members through providing home repair and maintenance to those who are physically or financially unable to make needed repairs themselves.

Date: Friday, May 17, 2024

Time: 1:0 p.m. - Shotgun start (scramble format)

5:30 p.m.-.19th Hole Cocktail Hour followed by Dinner

Location: Gary Player Course at Lyman Orchards in
Middlefield, CT

Golf & Dinner \$150

Dinner Only \$60

A golf ticket includes:

18 Holes of Golf with prizes and local craft beer tastings

19th Hole Cocktail Hour

Dinner

Silent Auction

A dinner ticket includes:

19th Hole Cocktail Hour

Dinner

Silent Auction

Questions? Email Gina Grubbs at ginagrubbs@umarmy.org

To register please click on the link below:

[U.M. ARMY - United in Mission Golf Outing: Swing for the Green \(networkforgood.com\)](https://networkforgood.com)

Covid Policy - Effective September 4, 2022: WUMC returned to a "mask optional" policy for worship services, Congregants are encouraged to continue with masking and social distancing as they feel comfortable. WUMC will continue to follow state guidelines as they become available. -WUMC Church Council

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

**Please, will you provide some goodies
for Fellowship Coffee Hour?**

From Betty: I am asking for goodies as follows:

First Sunday	Last names starting with A-C
Second Sunday	Last names starting with D-I
Third Sunday	Last names starting with J-Q
Fourth Sunday	Last names starting with R-W
Fifth Sunday	Anyone on a Committee

Many thanks to all who contribute goodies for
Coffee Hour.

“BUCK A BOOK” BOOK NOOK FUNDRAISER

The books will be located in the foyer of the FLC in bookcases. Just stop by, browse through the shelves, and leave a “Buck-a-Book” in the donation box. The books that we have in storage will be added to the shelves gradually. . .so stop by often to see what is new!

MEET FOR MAHJONG!

A number of church members and friends of the church have taken an interest in playing American Mahjong. The suggestion was made to set a regular time to gather and play together here at the church once a week. Those who are interested are invited to come play Mahjong on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. All are welcome! Come join us to play or learn to play American Mahjong!

COUNTERS NEEDED

Subject: Counters Needed

Gerry Hayes has generously served as our primary Counter (to count our Sunday church offerings after church), and a few others have helped count for a particular month. In fairness to Gerry and to have more people with this expertise, I'm asking for volunteers to contact me (either by email or phone) to sign up to do a month or two of counting during 2024. The most urgent needs right now are counters

for March and June, but we need counters for months beyond June as well. Gerry will provide the needed training to all new volunteers.

Thank you.

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CALENDAR

Please note: The information in this calendar is based on the online calendar as of April 25.

SUNDAY, April 28

- **Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 -10:20 a.m. in various classrooms**
- **Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service, in the Sanctuary and by Zoom at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**
- **Fellowship Coffee Hour at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the FLC and Kitchen**

MONDAY, April 29

Wordly Women Bible Study at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
in the Fireside Room
Rental at 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the FLC and Kitchen
Wordly Women Bible Study at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
in the Fireside Room
Rental at 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the FLC

TUESDAY, April 30

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room
Meet for Mahjong at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
in Old Fellowship Hall
Rental at 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the FLC and Kitchen
Rental at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in Old Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, May 1

Rental at 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the FLC and Kitchen
Rental at 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Choir Room
Mission Meeting by Zoom at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 2

Creative Pastimes at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
In the Fireside Room
Rental at 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the FLC and Kitchen
Bell Choir at 6:30 p.m. in Old Fellowship Hall
Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room

FRIDAY, May 3

Rental at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
in Old Fellowship Hall
Rental at 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the FLC and Kitchen
Rental at 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

SATURDAY, May 4

Celebration Concert at 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., on the Front Lawn of the church (inclement weather, in FLC)

SUNDAY, May 5

- **Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 -10:20 a.m. in various classrooms**
- **Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship Service with Communion, in the Sanctuary and by Zoom at 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**
- **Fellowship Coffee Hour at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the FLC and Kitchen**
- **Y.A.A.H. - Young Adult Activity Hour at 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Cool Jude Youth Room (CJYR), FLC and Kitchen**

CELEBRATIONS!

Birthdays

4/28 Evan Lewis
4/28 Angelica Tafas
4/30 Cole Strickland
5/5 Leah Pocklington

Anniversary

5/2 David and Janet Carlton

Please contact Karen, Office Administrator, if your birthday or anniversary is not included here or if you have any changes and/or corrections to these lists. Thank you.

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