



## Guiding To and Growing Through the Christian Life

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8:30am Worship Service with Communion

9:30am Sunday School for all ages

10:30am Family Worship Service

On line worship:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/avon.mumc/>

Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/user/AvonMUMC>

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, I would like to differentiate “being different” from “being strange” or “being wrong.” Here is the story about Peter (the famous apostle of Jesus) and Cornelius (the Gentile).



Cornelius’ dream came first. An angel told him to send some of his men to the house where Peter was staying. The next day, as those men were approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof of the house to pray. While he was there, he got hungry and sent for something to eat.

While it was still cooking, he had a vision of his own in which heaven opened and something like a large sheet came down, lowered to the ground by its four corners. When Peter looked inside it, he saw every kind of forbidden creature—pigs, crocodiles, and so on—all the things on the “don’t eat” list in the Old Testament.

Then, Peter heard a voice say, “Get up, Peter, kill and eat.” He answered, “No way, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” The voice said back, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times, and then the sheet was hauled back into

heaven. So, when Cornelius’ men arrived shortly after that and told him they were there because of a vision too, Peter followed them, met Cornelius, and opened the Christian church door to those that it had preciously shut out.

This is God’s message to us on World Communion Sunday when all the Christians in the world celebrate the Lord Supper together. We want to show that we are the same children of God regardless of our race, culture, lifestyle, and so on.

Why are we so different from one another? It is because God has created us that way. Then, how can we become one? It is because the Holy Spirit works with us and helps us to respect each other’s differences. This is God’s will! As we respect God’s will, we are able to differentiate “being different” from “being strange” or “being profane.”

“What God has made clean, you must not call profane” (Acts 10:15b). Amen.

Sungmu Lee

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

“Happy Birthday!” to the following people who are celebrating birthdays this month.



A card, note, e-mail, phone call or spoken “Happy Birthday!” is another way of showing we care.

If YOU would like to be put on the birthday list, please contact the church office.

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Robert Tew      | 16 Adva Volle    |
| 6 Harrison Kime   | 17 Muriel Yeboah |
| 11 Paul Anderson  | 18 William Tew   |
| 12 John Slevinsky | 20 Rob Tardiff   |
| 14 Dakota Austin  | 22 Matthew Ross  |
| 15 Emily Zehren   | 30 Hyeonjin Kim  |
| 16 Joan Robinson  |                  |

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

“Happy Anniversary” to the following people who are celebrating anniversaries this month.

If YOU would like to be put on the anniversary list, please contact the church office.

- Craig and Michele Matava  
 Matthew and Chalise Ross  
 Larry and Carla Gregory



## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE TROUBLE GETTING OUT & THOSE NEEDING A PRAYER

A card would be so appreciated.

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| Katie M.<br>11 Briarwood Rd.<br>Farmington, CT 06032 | Cheryl M.<br>209 West Side Blvd.<br>Unionville, CT 06085 |
|--|--|

- Lorraine Z.  
 9 Keystone Circle  
 Avon, CT 06001

## “SEPTEMBERFEST”

What a glorious day!! A great success, enjoyed by all. A big thank you to anyone and everyone who contributed to make this event a success.

We plan to continue this as an annual tradition.



## REVITALIZATION!!!

The work of the revitalization task force continues. We continue to invite your suggestions and help.

After a successful kick off to our revitalization efforts on September 11, we are looking forward to future events. As noted in the article on the Pumpkin Patch, we are beginning the planning for a Pumpkin Patch celebration dinner in the fellowship hall on Sunday October 30. Tentative plans call for a menu of mac & cheese, dogs & beans, chicken nuggets and pumpkin recipe desserts.

As we did last year, special events are being planned for most Saturdays in October in conjunction with the Pumpkin Patch as follows:

- October 1. Chili Lunch
- October 9. Tag Sale
- October 14. Pulled Pork lunch
- October 22. Children's activities
- October 29. Pastor Lee and his wife to sit in the patch and greet the community
- October 30 Trunk or Treat

November/December. Two members of the task force are planning NFL football watch party. In January plans are underway for a Spaghetti dinner with one of our members doing the cooking.

## MULTI-FAMILY TAG SALE

Missions is hosting a Tag Sale, on the church lawn, October 8 from 9 am to 1 pm. Church families are invited to sell their own items at their separate tables. Each family will be collecting and keeping their own proceeds. (It is up to the seller, if they want to donate to Missions or the Pumpkin Patch.). Your items must be removed after 1pm.

If it rains, we will be holding it in the fellowship hall. It is also possible to donate items to the Missions' table, but any items not sold, from this table, will be taken to Goodwill, or other charity at the end of the day. If interested contact Linda Johansen, 860-673-6477.

## PUMPKIN PATCH

Fall is in the air. The nights are definitely turning cooler. The set up for the arrival of the pumpkins is up and the pumpkins have been delivered. Pumpkins are already in the stores.



Last year was an all-time record year for MUMC pumpkin sales. We perceived through two years of COVID by instituting significant precautions. Many in the community call MUMC the "pumpkin church".

WE NEED YOUR HELP to sit in the patch . You may not have been able to help set up the patch or unload pumpkins, but everyone can sit in the patch and greet customers. This can be an outreach to the local community. It is also a great way to get to know other church members. We always try to have two people at the table on each shift. You can use Sign up Genius to reserve your spots or call Donna Baily at 860-674-8637. Go to the church website [avonunitedmethodist.com](http://avonunitedmethodist.com), go to PUMPKIN PATCH in the menu and click on PUMPKIN PATCH SIGNUP.

You can also make bread for sale in the patch. Contact Martin Kibbe or Linda Kime [860-305-0526]. Copy of recipe can be picked up in church kitchen or on church website. Forms to itemize items as a donation for tax purposes are available in the kitchen.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 30 4-5 pm

What is Trunk or Treat?... MUMC members are invited to decorate their trunks and prepare to handout treats. All children invited to come to MUMC in costume where instead of going door to door, they will go car to car to Trick or Treat. Keep it simple or go all out – ideas can be found on the internet. We need Trunk or Treat Trunks and we need kids in costume!!! For more information, contact Kevin Sweet.

## HARVEST FAMILY SUPPER

Sunday, October 30 – 5:30 pm

A big thank you to all who volunteered to help make this year's Pumpkin Patch a success. Whether in a big or small way – if you had a part – we are taking this opportunity to gather and thank you. A meal of scrumptious fall dishes will be served, and we can spend some time together in fellowship. Thanks in advance for being part of Pumpkin Patch.

**PUMPKIN PATCH -  
Open 'til October 31  
Sun-Fri 11:30-5:30 Sat 9-5:30**

**Hope to see you at all events!**

**Please invite friends, family and  
neighbors to join you!!!  
Spread the word!!!**

### PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TO MAN THE PATCH:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca8aa22a6ff2-20222>

### LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER AND ENJOY EVENTS AT MUMC IN OCTOBER:

- Sat. Oct 1 – 11 am-3 pm **CHILI AND CORNBREAD LUNCH** – Seeking donations of crockpots of chili or cornbread sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA8AA22A6FF2-sat>
- Sat. Oct 1 – 9 am-1pm **MULTI- FAMILY TAG SALE** (Missions)
- Sat. Oct 15 – 11 am-3 pm **PULLED PORK LUNCH** - by “Barbecue Bill” with his secret recipe!!!
- Sat. Oct 22 – 11 am-2 pm **KIDS DAY AT THE PATCH** – crafts, games, mini bounce house, hayrides and more!!! Rain date Sun Oct 23 12-2 pm
- Sat. Oct 29 – 11:30 am – 2:30 pm - **MEET AND GREET PASTOR LEE** and his wife Hyeonjin Kim – invite friends to come!!
- Sun Oct 30 – 4-5 pm - **TRUNK OR TREAT** – Halloween treats for kids in costume  
5:30 pm - **HARVEST FAMILY SUPPER** - thank you to ALL Pumpkin Patch volunteers.



### SEEKING USHERS / GREETERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

[Chalise Ross] Liturgical Arts

As our services adjust back to normal, we will begin having ushers during the service. We are looking for volunteers to welcome members and visitors one Sunday a month. We also need an usher coordinator to help create the schedule. Please contact Chalise Ross or Pastor Lee and consider either ministry in our church.



## MUMC TRUSTEE NEWS

Mark Borenstein, Dave  
Crompton, Johnny Fillian,  
Linda Johansen, Hal

Johansen, Marsha Booth Kennedy, Bruce Merritt,  
John Perotti

- **Sexton Bill Rebillard** continues to show our church why he is the best Sexton we have ever had, working on the parsonage mowing, trimming, applying fall fertilizer and beginning cleanup for the winter, all this while cleaning the church in the morning and the Churchery School afternoons. Bill also was a big help recently, working all weekend long to set up on Saturday and then grill all the meats for Septemberfest '22; then he also worked the next weekend to prepare for a large funeral the following Sunday afternoon. Finally, thanks to a \$1500 gift to Trustees, Bill has purchased a Fisher sander/salter with 1000 pounds of quick melt so we can keep our lots safe all winter long.
- **Virginia Capalbo** has left our office manager position after 3 ½ years of dedicated and efficient service to our church. Trustees came to depend on her sometimes-daily calls for building emergencies, vendor appointment reminders, building use scheduling, member Trustee-related needs, keeping our supplies ordered and in stock, etc. We wish her the best as she moves on to new horizons.
- Morin Paving finally will be arriving to repair parking lot asphalt damage in late September. **Hal** is supervising that effort while **Dave** is working with landscaper Susan Ward to develop a plan to reduce and bring under control the plantings along the church walls.
- **Marsha** continues to organize and manage **Building Use Request** forms and keep a book of record to that end. *All committees should have submitted their full year 2022-2023 monthly meeting schedule to Marsha and church office by now so a yearly calendar is updated and accurate.*
- **Bruce** has proposed that we install virtual controls for our heating and A/C so that key personnel can monitor these important needs from tablets mobile devices. He and Bill will be working with McDermott Electric to investigate the feasibility of this change. Regarding heating, HiPoint has rebuilt our main heating circulator to the Education Wing so that we suffer no more heat loss as we did last January.
- **Johnny** is monitoring Klaus Larsen Roofing as the company addresses remaining fixes for flashing the north roof once again until it is completely tight. **Mark** continues to work with Pastor Lee and his wife Hyeonjin at the Parsonage to upgrade and improve this valuable property.
- **Chairman Jeff Tremback's Memorial Garden members** continue to maintain the appearance of this beautiful area.
- **Trustees and the Garden committee will hold their fall workdays** at the end of the month and could really use your help in preparing the property for the winter months.
- **Churchery School still requires separate entrance and exit** for student and parent arrival and departure in the fall of 2022 as BA.5 Omicron variants spread. Other protocols will be enacted as needed if outbreaks arise. Although the CDC has relaxed masking and social distancing rules, Churchery may reimplement them as needed.
- **Thomas Baily and Nate Ross** are in the midst of a project to upgrade our West Parking Lot basketball court.
- **With suggestion from Finance and approval from Church Council, Trustees have announced a fundraising campaign, the Fall 2022 MUMC Church Improvement Fund Drive.** Permanent upgrades are needed to maintain and improve our property. Substantial long-term savings are also part of this initiative.

(Trustees continued)

In order of priority, they include:

**HiPoint Main Heating Circulator Rebuilding (\$2500)**

Bill Rebillard/John Perotti supervising

**3 Honeywell Programmable WiFi-controlled Thermostats (\$390)**

Bruce Merritt/Bill Rebillard supervising

**West Side Drainage Rebuilding (\$1000)**

John Fillian/Glenn Rivard supervising

**Landscaping Reduction/Removal along Church Walls ((\$800)**

Dave Crompton/Hal Johansen supervising

**Sanctuary West Side E- Saving Window Shade- (\$1800)**

Rev. Lee/Elizabeth/Bill Rebillard supervising

**Replacement Hallway Thermopane Window (\$1400)**

Bill Rebillard/John Perotti supervising

**Steel Picnic Table and perennials to enhance Memorial Garden/Playground Circle (\$1500)**

John Perotti/Jeff Tremback supervising

*Donations may be made to **MUMC Church Improvement Fund**. Feel free to direct your gift toward one of the needs above. Your generosity on behalf of our church is most appreciated.*

**MAILING LIST FOR NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, for the newsletter to be mailed to your home monthly, please email the church office at [avonmumc@gmail.com](mailto:avonmumc@gmail.com) with "NEWSLETTER" in the subject line.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE**  
Jeff Tremback



Greetings from the Memorial Garden. It is a beautiful place to visit and be at peace with the world. Please come to the garden to do any combination of the following: relax, commune with nature, enjoy the flowers, visit a loved one's cremains, eat lunch, or even propose to your beloved partner.

The Garden Committee is now at the end of its summer hiatus. We met at the end of September to make plans for preparing the garden for winter and also to make plans for next year. If you are curious about the garden committee, contact me or any of the garden committee members. Come see what we do. We are actively looking for new members. NO prior experience in gardening is necessary. All you need is a love of nature and a desire to get your fingers dirty. You will learn on the job from some very experienced garden committee members.

We spent the summer maintaining the garden by pulling weeds, trimming the rose bushes, trimming other bushes, removing crab grass, reseeding, fertilizing, repairing the brick walkway around the large maple tree in the middle of the garden, etc. All the normal garden maintenance stuff. But we paid special attention to preparing the garden for MUMC's September Fest on 9/11/22. The garden was in perfect shape for this event and many people took the opportunity to visit the garden and enjoy its beauty.

So, please come to visit the Memorial Garden and enjoy this gem. You will feel so good if you do.

God bless you all.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Linda Johansen

In July our congregation donated a total of \$4,442.00 to help support the people of Ukraine. We have received a “thank you” letter from Global Ministries/United Methodist Committee on Relief and I would like to share it with you. In part, the letter says “Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries to fulfill the mission of the church through...pastors, educators, leadership developers, agriculturalists, health coordinators, and doctors.” Thank you for supporting Eurasia in Mission Together. “Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes, general secretary.”

## MEALS FOR WINSTED

Laura Gorden



**October 1<sup>st</sup>** is the next date to serve Winsted. I need one person to help me prepare the meatloaf meal starting at 8:00am. At 9:30am I need 2 additional volunteers to help fill 64 individual takeout food containers for delivery to Winsted. At 10:00am I need someone to help deliver the food and food pantry items to Winsted and an additional person to wash the dishes and clean the kitchen. Social distancing, cleanup and sanitizing guidelines will be followed while working on this mission project.

Food pantry items and/or money contributions are always needed. Items of special request are salad dressings, mayonnaise, and canned or powdered milk. Checks can be mailed to Winsted UMC, Mason Hall, 27 Wheeler Street, Winsted, CT 06098. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off in the blue bin located near the kitchen at MUMC. I will be taking food pantry items to Winsted on October 1.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP VISION, PURPOSE

Allen Nixon



Everyone grieves differently and in their own way, and your grief will vary from day to day. There is no simple answer nor definitive process for your grief, but know you are not alone. This is the fundamental benefit of MUMC’s Bereavement Support Group, knowing you are not alone and to remember Christ is always with us, and His grace supports us.

This Support Group provides a safe place to share each other’s experiences, concerns and emotions that may be causing pain. Talking with the group about one’s experiences with grief and listening to what others have experienced affords a great benefit to understand and process our personal grief.

Your time with the Bereavement Support Group is a time specifically set aside for you to process your grief, away from distractions and the day-to-day frustrations and interruptions we all experience. Here you may cry, remain silent, and express your emotions without fear of judgement, as the members of this group understand what you are going through.

The Bereavement Support Group meets the third Wednesday of every month, except July and August, from 10 am to 11:30am. The meeting is held in the parlor and also on Zoom; the Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Group members several days prior to the meeting.

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT  
LATEST HAPPENINGS!  
[www.avonunitedmethodist.com](http://www.avonunitedmethodist.com)**



## NOTES FROM PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Kay Hunter

**Understanding Alzheimer's** program which was held at Memorial on September 17 was well attended and provided valuable information to those in attendance. Alzheimer's Association provides much valuable information at alz.org.

**Thursday Lunch Bunch:** Except for the week we will be holding First Friday Potluck Lunch, Thursday Lunch Bunch gatherings will continue Thursdays at noon – for as long as weather cooperates in the Memorial Garden – and otherwise in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome – just bring your own lunch (and chair if in the garden) and we guarantee you lively conversation and fellowship. It is especially wonderful to enjoy lunch in the Garden.

**Rides needed:** Part of our pastoral care program includes providing needed rides for members of our congregation. Currently we are providing rides on a regular basis for Judy Corbeil from her home in Avon to MUMC's Sunday worship and the return trip to home. We often also have other requests for rides. We would like to open this opportunity to others who are not part of the committee to help out members of our congregation in need. Please let me know if you would be willing to be part of a list of folks who are willing to serve in this ministry.

**First Friday Pot Luck lunches will continue the first Friday of each month at noon.** As always if you can, bring your favorite salad, casserole, dessert or snack to share. Weather permitting, we will have outdoor courtyard seating available for those who may be more comfortable there. Good conversation and fellowship guaranteed!!!



**First Friday Honoring Our Saints and Nonagenarians** - Friday, November 4 at noon. We will be hosting a special First Friday lunch to honor our First Friday Saints – those who have been faithful attendees over our 11 years but who are no

longer with us. We will also be honoring our Nonagenarians. We hope you will all join us for this special occasion to honor and remember our faithful members.

**Keep us informed:** Just a reminder that if you should hear of someone from the congregation who is ill or has another need for pastoral care, please notify the church office who will share the info with the Pastor and Pastoral Care Committee. Too often we all think someone else has passed on this information especially to the Pastor and that is not always the case. Better to get several messages than none. Thanks for your help in keeping us all informed and able to keep all in prayer.

## COFFEE HOUR

Linda Kime



Coffee Hour is back in full swing down in Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship. Keeping it very light and simple this year. We appreciate the committee members giving us this service. See schedule below and on the kitchen main fridge.

### COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2022 – AUG 2023

- SEPTEMBER - FINANCE
- OCTOBER – STAFF PARISH RELATIONS
- NOVEMBER – HISTORICAL RECORDS/LIT. ARTS
- DECEMBER – TRUSTEES
- JANUARY – MEMORIAL GARDEN
- FEBRUARY – NOMINATIONS
- MARCH – PASTORAL CARE
- APRIL – MISSIONS
- MAY – MEMBERSHIP/MEMORIALS
- JUNE – EDUCATION
- JULY – CONTINUES TO BE VOLUNTEER ONLY
- AUGUST - CONTINUES TO BE VOLUNTEER ONLY

## FINANCE

Greg Slone

As of the latest Finance Report at the end of August, the church's general fund had a deficit of roughly \$14,000 year to date. The finance committee is asking the various church committees to closely watch their spending on items from the budget in the general account over the next few months. If items can be delayed or aren't absolutely necessary, we are asking committees to postpone those items for now. Note, this does not impact funding for items that have designated funds outside the general fund, for example this wouldn't necessarily impact the revitalization project which has its own dedicated fund. The finance committee is also planning to delay discretionary spending (such as apportionments) for now to see if the financial position of the year-to-date budget improves with additional giving during the remaining months of the year. Please prayerfully consider the financial position of the general fund in your giving over the near term.

Our Financial Secretary Diane Hornaday updated the finance committee recently that the audit is progressing nicely and should wrap up in the coming weeks. Thank you to all those participating in the church and Churchery school financial audit.



## FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Diane Hornaday, 860-673-9634

Third quarter financial reports are being completed and will be available in the back of the sanctuary next Sunday. Those not picked up by October 15 will be mailed to you. This is for your information only and not to take the place of the final giving report you will receive at end of the year. Included with your report will be a sheet for you to indicate your interest in the various service opportunities here at MUMC. Please fill out with current committees and activities you currently serve on and would like to continue as well as any other areas of interest you have. There will be a box for you to place the completed form in. These reports will be forwarded to the Nominations Committee.

In a couple of weeks you will receive by email the INTENTIONS form. Your planned giving supports the mission and ministry of the church as well as provides the standard maintenance and operations of the building and property. Please prayerfully consider how you will be able to support the church financially in 2023. You should be able to fill this out on your computer and send back to me directly. If you do not have email, or I don't have your address, you will find this in the envelope with your giving report mentioned above.

If you have any questions, please just give me a call or send an email. Thanks.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS!



Children's Church is being offered to families during 10:30 worship. While geared toward those Age 3 through Grade 1, all children are welcome.

They will be dismissed immediately before the sermon gathering in the narthex to go to Room 203 under the guidance of two of our faithful members for a time of lessons, music and/or crafts. Children need to be picked up immediately after worship in Room 203 down the hall on the left.

## MUMC MONTHLY CALENDAR

The MUMC monthly calendar is available on the MUMC website [avonunitedmethodist.com](http://avonunitedmethodist.com). To access it click on "Coming up", then "Calendar". You can easily download and print a copy that includes times and locations by clicking on the printer icon at the upper right. But please remember to check the website for calendar updates and/or changes.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMED SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



Our 2022-23 season of Sunday School kicked off on September 18. Our staff includes:

Class	Leaders	Aids
Pre-K – K	Tina Tardiff Kevin Sweet	Sue Yankus Pieter Wyckoff
Grade 1-4	Jenn Lamoureux Beth Slone	Ida Franklin Chalise Ross
Grade 5-8	Greg Slone Jeff Tremback	Kay Hunter Kim Kafka
Grade 9-12	Pat Kelly	Doug Kafka
Adult	David Chase Bob Kelly	

## WON'T YOU BE A WORSHIP LEADER?

Worship Committee



Volunteers are needed to serve as worship leaders for both 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday services. This is a great chance to serve MUMC with a minimal time commitment. No experience or expertise is needed. You will receive the reading a couple days before the service.

On the day of the service, arrive about 15 minutes prior to the service. At the end of the service your commitment is complete. Commit for one Sunday or to serve 3 to 4 times over a one-year period - whatever works for your schedule. To volunteer contact [the church office](#).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Barbara Chase



Choose a week for your Altar Flowers arrangement by using our online Sign-Up-Genius form with its easy to-follow directions. Just go to the church website, [avonunitedmethodist.com](http://avonunitedmethodist.com), and choose ALTAR FLOWERS in the left-hand column. This will connect you to the Sign-Up-Genius Church Flowers order form with its easy-to follow directions. If you would rather not use the Sign-Up Genius, contact Linda Arnold via [the church office](#). She will be glad to reserve a week for you.

If you ordered Altar Flowers for a Sunday Service and are not able to pick up on Sunday, they will be available for pickup in the MUMC office during the office hours of Tuesday through Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm.

## CHURCHERY SCHOOL

Jean Baron

On September 6th, the Churchery School opened our doors to full classes. After close to 3 years of teaching our students during the pandemic, I'm happy to say that we are fully open without having to take temperatures, do contact tracing, social distancing or wear masks. We can once again see all of the wonderful smiles of our students and they can see our smiles! The Churchery School teachers, Susan Green, Jessica Morin, Yuki Sobue, Amber Titus, Jenn Lamoureux and I are looking forward to a wonderful school year! Please feel free to come and visit! Read a book, sing a song or just say, "Hi !" - we'd love to see you!

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**PLEASE JOIN US ON FACEBOOK OR  
YOUTUBE FOR SUNDAY SERVICE/S,  
SEARCH FOR Avon Mumc**

## THE OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

Heather Kelsey (860) 678-1314  
[hrmkels@aol.com](mailto:hrmkels@aol.com)



In October we will discuss Debra Dean's novel, *The Madonnas of Leningrad*. Bit by bit, the ravages of age are eroding Marina's grip on the everyday. And while the elderly Russian woman cannot hold on to fresh

memories—the details of her grown children's lives, the approaching wedding of her grandchild—her distant past is preserved: vivid images that rise unbidden of her youth in war-torn Leningrad.

In the fall of 1941, the German army approached the outskirts of Leningrad, signaling the beginning of what would become a long and torturous siege...Marina, then a tour guide at the Hermitage Museum, along with other staff members, was instructed to take down the museum's priceless masterpieces for safekeeping, yet leave the frames hanging empty on the walls—a symbol of the artworks' eventual return. To hold on to sanity when the Luftwaffe's bombs began to fall, she burned to memory, brushstroke by brushstroke, these exquisite artworks: the nude figures of women, the angels, the serene Madonnas that had so shortly before gazed down upon her. She used them to furnish a "memory palace," a personal Hermitage in her mind to which she retreated to escape terror, hunger, and encroaching death. A refuge that would stay buried deep within her, until she needed it once more. . . ." [[goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com)]

Our discussion will be held on Sunday, October 16th at 7pm in the Parlor and on Zoom. All are welcome!

## GROWING OUR CHURCH

Linda Kime, Membership Chair

The Membership committee is NOT responsible for growing our church, but we take care of our membership data & directory (which continue to show declining number of members). And this committee does offer some social opportunities for the congregation to enjoy and invite folks to join in with you. And we help spread the word on all events going on in the church. Communication committee is part of Membership committee: publicizing ads, promoting sign usage, maintaining MUMC website and our Facebook page. Membership even provided shopping totes and cell phone wallets to put our name & logo out there. While you're in the check-out line at Stop & Shop tell the person next to you (point to tote) how much you like MUMC.

But it is our whole church family who are responsible for going out in our community and bringing in new members. We can do this by literally inviting others to attend worship on one of our social events or dinners. We can do this by talking frequently about MUMC and how much you enjoy being part of this loving community. We can do this by sharing your Christian faith with others and asking others about their faith. We can proudly share the missions work we do that helps others. To make this growth happen, the church family needs to uphold their vows for PRESENCE, prayers, gifts and service! Please come back to regularly worshipping together, working together and having good times together! And then don't forget to bring someone along!!



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Linda Kime, Membership Chair

The online Members & Friends Directory is continually being updated with new contact info, some new photos, and unfortunately some removals of folks we've lost. When someone moves away their new address is kept in directory for 6 months, then they will be put in dormant state (won't be seen in directory). Folks who have not been for 12 months involved in any way with MUMC, will move to dormant. However dormant contact info is still visible to directory administrators so can be obtained by contacting church office manager. If it's much older information, given a little time office manager can access a different database on another computer. To access our current directory, you can go right to [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com) or thru our "Members Only" section of MUMC website.

On the website, go to the main menu on the left, guide your cursor to Members Only which will make MEMBERS ONLY appear to the right, slide further to the right which will make Members & Friends Directory appears. Click on your choice. If you have not yet registered, you will be requested to do so and once approved, you will be able to continually sign in by clicking on either of those titles and providing your password. For Directory access, click on the link to Instant Church Directory which takes you to their site. To login you will use your email address that's in our directory.

## MAKING MUMC "PEANUT FREE"

While we cannot guarantee MUMC will be totally peanut free, we would appreciate your help in making every effort to support a peanut free environment when you are bringing something for yourself or to share at meetings or events at Memorial -in the interest of safety and wellbeing of all and especially our little ones.



## STAFF PARISH HAS BEEN VERY BUSY!!

Linda Kime, SPR Co-Chair

Please remember to go to SPR with any staff issues that you know of, so we can best try to resolve a situation. This is the proper channel and not within another committee nor the pastor directly. Our staff has been reminded that SPR is the channel for them to go through if they have a concern. Co-chairs are Linda Kime and Martin Kibbe. Other SPR committee members are Hyacinth Ellis, Peter Perkins, Julia Sweet, David Corbett and Diane Hornaday. We welcome you to contact us for any concern.

We are continuing a 4-day work week for when the new office manager is hired. The new MUMC office hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 2:00pm, Mondays closed .

## A REMINDER!!!

*As church attendance numbers have faded across the nation and on-line services have become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much.*

*You can't serve from your sofa.*

*You can't have community of faith from your sofa.*

*You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa.*

*Christians aren't consumers. We're contributors. We don't watch. We engage.*

*We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.*

*The church needs you and you need the church.*



## OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

Brian Baldwin, Safety Committee

### Facts

Cooking fires are a leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

- Home fires are more likely to start in the kitchen than any other room in your home.
- Unattended cooking causes nearly 90 percent of all kitchen fires.
- Having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.

### Tips

- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you must leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, boiling, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- Keep kids away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of three feet around the stove.
- Consider purchasing a fire extinguisher to keep in your kitchen. Contact your local fire department to take training on the proper use of extinguishers.
- Always check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving the home to make sure all stoves, ovens, and small appliances are turned off.

### Facts

- Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely.
- Each year over 200 people die from carbon monoxide produced by fuel burning appliances in the home including furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters.

- CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses with symptoms including shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. High levels of CO can be fatal.
- Consumers die when they improperly use gas generators, charcoal grills, and fuel-burning camping heaters and stoves inside their homes or in other enclosed or partially enclosed spaces during power outages.

### Tips

- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm (also called detectors) in the hallway of your home near sleeping areas.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to test the CO alarm every month.
- Do not use a CO alarm in place of a smoke alarm. Have both.
- Make sure all household appliances are installed according to manufacturer's instructions and local building codes.
- Have heating systems (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually, checking for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections.
- Only burn charcoal outdoors, never inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent.
- Always make sure to turn off any gas-powered engine, even if the garage door is open.
- Do not use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens or clothes dryers for heating your home.
- If you suspect CO poisoning, get to fresh air immediately, and then call 9-1-1.
- Treat the alarm signal as a real emergency each time. If the alarm sounds and you are not experiencing any symptoms described above, press the reset button. If the alarm continues to sound, call the fire department.

## HOUSEHOLD INFO UPDATE

Linda Kime, Membership Committee

In order to update our Church membership files we'd like to ask everyone to send to the church office all birthdays for their household, including birth year (needed for computer entry) We can include these special dates in the monthly newsletter and directory, without birth year. Also, we'd like you to include wedding anniversaries for the monthly newsletter! We are a church family and want to celebrate these special dates with one another!

Please send updated information to [avonmumc@gmail.com](mailto:avonmumc@gmail.com) with "household info update" in the subject line.

## PARISH COUNCIL

Within The United Methodist Church, cooperative parishes have been established to enable congregations, church-related agencies, and pastors in a defined geographic area to develop relationships of trust and mutuality that results in coordinated church programs and ministry. This year Parish Councils in Connecticut were reorganized and Memorial is part of the Connecticut Central Cooperative Parish with Sun Joo Lee, pastor of Torrington UMC serving as Parish Coordinator.

Churches in our Parish are:

Avon: Memorial UMC  
Bakerville UMC  
Bristol: Prospect UMC  
Forestville: Asbury UMC  
UMC of Litchfield  
Plainville UMC  
Torrington: First UMC

The group will be lay driven. Diane Hornaday and Kay Hunter represent MUMC on the Council along with Pastor Lee. We recently held our first meeting via zoom. Our next meeting in October will be held in person for the opportunity for all to get to know each other. We look forward to working with these representing other churches to work to support and develop programs throughout the council's 7 churches.

## CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES!!!



Kathy L and David G wed in the early hours of Saturday, September 10 on a Rhode Island beach. Kathy served MUMC for 17 years as our Sexton.



Monica V and John B wed Friday, September 2, 2022 in Beverly, MA. Monica is the granddaughter of Bob Marshall and has been a frequent attendee at our First Friday Potluck lunches.

Much happiness wished for both couples!

## OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Pumpkin Patch open through October 31 Sun-Fri 11:30-5:30, Sat 9-5:30

Sat	10/1	11 am – 3 pm	Chili & Cornbread Lunch at the Patch
Sun	10/2	8:30 & 10:30	World Communion Sunday
Wed	10/5	7 pm	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom.
Thu	10/6	10:30 am	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom
Fri	10/7	12 noon	First Friday Potluck Lunch – Fellowship Hall
Sat	10/8	9 am – 1 pm	Multi Family Tag Sale
Wed	10/12	7 pm	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom.
Thu	10/13	10:30 am 12 pm	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom Thursday Lunch Bunch in the Garden or Fellowship Hall
Sat	10/15	11 – 3	Pulled Pork Lunch at the Patch
Sun	10/16	8:30 & 10:30 7 pm	Laity Sunday – lay member led worship The Other Good Book Group
Wed	10/19	7 pm	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom.
Thu	10/20	10:30 am 12 pm	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom Thursday Lunch Bunch in the Garden or Fellowship Hall
Sat	10/22	11-2	Kids Day at the Patch (rain date Sun 10/23 12-2)
Wed	10/26	7 pm	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom.
Thu	10/27	10:30 am 12 pm	Group Study with Pastor Lee in the Parlor or Zoom Thursday Lunch Bunch in the Garden or Fellowship Hall
Sat	10/29	11:30-2:30	Meet and Greet Pastor Lee and Hyeonjin Kim
Sun	10/30	4-5 pm 5:30 pm	Trunk or Treat Harvest Supper

## LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

Fri	11/4	12 pm	First Friday Pot Luck Lunch – Honoring Our First Friday Saints and Nonagenarians
Sun	11/6	8:30 & 10:30	All Saints Day Recognition
Sun	11/20	2:30	Church Charge Conference at Prospect UMC Bristol

**PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT LATEST  
HAPPENINGS! [www.avonunitedmethodist.com](http://www.avonunitedmethodist.com)**

**CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK FOR NEWS! Avon Mumc**

**PLEASE JOIN US ON FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE FOR SUNDAY SERVICE/S,  
SEARCH FOR Avon Mumc**