

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

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Our Lay Delegate to New York Annual Conference, Diane Hornaday and I had attended the annual conference sessions last month. During the sessions, I had a mixed feeling. I was so thankful that Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton had appointed me to our church for another year. On the other hand, it was painful and sad to witness six churches (including Bakerville United Methodist Church in our cooperative parish) leaving our denomination in order to join The Global Methodist Church.

Some of you have asked me: How can they be disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church before the General Conference scheduled for April 23-May 3, 2024 at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina? Here is my answer. About two and a half years ago, each local church in New York Annual Conference received a letter from Bishop Bickerton, and each pastor was supposed to answer some questions. One of them was "Would your local church like to begin the process to be disaffiliated?" Some churches had decided to follow the process immediately.

During the annual conference session last month, before we voted, we were informed that each of the six churches had held its Charge Conference and passed the motion to be disaffiliated by a two-thirds vote. Several of the six churches passed it unanimously.



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Another question arises: Will there be no more chances to be disaffiliated? After the 2024 General Conference, each local church will be

advised with instructions for the future stand. And each church should decide officially whether to stay in the United Methodist Church that allows the marriage and the ordination of LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning or Queer, Intersex) or to be disaffiliated; and if the church leaves the UMC, it should decide whether to join the Global Methodist Church or not.

Then, what does our church, Memorial United Methodist Church in Avon, have to do in the meanwhile? What we have to do is to continue what we have done: doing ministry together in love and harmony, praying for the future of our denomination and those churches that are disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church.

In addition, let us remember that God has been and will be with us in the entire process of the disaffiliation. And let us not lose hope but have faith that we have Jesus Christ and one another in such a difficult time. May the Lord lead us to the right way for our church! Amen.

Sungmu Lee

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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



2 Harold Palmer	13 Julianna Sweet
2 Caroline Zeiser	22 Bob Marshall
3 Chris Pizarro-Slevinsky	23 Nicholas Graham
4 Bruce Merritt	23 Tony Rauche
4 Walt Sargent	24 Jackson Gorden
9 Mitchell Perkins	24 Robert Tardiff
10 Jeremy Notestine	24 Makayla Tardiff
12 Larry Gregory	29 Joan Couch
13 Siji Oommen	31 Grace Forsythe

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

John & Julie (Dario) John Zehren

If you would like your special day(s) added, please notify the church office at avonmumc@gmail.com.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE TROUBLE GETTING OUT AND THOSE NEEDING A PRAYER



A card would be so appreciated.

Judy C.
The Residence at
Brookside
117 Simsbury Rd.
Avon, CT 06001

Katie M.
11 Briarwood Road
Farmington, CT 06032

Cheryl M.
209 West Side Blvd.
Unionville, CT 06085

Lorraine Z.
9 Keystone Circle
Avon, CT 06001



MEMORIAL GARDEN

Greetings to you from the Garden Committee,

Greetings from the Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden welcomes you, one and all. Mother Nature does not discriminate on any basis and welcomes everyone to the garden to enjoy its peacefulness and its beauty.

The summer is in full swing. The garden is fully planted. Everything is growing so well. Even the weeds are growing like wildfire. But with our summer garden maintenance schedule we always manage to keep the weeds and other unwanted growth under control.

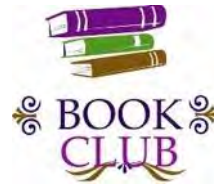
Our roses were cut back significantly earlier this year due to winter damage but they have rebounded with lots of healthy new growth and lots of flowers, too. I think that the roses are trying to teach us a lesson about being resilient!

Our Memorial Garden was created to memorialize the deceased members and friends of our church family. Once again, in June, we committed two of our dear church family members to their eternal rest in our Garden. And now, the families and friends of our departed brother and sister can come to the Garden to visit their loved ones whenever they wish. The Garden is a beautiful thing for us to behold but it also has the special purpose of cradling the remains and/or memories of our loved ones. And we, the Garden Committee, have the honor and privilege to remember and care for our deceased family members, whether their remains are interred here or not, by caring for the garden.

The Garden Committee extends an open invitation to all who wish to join our ranks and play in the dirt. We need new members to carry on this garden ministry for the future. NO experience is necessary. Any and all on-the-job training will be provided if necessary. It's fun to play in the dirt. Just ask your young children.

The garden belongs to ALL so please come to enjoy its beauty and its serenity. Please schedule some time to visit the garden each week and mark it on your calendar. Block out some special time for yourself to relax and recharge your soul.

God bless,
Jeff Tremback-Memorial Garden Chair



THE OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

[Contact: Heather Kelsey,
hrmkels@aol.com
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It's July and time for a mystery, Anne Hillerman's *Song of the Lion*. "When a car bomb kills a young man in the Shiprock High School parking lot, Officer Bernadette Manuelito discovers that the intended victim was a mediator for a multi-million-dollar development planned at the Grand Canyon. But what seems like an act of ecoterrorism turns out to be something far more nefarious. Piecing together the clues, Bernadette and her husband, Sergeant Jim Chee, uncover a scheme to disrupt the negotiations and inflame tensions between the Hopi and Dine tribes. Retired Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn has seen just about everything in his long career.

As the tribal police's investigation unfolds, he begins to suspect that the bombing may be linked to a cold case he handled years ago. As he, Bernadette, and Chee carefully pull away the layers behind the crime, they make a disturbing discovery: a meticulous and very patient killer with a long-simmering plan of revenge. Writing with a clarity and grace that is all her own, Anne Hillerman depicts the beauty and mystery of Navajo Country and the rituals, myths, and customs of its people in a mystery that builds on and complements the beloved, bestselling mysteries of her acclaimed father, Tony Hillerman. [amazon.com]

Our discussion will be held Sunday, July 16th at 7pm. We meet in person (in the Parlor) and on Zoom and all are welcome!



FINANCE COMMITTEE
Greg Slone

Adjusting for carryover from last year, the current general fund balance as of the end of May was roughly a year to date deficit of \$17,000.

Financial Secretary Diane Hornaday recently attended the New York annual conference meeting as a lay leader representative for MUMC and reported back that the annual apportionment for 2023 will be held flat with no increase from the amount for 2022.

**AVON MEMORIAL UMC
YOUTH GROUP**

ROCK CLIMBING
Sunday, July 23



Join us for an adventure – Rock Climbing in Vernon. Be on the lookout for e-mail message with details – hosted by the Slones.



POOL PARTY
Sunday August 13

Hosted by the Tardiffs at their home at 103 Barnes Hill Rd in Burlington Ct 06013.

MYF and families are welcome. Please RSVP to bmwchick11474@aol.com or call 860-302-8899.

Further upcoming events include:

- Basketball, games, BBQ at MUMC - Matt Chalise Ross
- Ropes Course – Picnic Lunch at Winding Trails - Steve & Jenn Lamoureux



CAR SHOW
John Perotti

On Saturday, June 10th, the parking lots of MUMC were filled with the rumbling motors of 25 show cars of all types, from a vintage 1930 Plymouth to classic Mustangs and Corvettes, even Don Austin's two vintage vehicles along with John Bailey's Maserati and Corvette to round out the group.

Sexton Bill Rebillard put together the event, which included free lunch and a free raffle, where gifts from a dozen local businesses, restaurants, and our own Churchery School, were handed out to lucky winners. About 75 visitors attended, a few toured the church, and car show buffs hung out late into the afternoon in lawn chairs under our shade trees, surely a relaxing way to spend a spring day at MUMC. Plans are being discussed to host the event again in the near future.



KEEPING 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.





**FIRST FRIDAY POTLUCK LUNCH
HONORED OUR NONAGENARIANS
AND CENTENARIANS!!!
Friday, June 2 – 12 noon**

We gathered for lunch on Friday, June 2 for a wonderful celebration of MUMC's nonagenarians and centenarians. Although Louis Kozikowski recently passed, we included him in remembrance as he had already reached 100 years of age and nearly made it to his 101st. We also celebrated Grace Forsythe who is now living in Florida and this month will be celebrating her 102nd birthday! Please see the photo of Grace and her daughter as they participated in an AARP marathon in May. So good to see her still so active.

Our nonagenarians in attendance were Paul and Jean Anderson, Roger and Joan Couch, Bob Marshall and Adva Volle. We also honored Bobbie Williams who now lives in North Carolina and Katie Morris who was not able to join us.

We enjoyed a lovely lunch with background music from the 1940s. The tables were adorned with beautiful bouquets created by Linda Arnold that each of the nonagenarians took home. Anne Fitzgerald also delivered one to Katie.

We all enjoyed good conversation and fellowship and finished off with singing some of the great songs from years ago. You can pick up a program that contains the songs and lyrics in Fellowship Hall if you have interest. Thanks to all from Pastoral Care Committee who contributed to making this a special day for special members of MUMC.

**FIRST FRIDAY POTLUCK LUNCH
CELEBRATING**



Friday, July 7 – 12 noon

We'll be providing hot dogs. Please bring your favorite picnic side dish, snack or dessert to share if you can, but as always – it's not required. Come join us for a fun picnic, conversation and fellowship!!!

THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is a casual get together of MUMCers **every Thursday at noon (except week of First Friday Potluck Lunch).**



We bring our own lunches, sometimes share some cookies. It has become such an **enjoyable custom.**

With the warmer weather upon us, we have begun to meet in the Memorial Garden when the weather permits it. In addition to enjoying a meal together, we share stories, memories and even discuss current affairs a bit. Always lively conversation and fellowship. Won't you join us? Just pack up your own lunch, and grab a lawn chair (limited bench space available.) **There's always room for more!!! Just give us a try!!!!**

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.

Thanks for your help in keeping us all informed and able to keep all in prayer.



MONTHLY POTLUCK SUPPERS

We will continue our monthly Pot Luck Suppers throughout the summer as a great opportunity for church family and others to gather for an evening with a variety of food, fellowship and conversation. The next is scheduled for **FRIDAY, JULY 21 AT 5:30**. We hope you will join us for the opportunity to share a meal and some great fellowship, conversation and getting to know each other better.

Suppers are open to the public. Please invite family, friends and neighbors to join you. If you can, bring your favorite casserole, main dish, vegetable, salad, rolls/bread or dessert to share, but it's not compulsory.



INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

“Eternal God, According to Psalm 33, ‘Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord,’ Amen. Stir in our hearts this day a humble yet high sense of patriotism for this Land on this Independence Day.

May this time symbolize a renewal of our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and re-double our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people forever and ever. Amen.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day of Independence to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will live in the hearts of a free people; justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Your Holy Name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

-Adapted prayer offered by Congress by Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D. (1974)



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 or definitive process for your grief, but know that 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 you, 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 judgment, 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.

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**2023
VACATION
BIBLE CAMP
"HERO HOTLINE"**
August 14-18, 2023
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Age 3 as of 8/14 (must be potty trained) to those completing Grade 4

\$20 per child; max. \$50 per family

In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the **Hero Hotline Headquarters** where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.

All children are invited to participate in Vacation Bible Camp – we have no limit on number of registrations. Mark your calendars.

You can register your child (grandchild, niece, nephew, friend) by going to the following link:

avonmumc.mycokesburyvbs.com

Or through the MUMC website:

avonunitedmethodist.com

A successful **Vacation Bible Camp** requires **numerous volunteers** to lead the various activities as listed above as well as group leaders and aids, including youth. Won't you consider being part of this group? We promise the rewards outweigh the efforts!!!

Questions? Contact:

Diane Hornaday at dhornaday@sbdglobal.net,
Beth Slone at aliannabet@yahoo.com or
Kay Hunter Kay Hunter via [the church office](#)

**SUMMER
FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Linda Kime



For Summer we **need volunteers** for fellowship hour! Please contact Linda Kime if you are willing to set out cool beverage and a light snack for social time on patio. A table will be waiting outside sanctuary. Rolling cart in kitchen will have cups, plates & napkin dispenser, plus empty pitcher for making ice water or lemonade. Only serve 1 ITEM, not variety. Examples: mini danish, donettes, store bought cookies, veggies, fruit, crackers & hummus. It's very easy! Please contact lmk318@aol.com or 860-305-0536

**WEDDING BELLS FOR
MARTIN AND GALE**



Sending our congratulations and best wishes to Martin K and his bride Gale on their wedding on May 28 in Poughkeepsie, New York. You can see the Hudson River in the background of this photo. Martin says he misses us all, but is keeping busy at his new church, Hyde Park UMC where both he and Gale will be active in their music and mission ministries.

NEW ORDINARY TIME BANNER

A new altar decoration has been purchased through the Memorial Gifts Funds in memory of our beloved Jill Rendell. The vibrant green "curtain" behind the cross will be used during Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar. The UMC article titled "What is Ordinary Time?" includes the following passages.

The word "ordinary" here does not mean "routine" or "not special." Instead, it refers to the "ordinal numbers" (first, second, third, etc.) used to name and count the Sundays (such as the Third Sunday after Epiphany). This term comes from the Latin ordinalis, meaning "numbered" or "ordered," and tempus ordinarium, "measured time."...

The second period of Ordinary Time, the Season after Pentecost, follows the Easter cycle. It begins the day after Pentecost and continues to Advent. The purpose of this season is to support new disciples and the whole congregation in living out the gifts and callings discerned during the Easter Season and commissioned on the Day of Pentecost.

Every year, Christians experience the contrast between the central seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we see God in the events around the coming of Christ, and the in-between times, where we see, speak about and join God's ongoing work in the world.

Jill will be remembered in this church as someone who was committed to God's ongoing work in the world. This, and her love of gardening and growth, are represented in the green. May this green curtain remind us to continually grow in our faith and live out the gifts and callings God has given us.

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DOES GOD GO ON VACATION?

(submitted by Laura Gorden)

I read about a Pastor who, during children's message asked the youngsters if God ever went on vacation. The point he was attempting to make was that God is always working to help us and never rests.

His point was sabotaged, however, when a youngster answered, "Sure God goes on vacation - when my family went camping last summer, God was right there with us."

The Pastor conceded that the youngster had a much better point than his. God is always right there with us, always; even when we are on vacation.

Take notice of God's presence in the beauty of the earth and whisper a thank you for his creation. Take time for prayer and feel God's touch on your life every day. The love of God is present with you in all times and in all places.

CT CENTRAL COOPERATIVE PARISH SPONSORED EVENTS

KIDS FOR CHRIST DAY

Bakerville UMC, June 3

The second annual Kids for Christ Day was held for kids from the towns in our parish to enjoy crafts, games, storytelling and snacks. Big thank you to John Perotti, Greg Slone, Beth Slone and Daniel and Luke who filled in for me at the last minute.

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

A Walk for Continued Conflict Awareness
Sunday, August 13 2 pm

A 1.2 mile walk from Federal Hill Green, Bristol, to Hoppers Birge Pond Nature Preserve. Including recognition of two important dates in Korean history. Mark your calendars now – watch for more details

MEADOW GATHERING

Litchfield Sunday, September 24

Rescheduled with a different twist. Watch for more details in August newsletter.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

“LIVING A CHOCOLATE LIFE”

Laura Gorden

The Women's Bible Study “Living a Chocolate Life” met for 8 weeks from April 15 through June 3. We enjoyed lessons entitled: Savor, Share, Satisfaction, Promises, From Scratch, Bittersweet, Gifts, and Sweet Surrender each ending with a luscious dessert. Our final wrap up was a road trip first to Thorncrest Farm and Milkhouse Chocolates and then to Sunset Meadow Winery for a nice lunch and a chocolate wine pairing.

We are looking forward to more Bible Studies and/or fun activities and adventures. It would be so great to get together at least one time a month. Please share your ideas with me and I will help to organize a plan for the next women's get together.

CONGRATS TO OUR 2023 GRADUATES!!!



Our High School graduates:

Julia Baily graduated for Farmington High School and will be studying Elementary Education/ Special Education at UCONN. Julia is the daughter of Jeff and Kim Baily and granddaughter of John and Donna Baily.

Andrew Kafka graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pennsylvania. He has already set off to work at Boy Scout Camp for the summer, nothing on future plans after that. Andrew is the son of Doug and Kim Kafka.

Alan Kennedy graduated from Lewis Mills High School, Burlington and will be studying history at UCONN in the fall. He is the son of Scott and Krista Kennedy

Our college graduates!!!!

Miles Borenstein received his BS degree in Data Analytics from Bentley University in Waltham, MA. He will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the fall, pursuing a MS degree in Sport Management. Miles is the son of Mark Borenstein and Courtney Robinson and grandson of Joan Robinson.

Grant Corbett graduated in May from UCONN, and majored in business. He is currently working at Ace Hardware in Canton, where he worked throughout college. Grant is the son of David and Natalie Corbett and the grandson of Bruce and Ruthellen Corbett

Alex Hillemeir received Bachelor's in Architecture from Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI 5/19/23. He is a 2019 grad of Simsbury HS. Starting his Masters in Architecture (also at RWU) in September. Alex is the son of Martha and Kurt Hillemeir.



TOILETRY PACKETS FOR UMCOR

We have the final numbers of health/hygiene items collected for asylum seekers in New York City. MUMC collected 455 items (nail clippers, combs, toothbrushes, etc.), even though each church in our parish agreed to come up with 360 items. Once our parish churches got together to pack these kits up we came out with 197 kits. At N.Y.

At Annual Conference these 197 were combined with other churches and a total of 3,798 kits were made. One of MUMC members also assisted to make many similar health kits. Thank you one and all. Linda Johansen

MEAL FOR WINSTED

Laura Gorden

On **June 3** 64 meatloaf meals were delivered to Winsted. Thank you to Courtney Robinson, Jeff Tremback, Heather Kelsey, and the unnamed volunteers for helping me to prepare and deliver these meals.

August 5 is the next date to serve Winsted. One person is needed to help prepare the meatloaf meal starting at 8 AM. At 9:30 AM 2 additional volunteers are needed to help fill 64 individual takeout food containers for delivery to Winsted. At 10:00 someone is needed to help deliver the food to Winsted and it is nice to have an additional person to wash the dishes and clean the kitchen. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS MISSION PROJECT.

The 2023 Schedule for Winsted meals is:
August 5
October 7
December 2

MEMORIAL'S FOOD PANTRY



Please help keep our food pantry stocked. Please bring non-perishable food items to drop off in a cart that will be at the back of the sanctuary. At all other times food items can be dropped off in the blue bin located outside the kitchen or you can just put your food items inside the food pantry cupboard located in the upper parking lot of the church.

Most useful food pantry donations:

- Boxed milk or Powdered milk
- Pasta sauce and pasta
- Mac and cheese
- Canned vegetables/fruits
- Single serve applesauce and fruit cups
- Soups
- Tuna
- Canned meats
- Beef Stew
- Stuffing
- Knorr sides
- Single serve rice cups
- Beans/black, red, navy, baked
- Cereal
- Instant Oatmeal
- Cereal bar/protein bars/ granola bars
- Cracker packs
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- Vegetable Oil
- Cake mix/Cookie mix
- Mayonnaise/Salad dressing
- Personal hygiene products

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.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Barbara Chase /
Linda Arnold

To place an order for altar flowers, you can choose a week for your arrangement by using our online Sign-Up-Genius form with its easy to-follow directions. Just go to the church website, 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.

Due to rising costs of flowers, the price for altar flowers is now \$40.

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, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm.

At this time, **July 2 and 9** are open for a flower dedication. Please consider this and any other future dates.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BICKERTON

Annual Conference
(shared at Parish Council Meeting by Pastor Parker Prout, UMC Litchfield-Bantam)

- Remember that prayer can change things; prayer heals
- Love is the very foundation of healing prayer; love makes prayer productive
- Love is propelled by faith, and does so even when we may be hurting; love reaches out through the power of God.
- Our faith links us to Jesus's divine healing power. When we reach out to others in Christ-like love, we are extending his healing power to others. Therefore, we have a responsibility - - an obligation to extend that healing powers to those who need it.
- Sharing Christian love with others can produce a spirit of peace. So as Christ has forgiven us all, let us extend the power of his peace in our relationships. Let's include in our personal prayers this promise to God: "Every day let me perform an act of peace for Thee."
- It is truly time for our churches to make the scriptures come alive again and again. And we do this by being humble, and extending kindness to all we connect with.
- We must Reclaim, Revive and Renew our churches. In this post-pandemic, challenging time, we need to recharge our batteries.
- We need to recharge the way we worship and extend hospitality; the ways we reach out and get out into our communities.



JUNE FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 25

Forty-five plus of our church family enjoyed a picnic lunch under the shade of the trees adjacent to the Memorial Garden. Hot dogs and beverages were provided, and as always, there was a great variety of typical picnic dishes brought by all. In addition to the great food, all enjoyed a time of fellowship and conversation. Thanks to all you had a part in making this a success.



MUMC WORK DAY

Laura Gorden

The MUMC work day on Saturday, June 24, was rainy but successful. We had 3 teams working: 1 team worked on the pavilion; 1 team worked on weeding the gardens around the church building; and 1 team worked at Diane Hornaday's pulling invasive vines and planting annuals. There was also a kitchen team that provided snacks, waters, Gator Aid, lunch and a pasta dinner. Thank you to all who helped.

Team 1 – Pavilion: John Fillian, Dave Gorden, Kevin & Julia Sweet, Nate Ross, Daniel Grimason.

Team 2 – Church Grounds Weeding: Linda Kime, Matt Ross, Emmie Matava.

Team 3 – Church Courtyard Weeding & Diane Hornaday's: Vicki Kuziak, Courtney Robinson, Ella Ross, Emily Grimason.

Kitchen Team: Linda Arnold, Laura Gorden, Michele Matava.

The Pavilion is an on-going project until completion. Contact Dave Gorden if able to help on Saturday, July 1 and/or Saturday July 8.





PAIRS & SPARES

MUMC's Pairs & Spares (aka Eats for Eat) gathered on Friday, June 23 at the home of Bev and John Perotti for an evening of great food, conversation and fellowship.



All provided items for the menu. Our group included John and Bev, Anne Fitzgerald, Kay and Brian Hunter, Jeff Tremback, and our special attendees Pastor Sungmu Lee and Hyeonjin Kim. We look forward to our next gathering in the fall.



Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Fri 7/7	12 pm	5	First Friday Potluck Lunch – Independence Day Picnic
Sun 7/16	7 pm	3	Other Good Book Group
Fri 7/21	5:30 pm	6	Pot Luck Supper
Sun 7/23	TBD	4	Youth Rock Climbing Event
Sun 8/13	TBD	4	Youth Pool Party
Sun 8/13	2 pm	9	Peace Walk in Bristol
Mon-Fri 8/14-18	9 am	7	Vacation Bible Camp
Sun 9/24	TBD	9	Meadow Gathering - Litchfield

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT LATEST HAPPENINGS!
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