

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

Welcome back! It is nice to be in touch through The Newsletter. I pray that all is well with you, and that you had a good summer.

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ... ; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-7).

As the Bible says, there is a time for every matter under heaven. We took time to rest during the



summer. Not many of us have come to church every Sunday. Our choir had time to rest their voices, our bell choir rested their hands, and we did not have Sunday school.

Now, it is September. What does it mean? It is time to restart and rework. As it is getting less warm, we will begin choir/bell choir rehearsal, Bible study, Sunday school for children and adults, and Confirmation class.

We have been well rested and recharged during the summer. Now it is time to work hard again! Enjoy your September.

In Christ
Sungmu Lee



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FOLLOWING 9:30 WORSHIP

Be on the lookout for Signup genius to choose a dish to bring to share!!!

INVITE FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS!!! To join you and us for this social event. To meet members of our congregation!! To have a fun time together!!!

WE NEED YOU to be a part of this special event!!!!

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



4	Anne Fitzgerald	20	Cari Roberts
5	Rick Zeiser	22	Daniel Slone
6	Dave Gorden	27	Callie Corbett
8	Mary Gorden	27	Emily Webster
9	Makenzie Tardiff		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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

Jim and Chris Calandriello
 Greg and Elizabeth Slone
 Ken and Jen Notestine
 Dave and Barbara Chase

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



MUMC NEEDS YOU!!!

This month marks a year since we kicked off our Revitalization campaign. We are actively planning another year of activities including some possible new additions

like: Music in our new Pavilion, tutoring, a program on Aging and a Live Nativity. These are all designed to bring us back together after COVID and to help us grow again. Many of these activities are highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. Watch the church calendar for updates.

We need **all of you** to be a part of this revitalization. We can't grow again without you. **Please Invite or bring your friends and neighbors.** MUMC is long noted as a welcoming group. I can assure you whomever you bring will not feel left out but will be welcomed with open arms. The upcoming **church picnic** is a great mixer. Many in the community are very familiar with our annual **Pumpkin Patch**. Working at the desk in the patch is a great experience. I'm always amazed at the people I meet there. **It's also a great place for them to become acquainted with MUMC.**

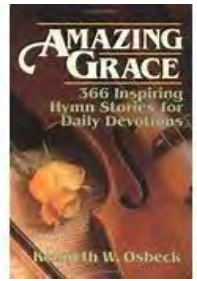
We have all followed the construction of the **Pavilion** on the lawn in front of the church. I personally believe it will act as a beacon of welcoming to the community. We will be working it into some of our activities. For those of you with mobility problems, the patio off of the back of the church will provide an excellent viewing spot into the pavilion.

Last but not least, please become involved in the activities. A relatively small group has worked on most of the activities we have had. We could use more hands in planning, setting up, presenting and tearing down for each event. **We need ALL of you to be a part of these efforts.**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions
Chris Calandriello



Ever wonder what lead writers and composers of the great hymns of our day to come up with the timeless classics that we still sing today? Now is your time to join us in learning about them in more depth. I will be leading a study on Saturday mornings based on the devotional book, **Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions.** There are scripture references which will correspond to the words that we will be studying and discussing what they mean in our lives. We will be singing these hymns, but no experience is necessary in reading the Bible or music! We will be praying as the Holy Spirit leads us and enjoying time together in fellowship.

If you are interested, please call, text, email, or speak with Chris Calandriello directly. Cell number is 860-604-5396, email address is ccalandriello@comcast.net, and I will be in worship during the month of August also. I highly encourage you to add this book to your collection, but it is not necessary for when you attend the study. You can get it on Amazon at this link, <https://a.co/d/ifmNumG>

The time of the study will be determined based on the majority of those attending. It will start in September and be on Saturday mornings as the last Women's Bible study was found to have lots of participants during that time. Invite others to attend who are not members of our church as this may be an opportunity to grow our membership along with reaching others in the community.



PEDALS FOR PROGRESS COLLECTION

Sat., September 16

Anne Fitzgerald

afitzgerald138@gmail.com

860-673-1216



It's been two years since our last Pedals for Progress collection. In past years you have been generous with your support in many ways and I now ask for your bike and sewing machine donations as well as your time and talent to staff the collection, our 9th!

P4P collects used adult and children's bicycles (no tricycles) whether or not in working order but with no or very little rust to be shipped to third world countries. Portable sewing machines or those removed from the cabinet along with the foot or knee pedal are welcome as well. Bicycles provide transportation to jobs and schools, and have even been used for delivery and taxis. Women are trained how to sew and are able to have their own businesses in their homes to provide an income for their families.

It costs on average \$52 to get a bike to its new home. To succeed, P4P requests a \$20 cash or check donation with each bicycle at collections. There is a direct correlation between the volume of bicycles and expenses. All cash, check and material donations are fully tax deductible as allowed by law and a receipt will be provided that will include the value of the bike or sewing machine. Pedals for Progress is a 501(c)(3) corporation and can be researched at www.p4p.org.

I am hoping you will be willing to help at the registration table, take the bikes or sewing machines from donors, flatten the bikes (training provided) and/or walk the bikes to the back of the church and stow the sewing machines. Previous volunteers will remember Gary Michel from P4P. He has retired and Alan Schultz will come to collect everything (he was with Gary in 2021) but will not be here on collection day. He will drive up in a truck either Tuesday or Wednesday, September 19 or 20 at a time to be determined. We will store the bikes in the back of the church

and the sewing machines inside the church in a place to be determined.

Set up will begin at about 8:30 a.m. and I could also use some help bringing the table, chairs, trash basket, etc. outdoors to the upper parking lot.

8:30-9:00 Set up

9-10 Registration; flattening bikes, all-around floater

10-11 Registration, flattening bikes, all-around floater

11-12 Registration, flattening bikes, all-around floater

Tuesday or Wednesday, 9/19 or 9/20 at a time to be determined, help load the truck

I will be there the entire time.

Please let me know if and when you are willing to help and thank you in advance.



MEAL FOR WINSTED

Laura Gorden

On **August 5 64 meatloaf meals** were delivered to Winsted. Thank you to Courtney Robinson, Linda Harris, John Perotti, Heather Kelsey and the unnamed volunteers for helping me to prepare and deliver these meals.

October 7 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 remaining date for Winsted meals is December 2



BANANA TRES LECHES DESSERT

Per many requests from those who've enjoyed this dessert, Laura Gorden has graciously shared the recipe with us all!!! Thanks, Laura!!!

- 1 box White Cake Mix + (water, vegetable oil and eggs called for on cake mix box)
- 1 cup mashed bananas (2 medium)
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 can cream of coconut
- 1 tub (8 oz) cool whip
- 1 cup coconut (toasted if desired)

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom only of a 9x13-inch baking pan.
- 2) In a large bowl, beat cake mix, water, vegetable oil, eggs, and mashed banana with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds, then on medium speed 2 minutes. Pour into pan.
- 3) Bake 33 to 38 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 1 hour.
- 4) Poke top of cake every ½ inch with swizzle stick, wiping occasionally to reduce sticking. In large bowl, stir together sweetened condensed milk and cream of coconut. Carefully pour evenly over top of cake. Cover; refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight for mixture to absorb into cake.
- 5) Spread with 8-oz. container of cool whip. Sprinkle flaked coconut over top. Garnish each serving with a banana slice if desired.

MUMC PAVILION

Laura Gorden



The MUMC pavilion is near completion. The project was started on June 24 as a church workday. The first team to work on the pavilion (in the rain) was: John Fillian, Dave Gorden, Kevin and Julia Sweet, Nate Ross and Daniel Grimason.

With Dave Gorden's leadership and Mark Borenstein's and Kevin Sweet's dedication, the project continued throughout July and August. There were many helping hands coming together to make sure that this project will be completed by October: David Crompton, John Fillian, Anne Fitzgerald, Laura Gorden, Brian and Kay Hunter, Tad Kuziak, John Perotti, Courtney Robinson, Matt and Nate Ross, Gabby and Julia Sweet, Duncan (a new face to our church), and the unnamed volunteers. Linda Arnold's son, Everett brought a crew on two days; one to complete the decking and again to shingle the roof.

Thank you to Linda Arnold for this gift to the church and for all the workers who saw this project to completion. This project is a beautiful memorial to Linda Arnold's husband, Ken, and will add a nice venue to our church for various warm weather activities.



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.

GETTING READY FOR PUMPKIN PATCH

Mark your calendars with these dates and look for updates and other information in your e-mail messages

- 9/16 Patch setup'
- 9/23 Pumpkin delivery!!
- 9/30 Patch opens!!!



MISSIONS

Linda Johansen, 860-673-6477

With your help, we were able to fill 16 backpacks for children who are going back to school. The case manager picked them up soon after church, Sunday, August 20th. Thank you!



Missions is hosting a **TAG SALE** on the church lawn **Saturday, September 30th from 9am to 1pm**. 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. Please contact me if interested.

HERE WE ARE UPON THE HEELS OF FALL 2023

You and Me in Harmony!

Tamari Witkin

The Summer is departing and signs of Fall are emerging with their imminent beauty and cool respite. As we prepare ourselves for this new season, we get ready to roll up our sleeves to practice and share the *ineffably positive* energy that music brings to all...



Choir will meet on Thursdays the 7th, the 21st and the 28th. Hand Bells will begin rehearsing on the last Thursday of the month on the 28th, right after Choir, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We have

acquired some wonderfully instructive posters on how to play the hand bells and look forward to sharing their information with anyone who wishes to join the hand bell choir! the more ringers the better! For that first rehearsal we'll focus on 'Borning Cry' and feel free to introduce other pieces for us to sight-read for possible future performances.



CHURCHERY SCHOOL OUR 51ST YEAR!!!

The Churchery school begins its 51st year on September 5th with full classes. The last few weeks were spent getting the classrooms ready. A big thank you to Bill Rebillard and John Fillian for all they did to make our rooms look fabulous. Once again Boy Scout Troop 170 cleaned our playground, we appreciate them. Susan, Jessica, Jennifer, Yuki, Jaclyn and I are excited to begin what promises to be another terrific year!!



MEMORIAL GARDEN

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 winding down, school is starting, but NOW is still a great time to visit the garden. The weather in late summer or early fall can be the best for enjoying the beauty of the garden. Everything is green and healthy and colorful and the temperatures cooperate most of the time. Come to just sit and listen to the birds or maybe even your own thoughts. Be at peace.

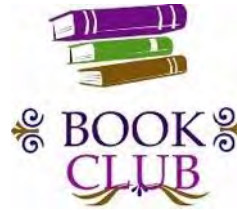


We have an annual event in our garden, the **Service of Remembrance**, which honors our church family members and friends who have passed away and whose cremains may be buried or scattered in our garden. It's very meaningful for us to remember those we love and hold close to our hearts. The Service is scheduled for **September 17, in the garden, after the 10:30 am church service**. If the weather does not cooperate then the service will be held in the church. Please join us to remember and honor our departed church family members and friends.

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.

God bless, Jeff Tremback



THE OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

[Contact: Heather Kelsey,
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To kick off the school year we are reading *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. “In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle’s complexion isn’t dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American. *The Personal Librarian* tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.” (Penguinrandomhouse.com)

Our discussion will be held **Sunday, September 17th at 7pm**. We will meet in the Parlor and on Zoom (contact Heather if you need the link) and all are welcome!



BOOKS UP FOR GRABS!!

Kay Hunter/Anne Fitzgerald

Sorting through and organizing MUMC’s we’ve come across a number that we will not be keeping in the library. Check out the library cart in fellowship hall and help yourself to any book that you find of interest. Please do NOT return – pass on.

AVON MEMORIAL UMC YOUTH GROUP



POOL PARTY

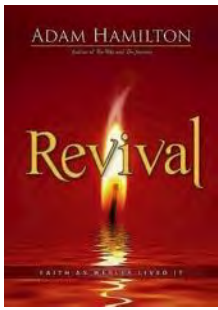
Sunday August 13

A good time was had by all as 10 kids enjoyed a hot afternoon in the pool at the Tardiff home. Moms and grandma enjoyed an afternoon of conversation sitting by the pool. BIG thank you to Robert and Tina Tardiff for hosting us all and providing pizza, grinders, snacks and beverages!!!



Further upcoming events include:

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



BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Our Bible Study starts on September 20th (Wednesday) at 7pm and September 21st (Thursday) at 10:30 am, using the book, “*Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It*,” written by Adam Hamilton. Pastor Sungmu will lead the weekly Bible study so that you may attend either on Wednesday night or Thursday morning in the Parlor or on Zoom. We will study together Wesley’s message and his faith that continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed.

Please join us for a six-week journey as each week’s DVD follows the life of John Wesley and explores his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley’s story is our story. It defines our faith, and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. Please pick up your book from the church office.



HARTFORD ATHLETIC SOCCER TEAM

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 9TH- 7PM!!!**

Contact: Linda Kime

They offer a group rate of \$15/person open seating, plus VIP gate open 6pm to be at team practice area, Group Name announced at halftime and after game group photo on the field! I think this is a GREAT way others SEE what fun peeps we from MUMC are!!! We NEED to know if any of us are interested in making this a very cool group outing for youth & adults, so PLEASE contact Linda Kime ASAP @ 860-305-0526 or lmk318@aol.com. It is an opportunity to have FUN & get folks to SEE us!!!



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, September 17

- 8:30 am Quiet Worship with Communion
- 9:30 am Sunday School – age 3 through adults
- 10:30 am Family worship with Children’s Church
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour



TRUSTEES UPDATE

John Fillian, Chair

Building Usage – It’s been a busy summer for usage with the Science camp for four weeks. Rolling into VBS for a week. And Bill and Sexton deserves a shout out for staying on top of these events. Also complete waxing of the classrooms, hall and rug shampooing in preparation of the transition back into Churchery session.

Church Building - Unfortunately, we had unwanted guests this summer which would be bees they liked our building so much they wanted to call at home. This seems to be an annual event. In which they had to get evicted.

Entrance doors on lower level - As we have mentioned before we’re trying to minimize the use of the Power assist doors. Reason being is the cost of repair is always high. We asked the congregation when unlocking these doors please make sure both panic bars are unlocked so both doors can be used. So inactive doors can be used. New signs will be installed to encourage this behavior.

Church Grounds - Garden recapture is in progress. A big Thank You to Hal and Linda for their extensive amount of work. As I mentioned before trustees is open to input on this matter.

Parsonage - A walk through of the parsonage took place. Mechanical contractor is coming out to service the boiler. The clothes dryer drive belt has broken and has been replaced. and we have decided to prop up the wooded split rail fence posts with steal snow fence posts to get an additional couple years out of the fence.

“SECOND CHURCH”

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Acts 3: 42, 43, 47

When my nephew was about ten, he declared one day, that the best part of Sunday was going to “second church”. For the life of me, I could not imagine what second church was, until he explained “Second Church is the part of church where we get juice and cookies!”

What a wonderful description of fellowship/ coffee hour – *second church*. In first church, we worship and encounter God with hymns, prayers, and Scripture. In first church, we are commanded to go into the world with the Word, sharing with those we meet. In second church we bring those lessons learned to our community. Second church is when we speak and listen to each other; here is when we laugh and break bread (or cookies) together; here is when we hold a hand and listen to concerns, worries, as well as joyful life happenings. In second church, questions are asked, stories are shared and plans for ministry are formulated. In second church, all voices are encouraged and heard.

As you can see, second church is an essential portion of Sunday worship. And the cookies are really good!

Thank you to those who have hosted and provided for our fellowship hours over the summer. Our various committees and service groups take turns hosting our Fellowship Hour from September through June.

Won't you please join us and experience the joy and community of “Second Church”??

(Second Church courtesy of Pastor Barbara Schaffer of Pleasant Valley UMC)



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Linda Kime

Fellowship 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.

September Fellowship Hour Host is...

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Compiles annually a complete budget for the local church and submits it to the Church Council for review and adoption; develops and implements plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted; administers the funds received according to instructions from the Church Council.

Financial Secretary oversees the counting and recording of all funds contributed to the local church and reports to the Finance Committee all contributions in aggregate; provides timely reports to all contributors of their giving.

Current Treasurer disburses all money contributed to causes represented in the local church budget and other funds as the Church Council may determine; reports each month to the Church Council all church funds received and expended.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Greg Slone



Adjusting for carryover from last year, the current general fund balance as of the end of July was a year to date deficit of just over \$3,000. As a reminder, the annual apportionments will be paid in December based upon the surplus position of the general fund near year end, although anything less than full apportionment payment would require church council approval.



**FIRST FRIDAY
POTLUCK LUNCH
HONORING
LABOR DAY**
Friday, September 1
12 noon

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late 19th century when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity and well-being.

Won't you join us for lunch on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AT NOON** to celebrate our American workers and our contributions to our American Heritage. Bring your favorite snack, main or side dish, salad, rolls or dessert to share – if you can- but as always not compulsory – come to enjoy not only a great variety of good food – but also great conversation, friendship and fellowship!! Invite friends to join you!!! The more the merrier for sure!!!!

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.



While it is our intention to meet in the Memorial Garden when weather permits, if it does not cooperate, we meet in Fellowship Hall. 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!!!!**



**SOMETHING OLD?
SOMETHING NEW?**

**MONTHLY
POTLUCK
SUPPERS**

Our monthly Pot Luck suppers provide the opportunity for ALL to gather together on a Friday evening to enjoy an evening of a variety of food, fellowship and conversation. Our next is scheduled for **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 5:30 PM.** 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.

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.

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



2023 VACATION BIBLE CAMP HERO HOTLINE

Diane Hornaday
VBS Director

Our Vacation Bible School this year was nothing short of AWESOME! I truly think this was one of our best ever. We had 38 registrations, and final attendance of **33 – 35**, to be a part of our Hero Hotline and learn to be heroes for God.

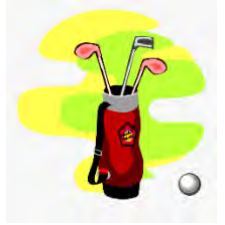
The children arrived every day smiling and laughing and enjoying each other. We had five program segments – Story, Music, Recreation, Crafts and Science, with a break midway for snacks. They were fully engaged during each activity. That was because of the outstanding preparation of our staff. We had **17 adult teachers and group guides and 13 youth assistants**.

An unexpected pleasure for us was the two adults coming to work with us from the Torrington UMC who had heard about our program at Cooperative Parish meetings.

Our work was dedicated to God and I firmly believe He blessed it.

IT'S O'KAY CLASSIC

Monday, September 25
The Country Club of Farmington
Farmington CT



Hosted by Ben Roberts, The It's O'Kay Classic is back for its sixth year to honor the life and memory of Kay Roberts (long time active and devoted member of Memorial) while supporting families living with ALS across the entirety of New England.

By joining our mission - either by playing 18, or joining us for the tournament reception - you'll be helping to provide reliable and ongoing support services to persons, families, and caregivers living with ALS across New England!

You can register at:

[It's O'Kay Classic | thesusiefoundation](https://www.thesusiefoundation.org/its-okay-classic)

For the past few years a number of us have been gathering for the **dinner/reception**. If you are interested in joining us, please **register on line**, but then also please **let Kay Hunter** know. We will notify Ben of the names and number and he will reserve a table (or two) for MUMC. Dinner is scheduled for 5 pm, but arrive early to check in and for time to purchase raffle tickets.





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.

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.

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PARISH SPONSORED EVENT

MEADOW GATHERING

Litchfield Saturday, 9/23 11-2

(rain date Sun., 9/24 1-3)

Tapping Reeve Meadow, Litchfield

Time to sit and chat, visit museum, stroll the streets of Litchfield. Lunch provided. Bring chairs, blankets, games, etc. Check out flyer on bulletin boards

PARISH CHURCH EVENTS

ASBURY UMC, 90 Church Ave., Bristol

BRISTOL MUM PARADE

Sun., 9/24 2 pm Asbury is joining the parade. Would love to see the parish walking together.

More info? Contact Heidi Borkowski at hfostrbork@aol.com

COFFEE HOUSE

Sat, 9/30 6-8:30 pm Free will donation; refreshments available

ANIMAL BLESSINGS

Sat 10/7 10 am – 12 pm

FIRST UMC, 21 Fern Drive, Torrington

5TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sat. 10/7 – 9 Hole Scramble at Greenwoods Country Club, 300 Torrington St., Winsted. See Bulletin Board for flyer with details

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL CRAFT FAIR

Sat. 10/28 9 am-3 pm at Torrington FUMC
See Bulletin Board for flyer with details.



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

CELEBRATING GRACE - 102 YEARS!!!

Fifteen friends from the facility where she now resides, along with her daughter Carolyn Rhines, gathered to celebrate Grace Forsythe's 102nd Birthday!!! It is so wonderful to see Grace looking so well.





DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Fri 9/1	12 pm	11	First Friday Pot Luck Lunch – Labor Day
Sun 9/10	10:30 am	1	Church Family Picnic
Sat 9/16	9 am-12 pm	4	Pedals for Progress
		-	Pumpkin Patch setup
Sun 9/17	8:30 & 10:30 am	-	Return to regular worship times
	9:30 am	-	Sunday School begins!!
	11:20 am	7	Memorial Garden Service of Remembrance
Wed 9/20	7 pm	9	Bible Study – “Revival” begins (weekly study)
Thu 9/21	10:30 am		
Fri 9/22	5:30 pm	11	Pot Luck Supper
Sat 9/23		-	Pumpkin Delivery
	11 am-2 pm	13	Meadow Gathering – Litchfield (Rain date 9/24 1-3)
Sun 9/24	2 pm	13	Bristol Mum Parade – Asbury UMC
Mon 9/25	10 – 6 pm	12	It’s O’Kay Classic – golf tournament and dinner
Sat 9/30		-	PUMPKIN PATCH OPENS
	9 am-12 pm	6	Tag Sale
		-	Bake Sale / Hot dog sales
	6-8:30 pm	13	Asbury UMC Coffee House

MARK YOUR CALENDARS LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER!!!

Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Fri 10/6	12 pm	-	First Friday Pot Luck Lunch
Sat 10/7	8-10 am	4	Winsted Meal
	10 am-12 pm	13	Animal Blessings – Asbury UMC
	11 am-2 pm	-	Kids Day at the Patch
	2 pm – Reg.	13	5 th Annual Golf Tournament – Torrington FUMC
Fri 10/20	5:30 pm	-	Pot Luck Supper
Sat 10/28	9 am-3 pm	13	Annual Fall Festival Craft Fair – Torrington FUMC
Sun 10/29	4-5 pm	-	Trunk or Treat
	5:30 pm	-	Pumpkin Patch Thank You Supper
Tue 10/31		-	Pumpkin Patch closes!

***PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT LATEST HAPPENINGS
AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION!***

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