



Guiding To and Growing Through the Christian Life

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Sunday Worship Schedule:
Through 9/15: 9:30am Worship
Beginning 9/22:
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>

I am so thankful to celebrate confirmation on September 15th. And I am so proud of the five candidates: Alexa Hunter, Ella Ross, Daniel Slone, Makayla Tardiff, and

Robert Tardiff. During the past year they have studied at the 13-session confirmation classes, spent at least 30 church service hours, and passed the individual interview with me.

They have worked very hard and faithfully. Finally, they will be confirmed and become professing members at our church. At the ceremony, I will ask each candidate, "Will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?" If you are a member of our church, you must have answered yes to this question.

I often hear modern Christians saying, "I am too busy to go to church. I am too busy to participate in church activities. I am too busy to help others in need." I want to say to them, "No Christians are too busy to do the basics of Christianity." This is not something extra but basic. And this is a matter of priority.



Our church has hundreds of professing members, but not many have put into practice what they promised with

God at the membership ceremony: "Will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?" I am saying this, not because I want you to feel guilty, but because I want to remind you of your basic responsibilities as church members.

As I often say, rights and responsibilities cannot be separated. By grace, we have become children of God and by faith, we have been given eternal life. On the other hand, as Christians and as God's children, we have to do some things for God and God's church. Friends, let us do the basics as Christians. Happy Confirmation!

Sungmu Lee

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PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor Sungmu is currently on vacation through Tuesday, September 3. Pastoral concerns should be directed to Kay Hunter via [the online contact form](#).

Holy Communion will be offered on September 8.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Beginning Sunday, September 22

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning week of September 16, Office Hours will be:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am – 2 pm.

HOMEcoming SUNDAY!!

Sunday, September 8 9:30 am

Vacations are done; kids are back in school; cool fall air is moving in. What a great time to return to Sunday worship! Come home to worship - stay to enjoy a light lunch and fellowship - plus time to catch up with your church family!!



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!!

September 15

8:30 am - Confirmands, families and mentors
Breakfast

9:30 - All join us in worship as we welcome our
five confirmands as professing members of our
Memorial:

Alexa Hunter
Ella Ross
Daniel Slone
Makayla Tardiff
Robert Tardiff



10:30 Stay for Fellowship Hour to honor and
congratulate them on this important day in their
Christian lives!!!



THE OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

[Contact: Heather Kelsey,
hrmkels@aol.com,
(860) 670-1163]

With a little adjustment we are now ready for our
"Reader's Choice- Fall Edition" meeting! Pick
your own title (or two) to read this month and then
join us on **Sunday, September 15th at 7pm in
Fellowship Hall** to share your thoughts about
your choice(s). It's a wonderful way to find out
about different titles and authors you may not
have been introduced to before. We will also take
the opportunity to put together our reading
calendar for the coming year, so bring your
reading suggestions along as well. Since the
meeting is in Fellowship Hall we hope you will be
able to join us in person. We will run Zoom,
however, for those who are unable to join us at
the church.

You don't have to be a regular participant in the
book group to join us at this meeting. We
welcome all who are interested in sharing and/or
hearing about books. And there will be snacks!



FIRST FRIDAY POT LUCK LUNCH Friday, September 6 12 pm

Fall is right around the corner! Please join us for
a great time of friendship, fellowship and always
a great variety of great food!!! Bring a main dish,
salad, rolls, snack to share if you can, but there's
always plenty if you can't.

Always great food and fellowship!!! Invite friends
both within and beyond MUMC to join you!!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Anne Fitzgerald
Rick Zeiser
Dave Gorden
Mary Gorden
Makenzie Tardiff

Cari Roberts
Daniel Slone
Callie Corbett
Emily Webster



SEPTEMBER 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

If you would like your special day(s) added to
newsletter and/or bulletin insert, please notify
the church office at avonmumc@gmail.com.

GUIDING & GROWING GROUP



Revitalization Task Force – has been renamed. Based on MUMC’s Mission Statement:

Guiding To and Growing Through the Christian Life

we’ve become the Guiding and Growing Group – as that is our goal - to guide and grow our members and members of the community to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We have plans for many events throughout the fall and winter and even into spring which we hope you all will participate in as well as invite friends and neighbors to join you. Also we hope these events will be attractive to members of the community which they will find enjoyable and meaningful and spark their interest in MUMC.

We certainly welcome any ideas and especially anyone interested in being part of this group to join us in our efforts to regrow Memorial!!!

Evangelism - a word that strikes fear in the hearts of most!!! But evangelism is an important part of being part of a church. Jesus said: Go and make disciples . This is called The Great Commission. It is the direction that Jesus has given us. But approaching people, sharing your faith and inviting them to learn more is not easy.

We are hopefully providing you with a few tools to make it easier.

Ask Me About MUMC buttons are available to all to wear any time. The trick is to wear the pin upside down so someone who sees it will point that out to you, and hopefully take a moment to read the pin and “ask you about MUMC”. When they do then you can share who we are and give them an MUMC business card which you conveniently carry in your pocket or purse!

More plans and ideas to come!!!

Another opportunity is the study that we are offering at MUMC in September and October.....

TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM Fall Group Study at MUMC

Pastor Sungmu Lee



I strongly recommend you to attend the 6-week group study in person or on zoom in September and October, based on the book “*Transforming Evangelism—the Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith.*” The book includes a new approach to evangelism. Traditionally, Christian

evangelism tries to change others. But according to the book, the pastor and the church leaders should change first.

Then, the whole church will change naturally, and more people will come to your church, which is “transforming evangelism.” As I read the book, I experienced that my heart was warmed again and found myself more excited and more enthusiastic than ever to do ministry. I have been changing. Let us change together through the group study and accomplish “transforming evangelism” at our church. Amen.

Study books are available in the church office

Session 1: Chapter 1 & 2 led by Pastor Sungmu
Wed. 9/18 7pm & Thu. 9/19 10:30 am

Session 2: Chapter 3 led by Pastor Sungmu
Wed. 9/25 7 pm & Thu 9/26 10:30 am

Session 3: Chapter 4 led by Diane Hornaday
Wed. 10/2 7pm & Thu 10/3 10:30am

Session 4: Chapter 5 led by Pat Kelly
Wed. 10/9 7pm) & Thu. 10/10 10:30am

Session 5: Chapter 6 led by Diane Hornaday
Wed. 10/16 7pm & Thu. 10/17 10:30am

Session 6: Chapter 7 led by Pat Kelly
Wed. 10/23 7pm & Thu. 10/24 10:30am

MEMORIAL GARDEN



Hello Garden Lovers,

Greetings! We have had a wonderful summer. Everything in the garden has grown so well during

the summer. The garden is looking better than ever. We will resume regular Garden Committee meetings at the end of the month with an eye on the fall.



We will also host the annual **Service of Remembrance on Sunday, 9/22/24, after the 10:30am service.** We expect a very good turnout again this year. This is our opportunity to remember our family members and friends who have gone before us. May God bless them all and us.

We are still looking for new members who wish play in the dirt. No experience necessary. We can provide all the on the job training you may need. And the fellowship with like-minded Garden Committee members is priceless. Please join us for a day or two to meet us and see what we are all about.

The Garden Committee invites everyone to visit the garden to rest, and relax, and be at peace with the world. PLEASE visit the garden on a regular schedule, or occasionally as your busy schedule will allow, to watch the garden grow and change with the seasons. Bring a friend to share the experience, have a relaxing lunch, come to meditate, commune with nature, or be with a loved one who is remembered in the garden. Just come to the garden. You will never regret it.

Peace,
Jeff Tremback
Memorial Garden Committee chairperson



WOMEN OF FAITH & FUN FALL STUDY

Chris Calandriello

We have had three wonderful studies with the Women of Faith and Fun group here at MUMC thus far. Our next study is going to be on prayer and will begin mid-September. I am working with Pastor Lee and one of our current study group members, Susan Isaac, to narrow down one for review and approval.

Meanwhile, I am looking for feedback on what time the Women of Faith and Fun would like to meet on Saturday mornings. My thought is that this would enable working women, Moms with kids, and retired women to all be able to participate. Also, because it is on Zoom too, those who are homebound, not able to drive, or live farther away, etc. they too can participate.

Please email me at my new address, ccalandriello@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your feedback. May we continue to grow in faith, grace, and love as we delve deeper into prayer with our savior, Jesus, and each other.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Jenn Lamoureux, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School will start on **Sunday September 22, 2024 at 9:30.** Sunday School runs from **9:30-10:20.**

Classes:

Prek K-Grade 4. Combined. Room 203
Teachers: Jenn Lamoureux and Ida Franklin
Tina Tardiff and Kim Kaffka

Grades 5-8. Room 105
Teachers Kevin Sweet and Greg Slone
Kay Hunter and Beth Slone

High School Grades 9-12 Room 106
Teachers: Pat Kelly and Doug Kafka

IT'S O'KAY CLASSIC

Monday, September 30
The Country Club of Farmington
Farmington CT



Hosted by Ben Roberts, The It's O'Kay Classic is back for its 7th 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!

Registration 10 am
Shotgun Start 1 pm

You can register at:
[It's O'Kay Classic | thesusiefoundation](https://thesusiefoundation.com)

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 via [the online contact form](#). We will notify Ben of the names and number and he will reserve a table (or two) for MUMC. **Dinner is scheduled for 5:30 pm**, but arrive early to check in and for time to purchase raffle tickets.



POTLUCK SUPPERS

Our Pot Luck suppers provide the opportunity for ALL to gather together for fellowship.

In order to provide more opportunities, we will be alternating these suppers between Friday and Sunday evenings.

Our first will be held on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 5:30 pm**. enjoy an evening of a variety of food, fellowship and conversation. Our next is scheduled for **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 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.

DISPOSAL OF OLD BIBLES

Anne Fitzgerald and
Kay Hunter



During the course of going through all the books in our parlor library, we discovered a few Bibles and hymnals that are no longer usable. We struggled with how to dispose of them and it turns out there is no one particular way to do so.

A google search resulted in this one thought: "The Scriptures provide no instructions regarding how to dispose of an old Bible. While God's word is holy and to be honored (Psalm 138:2), there's nothing sacred or hallowed in the physical materials of the book: paper, parchment, leather, and ink. Believers are to cherish and respect the Bible, but not worship or idolize it." One's conscience is the guide.

Pastor Lee recommended we respectfully cremate them. We invite you to bring religious items of yours that are no longer usable for the cremation planned for **Sunday, September 29 following worship** on the upper courtyard. Prior to doing so, however, please check it for items that might have been inserted over the years. Also, Anne would be happy to photograph the cover, spine, title page and your family marriage, birth and death records before the 29th for your safekeeping. Give her a call to make that arrangement.

We look forward to disposing of these items in a respectful way.



**“WALK”
THROUGH
MUMC HISTORY**

Sunday, September 29

Kay Hunter, Records & History

A historical visit to the 5 previous locations of our church. Meet and carpool to two locations in Burlington Center to view and visit the first two places of worship by Methodists in this area in the early 1800s, then a drive to Unionville to view and visit the three locations as parishioners decided they wanted to worship in Unionville. We are hoping to arrange for a visit inside the stone church on School Street. Then we will return to Avon to learn about the building of our current church and the addition of our education wing. So much history to experience our early Methodist presence.

We will meet in our church parking lot at 3 pm to carpool to Burlington, Unionville and back to Avon in time to join other members for our Family Pot Luck Supper at 5:30.

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO
HAVE TROUBLE
GETTING OUT**

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

Bob E.
11 Litchfield Rd.
Unionville, CT 06085



Altar Flowers

**OPPORTUNITIES
FOR
ALTAR FLOWERS**

Barbara Chase / Linda Arnold

There are currently openings for Altar Flowers in September and October.

9/1	9/22	10/27
9/8	10/20	

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, avonmumc.org. Scroll down home page to bottom to QUICK LINKS and click on ALTAR FLOWERS DONATION which will take you to the link 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.

The price for altar flowers is \$40.

If you order 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 11 am to 4 pm.

**KEEP US INFORMED FOR
PASTORAL CARE**

Just a reminder that if you should hear of someone from the congregation who is ill or has another need for pastoral care, please contact **Pastor Sungmu** or **Kay Hunter, chair of 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.

MUMC MISSIONS AT WORK

Laura Gorden, Committee Chair

WINSTED MEALS

On August 3, 64 meatloaf meals were prepared and delivered to Winsted. Thank you to Courtney Robinson, Linda Harris, Heather Kelsey and Ann W. for helping me.



October 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 on August 25 for distribution to the 11 students.

UPCOMING TAG SALE

October 5 the MUMC Missions Committee will be holding a tag sale in Fellowship Hall 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. We only ask that you donate 10% of your profits or a maximum of \$20 to the MUMC Missions Fund. Your items must be removed after 1pm. It is also possible to donate items to the missions' table, but any items not sold from this table will be taken to Goodwill at the end of the day. Please contact me if interested.



UMARMY (United Mission Action Reach-out Ministry for Youth)

Dave Gorden and Julia Sweet attended the one held in Hampton, NH the week of July 14-20. There was a total of 30 participants and Dave and Julia were on the same team working on building a new stoop and stairs for the client to have access out of her house from her front



entrance. The stoop was made big enough so that the client can sit in a chair and enjoy being outside.

Dave & Laura Gorden, Nate & Ella Ross, and Kevin & Julia Sweet attended the one held in West Hartford, CT the week of July 21-27. There was a total of 64 participants at the camp with work sites being located in Farmington, Hartford, Newington, New Britain, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Portland.

Our youth stayed overnight at the church but Dave, Laura and Kevin had the privilege of going home to their own homes each night. Kevin and Julia were on the same team building a ramp and greenhouse on the church grounds of the Hartford UMC on Farmington Avenue. Nate and Ella were on different teams and did yard work and serving meals at the New Britain soup kitchen. Dave and his team worked on various projects including digging up sod and laying stone for a gazebo at the Newington UMC, removing a deteriorated fence (and getting into poison ivy) and putting up a new fence, and then traveling to Portland to do weeding, door and gazebo repairs. Kevin and Dave had to finish their projects in the weeks following UMARMY.

THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH



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

Although we seem to have a core group, our numbers change from week to week. We share stories, memories and even discuss current affairs a bit. We share happy news and concerns.

Always lively conversation and fellowship. Won't you join us? Just pack up your own lunch and beverage. Coffee and tea are available. **There's always room for more!!! Just give us a try!!!**

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES



Building use:

We are still actively renting out space here at Memorial. Sci Kidz camp had a very successful year with 5 weeks of camp in late June and most of July. Their use of the school facility was well met by the needs of the camp. Looking also for the future to possible renting of the fellowship hall to a dance group that does Bollywood.

Parsonage:

Planning for fall cleanup , shrubs and bushes trimmed, gutters cleaned out. A Saturday workday will be planned and any help will be appreciated.

Church Building:

Pastor Lee finally has air conditioning/heat in his office, the split system has been repaired. We will be looking into a maintenance contract for all units in the church and offices.

Many thanks to Mark Borenstein for his hard work repairing loose bricks on the stairs near the pavilion .

We had a busy and successful summer. I want to thank everyone that made this happen. Especially want to thank Martha, who is in charge of the building usage part of the trustees and her work with "Sci-Kids" the STEM summer camp program that rented the first floor education wing for 5 Weeks.

Thank you to Bill our Sexton for being flexible and available to get things done when needed. He has done a fabulous job with taking care of cleaning during and after scikidz camp. He also did some summer maintenance with waxing and cleaning of the tile floors in the school area.

That's all for news and updates, enjoy the rest of summer and prayers for sunshine to end the month.

Thank You All



To the Parishioners of Memorial United Methodist Church,

Thank you all for your prayers for me and my family during such a scary time.

We'd like to especially thank Pastor Sungmu Lee who came and visited me, comforted me, with his visits and gave me peace.

The power of prayers helped me through! We look forward to coming to church services this fall!

Thank you!

Sue Cyr (Tina Tardiff's mother)



MUMC COMMITTEES OPEN MEETINGS

Do you have an interest in what's happening with MUMC committees ...church council? Have ideas, questions, concerns? Please be aware that with the exception of Staff Parish Relations and Nominations Committees which require confidentiality – ALL meetings are open for anyone to attend.

While all have a voice, only committee members have a vote. All input and ideas are appreciated. We would love to hear from you....Our website calendar lists all committee meetings



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

2024 CAMP FIRELIGHT [Beth Slone]

What a glorious week we had as 26 children participated in our Vacation Bible Camp. In Psalm 56:3, God teaches us, “Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you.” This was the primary lesson that we hope we instilled in these children. We experienced 5 Bible stories relating to trust: Trusting God to go with us, to lead the way, to share wisdom, to give us peace, and to spark joy through Bible storytelling, music, science, recreation, crafts, and even snack time. All arrived with enthusiasm and left with smiles on their faces.

A BIG thank-you to our volunteers:

Kevin Sweet, Camp Counselor Sam

Diane Hornaday, Director



Gayle Attruia
Linda Arnold
Donna Baily
Chris Calandriello
Jan Colturi
Jennifer Hunter
Kay Hunter
Hyeonjin Kim
Linda Kime
Jenn Lamoureux
Rev. Sungmu Lee
Kathryn Robinett
Joan Robinson
Beth Slone
Brenda Slone
Greg Slone
Julia Sweet

Youth:
Alex Baily
Thomas Baily
Ivan Garrow-Cooke
Alexa Hunter
Madi Lamoureux
Plus friends:
Ava
Perla
Amelia
Nova Mailhot
Ella Ross
Nate Rpss
Daniel Slone
Rpbert Tardiff

Thank you also to Bob Marshall and Hyeonjin Kim for their great photography all week long and to our custodian, Bill Rebillard, for the extra cleaning and beyond. We wish to extend a special, BIG thank-you to our “Camp Counselor in Training” Kevin Sweet who led us all through opening and closing assemblies. It was a glorious week!

Praise be to God!



SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Linda Kime

Fellowship Hour in Fellowship Hall after Sunday worship continues to be a vital time of conversation and fellowship.

Responsibility for hosting Fellowship Hour rotates among the many committees of MUMC. Keeping it very light and simple this year. We appreciate the committee members giving us this service.

September Fellowship Hour Host is FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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. (Book of Discipline ¶ 258.4)

We'd like to re-start **"COFFEE & CONVERSATION"** in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for those 8:30 worship attendees who want to gather after, and those who have children in Sunday school, and anyone who comes early before 10:30 worship. Keurig coffee maker will be on for self-serve cup of Jo! Creamer and sweeteners will be out.

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.



MEMORIAL'S FOOD PANTRY

Please help keep our food pantry stocked by bringing non-perishable food items to 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 by the lower church entrance.

NARCAN AVAILABLE AT MUMC

Linda Johansen

Narcan, or Naloxone HCl, nasal spray will now be available for emergency use at our church. It is used for the emergency treatment of an opioid overdose, as it rapidly reverses the opioid's deadly, sedating effects. It will be stored in the Automated External Defibrillator cabinet near the office. This has been approved by the church council and trustees. Please see me if any questions. If you find a need to access and administer, please **CALL 911 FIRST**.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MEMORIAL!!!

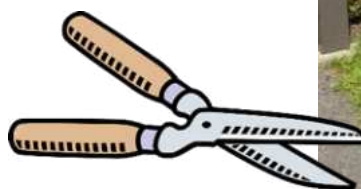
As you enter and leave Memorial, do you notice the weeding and mulching of the shrubbery around the building?

This is just one example of effort and accomplishment that are done *behind the scenes*.

In June, Lindas Kime and Johansen weeded all the beds around the church building, even courtyards off Fellowship Hall and Sr. Hi classroom. Marsha Kennedy was on board to help with the patio off sanctuary!

Last week in August they were back at it again for the Mothers Garden, little circle garden and between both lower glass entries. Bushes trimmed, weeded and mulched! They love working together to make things look pretty!!

We appreciate so much your hard work and devotion to MUMC!!!!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 13
Time TBD

A new offering at MUMC!! All are invited to bring their pets to Memorial for a brief Service and blessing of animals by Pastor Sungmu.

The service will be held around the pavilion. All animals must be leashed and controlled by their owners. Please invite friends, families and neighbors for this special opportunity. More details in our October newsletter.



KIDS DAY AT THE PATCH

SAT. 10/19 11-2
(rain date Sun 10/20 12-2)

Games, crafts, hayrides, bounce house, face painting and more. Invite friends and neighbors to join you!! A fun time and great way to introduce others to Memorial!!! Hope to see you all there! Sponsored by Education Committee

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 at Memorial -in the interest of safety and wellbeing of all and especially our little ones.



MUMC'S NEW WEBSITE

Kay Hunter
(Communications)

As a member of Communications at MUMC, Hyeonjin Kim has spent countless hours developing our new website for us. Not only does this minimize the annual cost for the website, but you will find it full of information that we can access in our ministries - also much information that can attract visitors to the website to inform and encourage them to join our ministries.

To easily access our calendar of events, click on **EVENTS** in upper right corner, scroll down to **FIND EVENTS List Month**. Click on "Month" list to access current and upcoming months' calendars.

In order to be sure it contains up to date information we need your help – if you schedule a meeting, change the date, time or details or cancel a meeting or event it is essential that you contact webmaster Hyeonjin at [**hjkim1030@icloud.com**](mailto:hjkim1030@icloud.com)

PLEASE NOTE: Requests for room use for events require a facility use form to be submitted to Martha Hillierner (office manager), Pastor Sungmu and Marsha Kennedy (Trustees). Can be sent via e-mail for quick response. Martha can then place on website calendar.

Website is jampacked with information on all areas of MUMC!!!

To easily access a specific item of interest, click on the + (plus) sign on the upper left of the home page and it will allow you to search for your item.

We're very excited and thankful to Hyeonjin for the great deal of work that went into bringing this new website to fruition!!!!



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP VISION, PURPOSE

Allen Nixon

The Bereavement Support Group resumes its meetings again on September 18th at 10:00am, in the church parlor and on Zoom. Our group meets on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of the summer months of July and August. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask Pastor Lee or Al Nixon via [the online contact form](#).

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.

A LESSON FROM WINNIE THE POOH

Author - AA Milne
Illustration - EH Shephard



It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's house.

Inside the house was Eeyore.
"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.
"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore, in a glum sounding voice.

"We just thought we'd check on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."
Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time with someone who is sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all, would you now."

Pooh looked and Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling sad, or alone, or not much fun to be around at all. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were there.

No more; no less.

A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Kevin Carson
Wisdom for Life
in Christ Together

As I read this common post recently on Facebook, it reminded me of our privilege as individuals to come alongside other people. Nearly a century ago, Milne and Shephard caught the care, kindness, and significance of authentic friendship.

As followers of Christ, the story of Pooh, Piglet, and Eeyore sounds almost like it could flow out of the Bible somewhere. In reality, it does capture everything that is good about relationships we can have together in Christ. Consider what the Bible recommends us doing on a daily basis:

¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. (Romans 12:10-13)

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15)

² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

We can do the same. You can make a dramatic difference in the lives of others. Begin by paying attention. Look around and see people, see their needs, consider their hurts, and determine to move toward them. Maybe it is a smile, a word of kindness, a genuine question, or a heartfelt hug – who knows what may be just the thing that helps your friend?

Our goal is to be like Christ around others and help point people to Him as we can (2 Cor 5:18-21). We love Christ then choose to love people. The more we love Christ and people, the better we will be with our ministry of presence.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Fri 9/6	12 pm	3	First Friday Pot Luck Lunch
Sun 9/8	10:30 am	2	HOME COMING SUNDAY!!! – Fellowship Hour Lunch
Sat 9/14	9 am-12 pm		Pumpkin Patch setup (9/21 rain date)
Sun 9/15	8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 7 pm	3 3	Confirmation Breakfast Confirmation Sunday Worship Confirmation Celebration! Other Good Book Group
Sun 9/22	8:30 & 10:30 am 9:30 am 11:20 am	2 5 5	Return to regular worship times Sunday School begins!! Memorial Garden Service of Remembrance
Wed. 9/18	8 am	-	Men's Breakfast Group
Wed 9/18	10 am	13	Bereavement Support Group
Wed 9/18 & 25	7 pm	4	Study Group – Chapters 1-3
Thu 9/19 & 26	10:30 am	4	Study Group – Chapters 1-3
Sun 9/22	11:30 am	5	Service of Remembrance – Memorial Garden
Sat 9/28	TBD	-	Pumpkin Delivery – PATCH OPENS
Sun 9/29	11:20 am 3 pm 5:30 pm	6 7 6	Bible Cremation Service Walk Through MUMC History Pot Luck Supper
Mon 9/30	10 – 6:30 pm	6	It's O'Kay Classic – golf tournament and dinner

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER!!!

Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Wed 10/2	7 pm	4	Study Group – Chapter 4
Thu 10/3	10:30 am	4	Study Group – Chapter 4
Fri 10/4	12 pm	-	First Friday Pot Luck Lunch
Sat 10/5	8-10 am 9 am-1 pm	8 8	Winsted Meal Tag Sale / Bake Sale
Wed 10/9	7 pm	4	Study Group – Chapter 5
Thu 10/10	10:30 am	4	Study Group – Chapter 5
Sat 10/12	TBD	12	Blessing of Animals
Wed. 10/16	8 am	-	Men's Breakfast Group
Wed 10/16	10 am	13	Bereavement Support Group
Wed 10/16	7 pm	4	Study Group – Chapter 6
Thu 10/17	10:30 am	4	Study Group – Chapter 6
Sat. 10/19	11 am-2 pm	12	Kids Day at the Patch
Sun. 10/20	7 pm	-	Other Good Book Group
Wed 10/23	7 pm	4	Study Group – Chapter 7
Thu 10/24	10:30 am	4	Study Group – Chapter 7
Sat. 10/26	9:30 am	-	Reverse Trick or Treat
Sun 10/27	4-5 pm 5:30 pm	- -	Tricks and Treats Pumpkin Patch Thank You Supper
Thu 10/31		-	Pumpkin Patch closes!

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