



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

Office Hours: Tue., Wed & Fri 9 am-2 pm
Sexton Hours; Mon-Sat 6-8 am Mon-Thu 1-2 pm
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On line worship:
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In Memory of Rev. David Chase

It was all of sudden, and we were all in shock. I realize again there are so many things in the world we cannot understand. I do not understand why David, such a dedicated person, passed away suddenly. Yet, there is one thing I can tell you for sure: Rev. David Chase is in a better place now. There is another thing I can tell you for sure: Someday you and I will see him again in heaven. He just went ahead of us, experiencing that a caterpillar becomes a beautiful butterfly.



The first thing I want to mention about David is that he came to the church whenever he had time. When we have a newcomer to the church, I emphasize: "This is God's church, and you are God's child. Therefore, this is your church. Please do not behave like you are a guest. You are the owner of this church." David took care of the church like his house because this is his church.

He was very generous toward others and his church. When I expressed my gratitude for his generous offerings, he said, "God has given me abundantly, and I am glad to share part of it with the church." He was also a humble server. When we had a potluck supper last month, I thought of him who used to do the dishes. In addition, he

worked hard at the pumpkin patch, selling and carrying pumpkins, taught the adult Sunday school until several days before he died, and preached at Sunday worship when I was away. If I continue, the story of his humble services will go on and on.

David and I had a monthly regular meeting since I came to our church two years ago. Not many people want to read a PhD dissertation, but he enjoyed reading mine and liked to have theological debates with me.

Here is a mysterious story when David was about 10 years old. The cement sidewalk in front of his Cincinnati home was being dug up and replaced. So, he went to see what was going on. He found a large man stretched out on the sidewalk, totally relaxed while holding the huge chisel that his co-worker was striking with a heavy sledgehammer.

"Aren't you afraid that he'll hit your hand?" David asked. The man answered, "Nope, he never misses." Then, he looked at the young boy and said, "Son, you're going to be a minister someday." At that time, David didn't like to go to church, so the remark didn't make any sense to him. But he remembered it.

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Thirty years later, he was an ordained Presbyterian minister. As an ordained minister, he shared wisdom with me, and I always appreciated his words of advice which have been very helpful for my ministry.

I have lost one of my best friends, and our church has lost one of our most dedicated persons. Because David had been so active, we may panic, thinking, "How can we manage without him?" It is true that he is no longer with us, but his spirit still remains at our church. I would like us to inherit his spirit of service and to dedicate ourselves to our church more than ever. Then, we will continue to function effectively and faithfully as a Christian church.

When I asked David to do something for me or for our church, he always answered, "Sure! Why not?" I would like to say to him, "David, I know you've already prayed in heaven for your family and friends. Please pray for our church, as well." I can hear him saying, "Sure! Why not?"

Thank you, David, for your friendship and for your faithful dedication to our church. David, have a wonderful vacation in heaven.

Sungmu Lee

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REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE TROUBLE GETTING OUT

A card would be so appreciated.

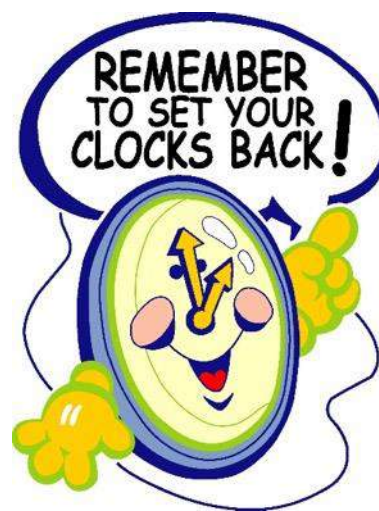
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(Please note new
address)

Bob's new phone #
is 860-384-4505





REMINDER: Please return your Stewardship materials as soon as possible to the church so we can begin to prepare a budget for 2025. You may bring it to the church with you, mail it in or e-mail or call me at: dhornaday@sbcglobal.net. 860-673-9634, Thank you.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Jean Erickson	Jo Cragin
Esther Petersen	Linda Harris
Diane Hornaday	Brian Hunter, Sr.
Killian Webster	Brendan Kelsey
Bob Erickson	Adrian Pizarro-Slevinsky
Elizabeth Slone	Gabby Sweet
Gail Colon	Miles Borenstein

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY



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

Rhett and Mary Tew

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

HONORING OUR SAINTS

Sunday, November 3
Sungmu Lee



“Historically, the Church has confessed a belief in the ‘communion of the saints,’ which includes not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. When we celebrate Holy Communion, we experience the communion of saints, feasting with believers’ past, present, and future. The author of Hebrews 12 reminds us that these saints, a ‘great cloud of witnesses,’ surrounds us and cheers us on.

On All Saints Day, United Methodists publicly remember and honor those who have passed away. Celebrated on the first Sunday in November, many congregations light candles, ring bells of remembrance, and call the names of those lost in the previous year as a way of honoring the impact their lives have had on us (Resource United Methodist Church).”

Our church will be lifting up names of those who have passed away during the past year in celebration of All Saints Day, November 3. We are also accepting photos that will be displayed on our screen as their names are read. Please get names of those you would like lifted up and photos in JPEG format to the church office (avonmumc@gmail.com) by **October 30 (Wednesday)**!

May the Lord bless us with spiritual gifts as we remember our All Saints!



FIRST FRIDAY POT LUCK LUNCH

Friday, November 1
12 pm

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. We will also be honoring and remembering our First Friday Saints with a slideshow of photos to honor and remember our special “saints”.

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Kay Hunter



Joining forces with Records & History Committee to recognize and honor our Veterans.

We have all the flags from last year which will be

displayed on the lawn along the road the week before and after Veterans Day. All will have the opportunity to order additional **American flags to which will be attached the name, branch of service and years or era of service of those remembered.** To honor additional loved ones, please send **the information to Kay [the online contact form](#).** Please provide info asap as we plan to **place the flags by Sunday, November 3.** All will be alphabetized We encourage you to take time to walk the path to see all who are being honored and remembered.

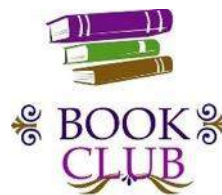
Also during worship on **Sunday, November 10, all veterans will be honored** with the playing of the songs from the 5 branches with the opportunity for all to sing along.

We will continue to honor our veterans during fellowship hour with a display of photos of veterans. **Please bring photos** – in uniform if possible – and provide name, branch of service and years or era of service if possible - on index cards that will be provided.



FALL CLEANUP OF MUMC GROUNDS Saturday, November 2

Many hands make light work!! Won't you join us – volunteer an hour (or two) for fall cleanup of our church grounds. This Saturday – November 2. Bring a rake, leaf blower, broom – your gloves and your energy. Always a great time of pride – and fellowship!!!



OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

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

November's book for discussion is *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. "It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson, a schoolteacher and spinster, is trying to get through life, surviving on scraps. One day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and small existence to set out on an expedition to the other side of the world in search of her childhood obsession: an insect that may or may not exist--the golden beetle of New Caledonia.

When she advertises for an assistant to accompany her, the woman she ends up with is the last person she had in mind. Fun-loving Enid Pretty in her tight-fitting pink suit and pom-pom sandals seems to attract trouble wherever she goes. But together these two British women find themselves drawn into a cross-ocean adventure that exceeds all expectations and delivers something neither of them expected to find: the transformative power of friendship. "[goodreads.com]



Our discussion will be held **Sunday, November 17th at 7:00 pm** in the Parlor and on Zoom. As always, all are welcome!



THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE

Our church will join the Interfaith Thanksgiving service on **Tuesday November 26** at Church of St. Ann in Avon (289 Arch Road @ West Avon Rd.).

A soup supper will be at 6pm and the interfaith service at 7pm. Watch for more information.



NOVEMBER 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.

November Fellowship Hour Hosts are RECORDS & HISTORY and WORSHIP COMMITTEES.

The mission of Records & History Committee is to preserve the records of the church so that future generations can know our heritage.

Worship Committee coordinates worship services with the pastor and music director; ensures a holy and sacred place for the service of worship; educates the congregation concerning the worship of God.

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.

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, especially our little ones.

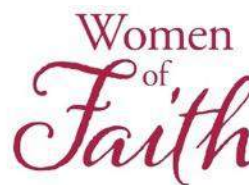
POTLUCK SUPPERS

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 next is scheduled for **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 at 5:30 pm.** This provides the opportunity for a second Thanksgiving Dinner with church family. Have a half-eaten pumpkin pie or pan of stuffing, etc. Bring it to share and enjoy!! We hope you will join us for some great fellowship, conversation and getting to know each other better. Great opportunity to share Thanksgiving dinner leftovers and celebrate the holiday with your church family.

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.



WOMEN OF FAITH & FUN FALL STUDY

Chris Calandriello

Women of Faith and Fun study continues on Saturday mornings at 10:30 in the Parlor and on zoom.

We are using the book, Prayer: Beginning Conversations with God, by Richard J. Beckman. A simple notebook for prayer Journaling purposes is most helpful.

The book is out of print, but can be purchased used from Amazon, Wal-Mart, etc.

Open to all women – invite friends to join us!

CHURCHERY SCHOOL



The Churchery School recently had a surprise visit from the Office of Early Childhood, once again our teachers shined and we received an excellent report. We also re-upped our license so we are now officially licensed until the year 2028.

In October during fire prevention week we had a Farmington fire truck here that two of our fathers volunteer with. The children had such a wonderful time learning how to keep safe during a fire and not be afraid if a fireman came to their homes. The highlight was being able to spray the water hose at a makeshift house that looked like it was on fire. Each child got to go in the truck and then wave goodbye as the firemen drove off with their lights flashing and horn blaring. A big thank you to Michael Vibert and Mike Lusitani for taking the time to visit our 3's, 4's and pre-K classes.

In November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving by making a feast for our families to come and enjoy with us.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Jean B. Baron
Director,
The Churchery School



WALK THROUGH HISTORY

Records & History

We were very pleased to have 13 people on our “walk” through history on Sunday afternoon, September 29, visiting our two sites in Burlington moving on to our three locations in Unionville and finishing with a brief tour of our history in Avon.

We had been disappointed that we were unable to secure access to the stone church in Unionville. Kevin offered to look for an open door. As he approached the back door, a gentleman was exiting who allowed us access to the building to lock up when we left. If we’d been five minutes later, we would have missed this opportunity!! Happy to see that the scripture painted on the beams by Pastor Yerrington is still there as well as the pipes from the pipe organ

Upon our return to MUMC, we joined another 20+ MUMCers for a potluck supper – a wonderful finish to a beautiful day.



Site of the original church building in Burlington Cemetery – later moved to Burlington Center.



Interior of stone church in Unionville



Stone church in Unionville built in 1926.

MUMC MISSIONS AT WORK

Laura Gorden
Committee Chair



WINSTED MEALS

On October 5, 66 meatloaf meals were prepared and delivered to Winsted. Thank you to Courtney Robinson, Sue Yankus, Carol Merritt, Heather Kelsey and Ann Wesley for helping me.

Thanksgiving Baskets will be our next missions project. Please look for the sign up genius notice for what is needed to give our Covenant to Care families a Thanksgiving dinner.

MISSIONS TAG SALE

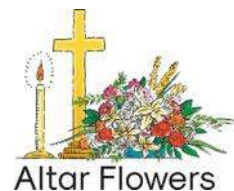
Linda Johansen

I would like to thank all the volunteers who worked on the October 5th Tag Sale, Bake Sale, and Winsted Community Dinner. Many hands make light work. Our total profit was \$761.35. These funds will be distributed locally and worldwide on missions' projects. We have a wonderful group of folks at MUMC who work to help others in need. Thanks again.
Linda Johansen



ALTAR FLOWERS

Barbara Chase
Linda Arnold



Altar Flowers

December 1 and 29 are currently available for ordering Altar Flowers.

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 9 am to 2 pm.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS



Orders for Christmas plants will soon be able to be made through website and signupgenius. Be on the lookout for info in Wednesday Blast E-mail and on website. Orders must be made and paid for by December 1.

**"MATTHEW, MARK, AND LU
AFTER CLASS.**



**YOUR BOOK REPORTS ARE SURPRISINGLY
SIMILAR."**



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We had all dogs for our first annual Animal Blessing. Following a brief service at the pavilion with prayer, scripture and singing, each was blessed, received a certificate of blessing by Pastor Sungmu and a small bag of treats..



GUIDING & GROWING GROUP

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We are very excited about the busy calendar of events we have to look forward to in the coming months. Many are being sponsored by various committees and groups of Memorial. Please show your support of these efforts and take advantage of the opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to attend with you.

Looking forward we also have more plans and ideas to come!!!

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.



MEMORIAL GARDEN

Hello All,

We have come to the end of the garden season but because of the mild weather some of the flowers continue to thrive in the garden. But even after the flowers are gone, the garden is still a most beautiful place to visit. Come to the garden often to enjoy its beauty and be at peace with our hectic and crazy world.

Our **garden fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Nov 9, 9am.** The garden Committee will put the garden to bed for this year and then we will look forward to reawakening the garden in the spring.

Please remember that John Perotti will become the new Memorial Garden Chairperson on Jan 1, 2025. The Garden Committee welcomes him to this new position with open arms and dirty hands. John will have our complete support as he leads us into 2025 and beyond.

As always, 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

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. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to the missions committee, notated for food pantry, I am willing to do the shopping.

Most useful food pantry donations:

- Boxed milk or Powdered milk
- Pasta sauce and pasta
- Mac and cheese (**currently have plenty**)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruits
- Soups/beef stew/corned beef hash
- Tuna/salmon
- Canned meats/chicken, beef, spam
- Rice
- Beans/black, red, navy, baked
- Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
- Knorr sides
- Cereal bar/protein bars/ granola bars/cracker packs
- Single serve applesauce and fruit
- Peanut butter/Jelly
- Bread
- Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- Vegetable Oil
- Cake mix/Cookie mix
- Mayonnaise/Salad dressings
- Personal hygiene products





DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Date	Time	Pg.	Event
11/1	12 pm	3	All Saints First Friday Pot Luck Lunch
11/2	8:30 am	4	Fall Cleanup Day at MUMC
11/3	8:30 & 10:30 am	3	All Saints Day
11/10	8:30 & 10:30 am	4	Veteran Recognition
11/9	9 am	10	Memorial Garden Fall Cleanup
11/17	7 – 9 pm	3	Other Good Book Group
11/26	6 pm 7 pm	4	Soup Supper Thanksgiving Interfaith Worship
11/29	5:30 pm	5	Thanksgiving Pot Luck Supper
12/6	12 pm	-	First Friday Holiday Pot Luck Lunch

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUR LATEST HAPPENINGS

AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION!

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