

Guiding To and Growing Through the Christian Life

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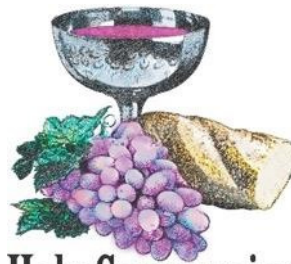
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8:30am Worship Service with Communion
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
10:30am Family Worship Service

On line worship:
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I often feel that we live in a society in which science has become idolatrous. Most people in modern society influenced by science tend to regard a scientific fact as the most important and authentic source. On the other hand, the word *mystery* seems not to provide us with a positive feeling because we use it when we cannot explain something scientifically.



Holy Communion

However, Christianity itself is full of mystery: the incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. How can we explain these Christian features with human words? Modern Christians need to break down the idol of science and be able to understand mystery as mystery, not based on science.

Some modern people may ask us, "Why do you go to church on Sunday? If you have that kind of time, take a rest and prepare for the coming week, or enjoy yourself." This sounds reasonable. Yet, they do not know that there is something going on at Christian worship, something mysterious.

We experience God, feeling God's presence vividly and receiving the message more than we can imagine. Insight is given to us, inspiration that we did not even know we wanted. It may not seem scientific, but that is the way it is whenever we worship the triune God.

As you receive Holy Communion, you taste the spiritual body and blood of Christ through the Holy Spirit. As you participate in the Baptismal rite, you have an opportunity to remember your baptism and be thankful. As a pastor prays for you, laying on of hands, you will experience the healing power of the Lord who will heal you of all illnesses—of body, mind, spirit, and relationships.

If you like your reality fixed and scientific, then such a setting can be meaningless to you. But if you are willing to embrace the possibility that there is meaning beyond mystery, then this setting of worship can be a fun place to experience God. Lent is deep now. Let us come together, worship together, and experience God together! Amen.

Sungmu Lee

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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

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11 Briarwood Road
Farmington, CT 06032

Bob E.
Farmington Station
111 Scott Swamp Rd.
Room 251
Farmington, CT
06032

Adva V.
10 Chelsea Place
Avon, CT 06001

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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



Dave Macdonald
Charles P. Sabas
Nat Brinn
Tamar Witkin
Alexa Hunter
Katie Morris
Nate Ross
Kevin Sweet
Eugene Yeboah

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



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EASTER HUNT

Saturday, April 12

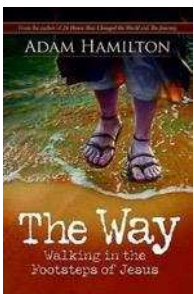
A new event at MUMC. Fun time for all ages!
9-10:30 am – Breakfast & Crafts; photo op with
the Easter Bunny
10:30- 11 am – Easter Egg Hunt
Free will donations for MUMC's 24/7 Community
Food Pantry

Many hands make light work!!! If you would like
to volunteer your time for any aspect of this event,
please contact Kay Hunter via [the online form](#).
Look for signup on the table in the narthex and/or
fellowship hall. Decorate, setup, cook and/or
serve breakfast, hide Easter eggs, cleanup.

Thanks in advance for your part in making this
event a big success and hopefully an annual
event at MUMC. What a great opportunity to
bring members of our community into our church
building to experience our fellowship and the
presence of Jesus Christ!!!!



2025 LENTEN STUDY



We will finish up our 2025
Lenten Study, using the book
“The Way: Walking in the
Footsteps of Jesus” by Adam
Hamilton. Just two more
sessions as described below.
Study will be available in person
in the Parlor and/or on Zoom.

Chapter 5: April 2nd (Wednesday at 7pm) & April
3rd (Thursday at 10:30am) led by Pat Kelly

Chapter 6: April 9th (Wednesday at 7pm) & April
10th (Thursday at 10:30am) led by Pastor
Sungmu Lee.

Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday, 9:20 am

Please join us for Easter Potluck Breakfast -
Serving beginning at 9:20.

Bring an item to share, if you can, plated and
ready to serve!! Egg casseroles, sausage,
bacon, ham, donuts, muffins, coffee cakes,
bagels, fruit! Whatever you fancy!! Please be
sure to take your dish home after breakfast or
worship!!!

Ovens will be pre-warmed and ready at 8:30 to
accept dishes that need to be kept warm during
8:30 service.



GUIDING & GROWING GROUP

Kay Hunter

Our new MUMC t-shirts have arrived!!! They're available for pick up on Sunday mornings on the table in Fellowship Hall – they are free, but we are accepting donations!!! Please wear your bright red t-shirt when you are involved in an event at MUMC so folks from the community can identify you as a member of MUMC and maybe more importantly wear when you are out in your community to let folks know you're part of this awesome group of Christians!!! Be sure you are carrying MUMC business cards or cards describing our upcoming events so that you can share that info with those you speak with!!!

Our events of the past weeks and months have been very successful. Big thank you to all who have had a part in any and all!!!

Jeff Rivard's presentation on estate planning was received by a group of 24 – valuable information

Our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was well attended. Thanks to your generous donations, we raised \$ toward our UMARMY trips this summer.



Check out the article about our very successful St. Patrick's Day supper!!!

We're a small group – but we are committed to work to regrow and strengthen MUMC. Looking ahead, there are many events on the calendar for you to enjoy! Our first time Community Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunt, Cinco de Mayo dinner, Mad Matter Tea and 3rd annual Car Show in June. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters or on our website. The success of these events depends on all of us by volunteering, attending and inviting friends and neighbors to join you.....

We welcome suggestions, ideas and of course volunteers to help organize these events. Several are hosted by the various committees of Memorial. We hope you will join us in this adventure!!



WOMEN OF FAITH & FUN PSALMS STUDY

Chris Calandriello

Study of PSALMS in April will be on Saturdays, April 5 and 26 10:30-11:30 in Parlor and on Zoom. All women are invited to participate Led by Chris Calandriello. No study book is necessary, but good to have a Bible at hand. The two books I am using for leadership are Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible, with a new introduction by Walter Brueggemann, and Understanding the Psalms, by John H. Hayes.

FIRST FRIDAY POT LUCK LUNCH Friday, April 4 12 noon



Spring has finally officially arrived. The cold is behind us. Hope you will now join us for some great food, fellowship, friendship and conversation!! Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, salad, snack or dessert to share if you can – but it's not required!!



If you missed March's potluck, you missed the opportunity to sample some of these delicious dishes. Hope to see you there

ST LUKE PASSION PLAY

Southington, CT

Last year several of us from MUMC including some of our confirmands attended the Passion Play at and presented by St. Luke's Catholic School in Southington.

It was a wonderful production and I recommend you take advantage of the opportunity to experience the presentation!! This will be their 47th annual with approximately 50 performers presenting the life of Jesus from his birth through to the Ascension!!! It's not just a play. It's a Lenten prayer!

Tickets are available for five performances:

- Saturday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Palm Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m. (earlier time is good for children)
- Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Reservations only. No charge for admission, but they accept donations at the door. I will let you know soon if we are getting a group together for a particular performance.

[St. Luke Passion Play 2025 Tickets, Southington | Eventbrite](#)

(A little advice – do not sit near front as you may miss some of the activity that takes place in the center aisle.)



The Corbett family would like to thank members of our church family and particularly the Pastoral care Committee for the wonderful celebration of the life of Ruthellen.

REMEMBERING JEAN HARDEN



We were saddened to hear of the passing of our friend and former member of Memorial, Jean Harden, on February 26.

Our prayers are with Jean's daughter Katie who grew up at Memorial.

Jean and Katie moved to Massachusetts several years ago to be closer to family. Jean maintained her connection with Memorial through her participation with the Good News Book Group for many years.

[Jean F. \(O'Shea\) Harden Obituary February 26, 2025 - Paul C. Rogers Family Funeral Homes](#)

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.



MUMC MISSIONS AT WORK

Laura Gorden, Committee Chair

Contact via [the online form](#)

The next Winsted meal preparation will be on April 5.

I need one person at 8 AM to help prepare the meal and two or three additional people at 9:30 to help fill the takeout food containers. It is always appreciated if someone would help wash the dishes and cleanup the kitchen at 10 AM or volunteer to deliver the meals to Winsted. Please contact me if you are willing to help at any of the times needed for this mission project.



Our “new” storage cabinet in Room 105 to organize and prepare donated items for our 24/7 Community Food Pantry.

Please continue to place your items in the bin by the kitchen. Filled from donations to the St. Patrick Dinner!!!



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. 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 for the winter season:

- Boxed milk or Powdered milk
- Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
- Pasta sauce and pasta
- Mac and cheese (**we currently have an over abundance of this item**)
- Soups/beef stew
- Canned fruits
- Tuna/salmon
- Canned meats/chicken, beef, spam
- Rice
- Beans/black, red, navy, baked
- Peanut butter/Jelly
- Pancake mix/syrup
- Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- Personal hygiene products

Easy open (no can opener required) items:

- Fruit cups
- Pudding cups
- Tuna in a pouch
- Single serve soups & pastas
- Protein bars

UMARMY 2025

Laura Gorden

The following mission weeks have been set for 2025. These are all over-night camps.

July 13-19 Mixed Age (7th grade through high school plus adult leaders), Seymour, CT

July 20-26 Mixed Age (7th grade through high school plus adult leaders), Centerport LI, NY

Ella & Nate Ross, and Kevin Sweet are attending the Seymour, CT mission week and Julia Sweet is attending the Centerport LI, NY mission week. If there are other youth or adults that would like to join one or both mission weeks, the cutoff date to register is June 1. If interested in knowing more, please contact me.

This year UMARMY is allowing graduated 5th grade students to participate in our mission weeks. This is a new adventure for us so we are excited about welcoming our new participants! Students who have graduated 5th grade and are entering 6th grade can attend with the accompaniment of a parent or guardian. We feel this will help our new and younger missionaries try their hand at a sleep away mission week with a little added support. The parent or guardian and child will not be on the same work team, unless special accommodations need to be considered. The cost for the mission week is \$325/person. Scholarships are available through UMARMY and MUMC Missions and Outreach Committee has funds specified for UMARMY use.

UMARMY is holding their 2nd Annual Swing for the Green golf outing and dinner, Friday, May 16, benefiting the 2025 youth missions. This event is open to anyone who would like to participate in a fundraising event for UMARMY. An on-line auction will launch on May 1st. Register for golf and dinner (\$155) by May 9th. There is the option to attend the dinner only at \$65. Contact me if interested in attending.

Hey Friends, the U.M. ARMY Northeast Swing for the Green Registration has launched!!!!

Thank you so much for participating in last year's U.M. ARMY Northeast's Swing for the Green Golf Outing. Your participation and support helped us tee off into a successful 2024 mission season. We've completed another amazing summer of service with our awesome youth and young adult missionaries, sharing the love of Christ and repairing the homes of low-income, aging and disabled homeowners!

It's time to get together again in support of our awesome mission with a great day of golf! Our

registration has launched for golfers, diners and sponsors. The 2025 U.M. ARMY Northeast Swing for the Green is scheduled for Friday, May 16th, 1:00pm at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, CT. This year we are including lunch so come out early and enjoy! Grab lunch and be ready to tee off at 1pm. Come out for a great day of golf, fellowship, beer tasting, dinner and auction. Our on-line auction will launch on May 1st so stay tuned for details on when and how to preview our auction. We have some great items this year!

Don't golf? Come and join us for a delicious dinner, auction, and celebration.

Register for golf and dinner by May 9th.

\$155 per Golf Round Includes:
 Lunch Box pre-tee off
 18 Holes of Golf with prizes and local craft beer tastings
 19th Hole Cocktail Hour
 Dinner
 Silent Auction

\$65 Dinner Only Ticket Includes:
 19th Hole Cocktail Hour
 Dinner
 Silent Auction

Register at: [U.M. ARMY - 2nd Annual Swing for the Green Golf Outing: United in Mission](#)

We hope you will plan to participate by golfing, sponsoring, joining us for dinner, or participating in the online silent auction.

Keep an eye out on U.M. ARMY Northeast's social media page for our event announcement and make sure to like and share our content.

The U.M. ARMY ministry transformed countless lives this past summer. We appreciate your support in equipping our youth and young adults to serve in 2025 by participating in and promoting the U.M. ARMY Northeast Swing for the Green.

Need additional information? Please reach out to Gina Grubbs at ginagrubbs@umarmy.org.

Hope to see you there!

Another new adventure for UMARMY is hosting an Adult Disaster Response Mission Week May 25-31. We will be traveling up to Cabot, VT to help our friends continue their recovery after devastating flooding which occurred last year. We will be staying at the Covenant Hills Campsite and heading out to sites to help homeowners. This is an adult only trip (18+ and/or one year out of high school). The cost for the mission week is \$325/person.

UNITED IN MISSION ADULT MISSION DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP

**U.M. ARMY IS COORDINATING A DISASTER RECOVERY
MISSION TRIP TO VERMONT!!**

**JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF REPAIR AND REBUILD FOR OUR
FRIENDS IN THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.**

**MAY 25-31, 2025
CABOT, VERMONT
THE TEAM WILL BE STAYING AT THE COVENANT HILLS
CAMPGROUND IN CABOT, VERMONT**

CONTACT GINAGRUBBS@UMARMY.ORG OR

**TO REGISTER YOUR GROUP, GO TO:
UMARMY.ORG**

**TO REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY GO TO:
[HTTPS://WWW.UMARMY.NET/REGISTRATION/SINGLE/NORTHEAST/](https://www.umarmy.net/registration/single/northeast/)**

COST PER PARTICIPANT IS \$325 AND INCLUDES:

**ROOM AND BOARD - BED
ON-SITE SHOWERS
ALL FOOD
12 WORSHIP SERVICES/DEVOTIONS
PRAYER JOURNEY
T-SHIRT
INSURANCE
TRIP COORDINATION
ALL PROJECT FUNDS**

CHURCHERY SCHOOL

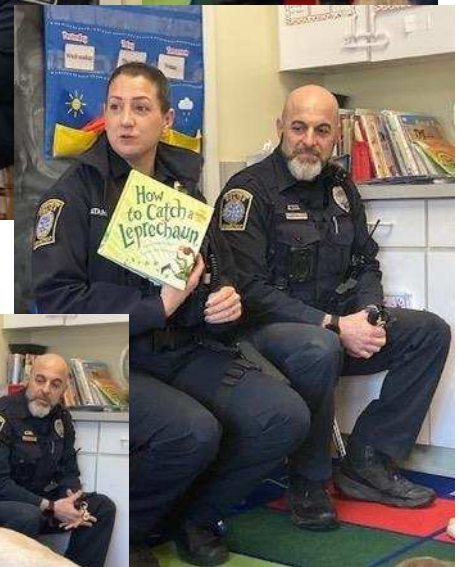
Jean Baron, Director

The children had a lot of fun during the month of March. We celebrated Read Across America with visits from a librarian, Avon Police and Farmington Police. Officer Nash (Farmington Canine) came and showed us a few of the 90 commands he knows. The children were impressed when he played Peek A Boo with Officer Tony.

The Leprechaun surprised us with green footprints all over the school, including the ceiling - he was mischievous too - chairs were turned over and the clock was upside down! The toilet water was green!

All of the teachers have been busy with a new Health and Safety training required by the Office of Early Childhood.

Registration materials for the 2025-2026 school year will be sent to all of our families this month. We have a few openings in our 4's program.



: MUMC needs YOU!

From Finance Committee



We are looking for 3-5 volunteers to assist with MUMC's annual audit. Financial experience is not necessary but is useful. Tasks will be segregated to limit the amount of work for each volunteer. The audit shall include a review of financial statements and records, donor records, as well as review of assets and insurance policies and a review of policies and procedures. We see this as a great opportunity to get our house in order. Please let Pastor Lee or Krista Kennedy (Finance Chair) if you are able and willing to help!

GREATER HARTFORD METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 13 – 6:30 am

United Methodist Church of Hartford
571 Farmington Avenue, Hartford

Donation: \$10

Contact: Basil R. Mahoney 860 463 6087
basilmahoney@comcast.net

RSVP by Sunday, April 6

THE OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

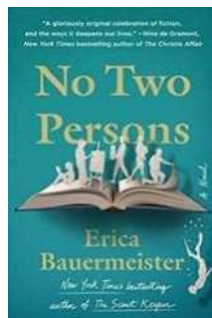
[Contact: Heather Kelsey, hrmkels@aol.com, (860) 670-1163]



April's discussion will be held Sunday, April 13th (2nd Sunday for this month only). Our title is *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister. "That was the beauty of books, wasn't it?"

They took you places you didn't know you needed to go...Alice has always wanted to be a writer. Her talent is innate, but her stories remain safe and detached, until a devastating event breaks her heart open, and she creates a stunning debut novel. Her words, in turn, find their way to readers, from a teenager hiding her homelessness, to a free diver pushing himself beyond endurance, an artist furious at the world around her, a bookseller in search of love, a widower rent by grief.

Each one is drawn into Alice's novel; each one discovers something different that alters their perspective, and presents new pathways forward for their lives. Together, their stories reveal how books can affect us in the most beautiful and unexpected of ways—and how we are all more closely connected to one another than we might think." [goodreads.com] We will meet at 7pm in the Parlor and on Zoom and all are welcome!



As additional information becomes available, we will share with all – both great opportunities for worship and fellowship with fellow United Methodist of our District and of course to meet and hear from



Bishop Bickerton. Bishop's evening includes a dinner. District Day includes a continental breakfast and lunch.



Mark your calendars now!!!

2025 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

August 11-15 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church

Age 3 as of 8/11 (must be potty trained) to those completing Grade 4
\$25 per child; max. \$60 per family

"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

All children are invited to participate in Vacation Bible Camp – we have no limit on number of registrations – but early registrations help us in planning and organization. To register your child (grandchild, niece, nephew, friend) and to view more information go to:

<https://avonmumc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

Camperships are available. Register your child and contact Kay Hunter via [the online form](#) for confidential paid status.

If interested in volunteering for this great week at Memorial, please contact Diane Hornaday.

CINCO DE MAYO DINNER

Sunday, May 4

Serving 5:30-6:30 pm

Come – enjoy a variety of Mexican dishes including Tortilla casserole, tacos, beans and rice, corn-bean salsa & chips, and Mexican chocolate desserts!



Invite family, friends, neighbors for good food, fellowship. Free will donations will once again benefit MUMC's food pantry. The need there is great and we want to keep it full!!



ST. PATRICK AND CORNED BEEF

Kevin Sweet

Saint Patrick, known as the "Apostle of Ireland", was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. According to Patrick's autobiographical *Confessio*, when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he worked as an animal herder.

He writes that after six years of captivity he heard a voice telling him that he would soon go home, and that his ship was ready. Fleeing his master, he travelled to a port two hundred miles away, where he found a ship and with difficulty persuaded the captain to take him. According to his *Declaration*, after three days' sailing, they landed in Britain. Everyone left the ship and walked for 28 days in a "wilderness" and become faint from hunger.

After Patrick prayed for sustenance, they encountered a herd of wild boar. Since this was shortly after Patrick had urged them to put their faith in God, his prestige in the group was greatly increased. He returned home, studied Christianity, become a cleric and returned to spread Christianity in northern and western Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day, considered his feast day, is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, converting a pagan society in the process.



I think his Wikipedia page needs to be updated, because he can now be credited with bringing 70 guests to our annual corned beef dinner at Avon MUMC on 3/16. While our feast didn't include wild boar, it did include 60 pounds of corned beef, 30 pounds of potatoes, 7 loaves of Irish soda bread, 20 pounds of carrots, 5 heads of cabbage, 7 youth volunteers, multiple adult volunteers and too many desserts to even estimate. I'm wondering what would have happened if St Patrick's group had encountered tins of mint frosting-covered brownies? I'm not sure why they would have been there, but I'm guessing even more people would have converted on the spot.

We gratefully received \$973 in donations at the dinner. Since all materials and labor were donated, this translates into \$973 of food that gets put into the food pantry and shared throughout the larger community.



Our little food pantry distributes up to \$300 per week to people who, like St Patrick, may otherwise go hungry. It is a wonderful mission made possible by the generosity of our volunteers and supporters. Even though St Patrick may get the credit, our many thanks to everyone who participated and contributed.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

John Perotti



Springtime is now upon us, and gardeners will have met on March 2th to begin preparing for the spring planting and summer/fall maintenance

of the Memorial Garden area. There is much to do: arranging for irrigation and maintenance by Grasshelper; ordering and planning annuals, cleaning up the entire garden area, anticipating the first mowing by church-contracted landscaping, fertilizing roses, topdressing mulched areas, etc. Then June through September becomes a matter of maintenance, as Gardeners take responsibility alone or in pairs for the weekly weeding, spraying, deadheading, and other routine maintenance to ensure that the Garden looks its best at all times.

Planned special activities include individual memorial services for departed members, installing nameplates of the deceased on our memorial stones and holding Service of Remembrance in September so that those who passed are not forgotten by us, their fellow members in the lining church.

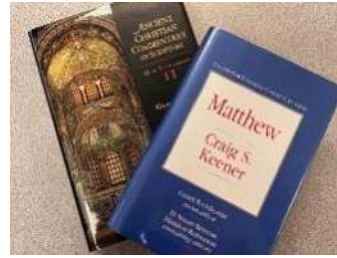
The garden observes its 25th anniversary this year as a very special sanctuary on our church property., its existence well known beyond the immediate church community. We owe a debt of gratitude to Jim, Ben, Tom, and others for convincing the Trustees of 25 years go to invest in such a unique and hallowed part of the Memorial United Methodist Church.

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.

DAVID CHASE DONATED BOOKS



Months before David's scheduled move to New York, he asked if

MUMC library would accept a donation of some of his books.

Individual books were checked into our library. His donation also included a series of commentaries. We have accepted one of those sets in the library.

The other two sets will be displayed in the narthex on Sunday and if you are interested in adding one of these sets to your home library, please speak with Anne Fitzgerald. We ask that you take a complete set. One set is contained in one box and the other in three boxes.

If either or both sets are not taken, we will offer these sets to churches in our Parish who may enjoy having them in their church library.

We thank David for his generous gift!!

A NEW GRAMMA!



Congrats to Sue Yankus on becoming a first time Gramma.with the arrival of Brooks William Yankus on March 25 to her son Will and his wife, Lauren.



GOD AND ME



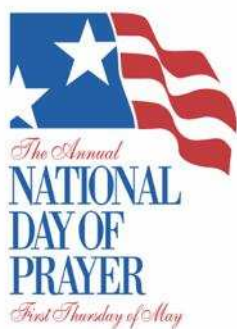
BOY SCOUTS "PRAY" PROGRAM

On Sunday, March 16, Eleanor and Claesen Wyckoff received the pins and the certificates of the Boy Scouts PRAY program. Eleanor

completed the "Jesus & Me" program, and Claesen the "God & Me" program during the past year. Their journeys will continue in September this year. Please spread the word so that more children may participate the PRAY program.



"PRAY" stands for "Personal Relationship And You," and it refers to a religious emblems program that focuses on strengthening a Scout's personal relationship with God, adhering to the Scout Law's *reverent* principle and respecting the beliefs of others, while remaining non-sectarian in its approach; essentially, it encourages Scouts to actively engage with their faith through personal study and reflection, all while upholding the Boy Scouts' *Duty to God* tenet.



Mark your calendar now to join others in our community for the celebration of the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER to be held on **Thursday, May 1**. The event will be held this year at the Carmon Family Center on Country Club Road

at 11:00 a.m. This event includes people from every faith tradition to join together to pray for our community and country. Please join us. Diane Hornaday

ALTAR FLOWERS

Linda Arnold



Altar Flowers

Sign up for altar flowers for 2025 is active and ready for you to choose and reserve your dates.

You can reach signup genius to sign up for flowers on line at: [Avon MUMC: 2025 Sunday Flowers](#)

Or you can 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 online form](#). 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.



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.

April Fellowship Hour Host is Missions Committee.

The Missions / Outreach Committee is called to fulfill Jesus' commandment to serve God's people. We do this by supporting people and programs both local and in the wider world with our prayers, gifts and service.

We coordinate and facilitate the mission ministry of the congregation; educate the congregation about outreach opportunities; support a wide variety of both local and international outreach.

"COFFEE & CONVERSATION" awaits 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.

MEMBERSHIP - DIRECTORY

Online Directory updates are continual as new information is gathered. Please alert of phone preferences or email addresses. Always a need for new photo of families whose children are grown so much since their directory photo. They should be sent to Linda Kime by text 860-305-0526 or email lmk318@aol.com



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP VISION, PURPOSE

Allen Nixon

Contact via [the online 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.

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.

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 **notify the church office** who will share the info with the **Pastor and Pastoral Care Committee**.

Too often we all think someone else has passed on this information especially to the Pastor and that is not always the case. Better to get several messages than none. Thanks for your help in keeping us all informed and able to keep all in prayer.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Day	Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Wed	4/2	7-8 pm	3	Lenten Study
Thu.	4/3	10:30-11:30	3	Lenten Study
Fri	4/4	12 pm	4	First Friday Pot Luck Supper
Sat	4/5	10:30-11:30 am	4	Women's Study
Wed	4/9	7-8 pm	3	Lenten Study
Thu.	4/10	10:30-11:30	3	Lenten Study
Sat	4/12	9-11 am	3	Breakfast with Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt
Sun	4/13	8:30 & 10:30 am	16	Palm Sunday Services
Thu.	4/17	6 pm 7 pm	16	Soup Supper Maundy Thursday Services with Communion
Fri.	4/18	7 pm	16	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Sun	4/20	6:30 am 8:30 & 10:30 am	16	Sunrise Service Alleluia! He is Risen! Worship Services
Sat	4/26	10:30-11:30	4	Women's Study

LOOKING AHEAD!!!

Day	Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Thu	5/1	11am	13	National Day of Prayer
Fri	5/2	12 pm	-	First Friday Pot Luck Lunch
Sat	5/3	TBD	10	Connecticut District Day
Sun	5/4	5:30-6:30 pm	10	Cinco de Mayo Supper
Mon	5/5	TBD	10	Bishop's Evening with the Connecticut District
Fri	5/16	1 pm	7	UMARMY Golf Tournament
Sun	5/18	4 pm	4	Mad Hatter Tea (Guiding & Growing)
Sat	6/14	10 am-2 pm	4	3 rd Annual Car Show (Guiding & Growing)
Fri	6/20	5:30	4	Third Friday Pot Luck Supper (Guiding & Growing)

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

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PALM SUNDAY

April 13

Service

@ 8:30 am & *10:30 am

Lenten Workshop

@ 9:30 am

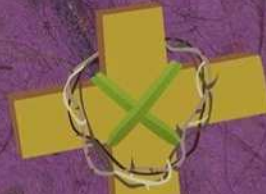


MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17

Soup Supper @ 6:00 pm

Service @ *7:00 pm



GOOD FRIDAY

April 18

Service @ *7:00 pm



EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

Sunrise Service

@ 6:30 am

Potluck Breakfast

@ 9:20 am

Celebration Service

@ 8:30 am & *10:30 am



*Services will be held in-person & online.

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