

Guiding To and Growing Through the Christian Life

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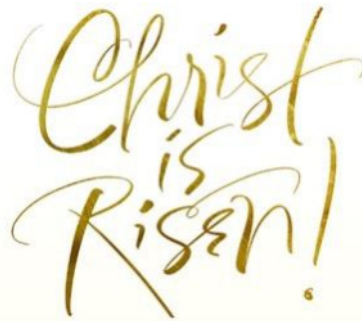
Sunday Worship Schedule:

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

On line worship:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/avonmumc
Youtube: www.youtube.com/avonmumc

We are in the season of Easter. "Jesus Christ is risen! Hallelujah!" I think you have great joy now. Not really? You do not find any reason to rejoice in your life? Do not feel bad. It is not only you. Those earnest and trained disciples were still depressed on the first Easter morning.



deeper into those tombs. I am right here with you." You really do not have to leave quickly to go hurry? Resurrected Christ is in the here and now. Resurrected Christ is present in your everyday life.

Why? I think it is because they did not stay long enough at the empty tomb but rushed off to discuss the various theories of the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene was the only one who waited long enough and realized that it was not empty after all. Mary found that there would be something more to this tomb than she had first seen. When she encountered a gardener, she also took time to talk with him. The gardener turned out to be the resurrected Jesus.

Let us be a little more patient. Let us stay and take time to look at the empty tomb. We will find out that it is not really empty. When we stay together, doing ministry together, we will experience the joy of Easter that transforms sadness into joy, depression into hope, and helplessness into enthusiasm.

This is the important lesson for us, modern Christians, who think we are so busy that we should move quickly. Yet, nothing in this life is empty. Jesus says to us, "Stick around. Look

Easter is God's saying, "Let me show you what I am going to do for you and your world." This is the vision that God gives us on the Easter morning. Christ is risen! And you are also risen with him! Amen.

Sungmu Lee

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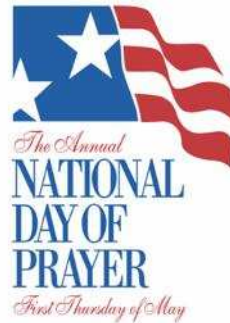
PASTOR VACATION

Staff Parish /
Pastoral Care



Pastor Sungmu will be on vacation/spiritual renewal with Hyeonjin through Wednesday, May 14th, and will be back in his office Thursday May 15th. Pulpit coverage for 3 Sundays has been arranged with Bob Kelly, Linda Johansen and Diane Hornaday.

For any pastoral care needs please contact Kay Hunter via [the online form](#) who can connect you with a covering pastor in our cooperative parish in needed..



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 **8-9 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

FIRST FRIDAY POT LUCK LUNCH Friday, May 2 12 noon



The warmer weather has finally arrived – Won't you 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!!

Always a great time together!!!



2025 CONNECTICUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 3 8:30 am-3:30 pm North UMC, 1205 Albany Avenue, Hartford - includes continental breakfast, Evangelism programming, gourmet lunch, concert, District business and recognitions, farewell to DS Alpher Sylvester - and opportunity for fellowship and worship with UMCers from our District!!! register at website: avonmumc.org where you will find many more details. We can carpool!!!

BISHOP'S TIME WITH THE CONNECTICUT DISTRICT

Monday, May 5, 6-9 pm Meriden First UMC, 159 East Main Street, Meriden. Dinner with musical accompaniment, worship and affirmation and choir, Bishop Bickerton sharing opportunity to understand the vision for our journey ahead. Closing with short worship and communion. Once again great opportunity for fellowship and worship with members of Connecticut District UMC. We can carpool. Register website: avonmumc.org

CINCO DE MAYO DINNER

Sunday, May 4 - Serving 5-7 pm

Come – enjoy a variety of Mexican dishes including Tortilla casserole, tacos, beans and rice, corn-bean salsa & chips, and Mexican chocolate desserts! Invite friends, family and neighbors to join you!!! Free will donations will benefit MUMC's Community 24/7 Food Pantry. Sponsored by MUMC's Guiding & Growing Group with Linda Kime as lead.



WOMEN OF FAITH & FUN PSALMS STUDY

Chris Calandriello

We continue our study of PSALMS on Saturday mornings 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, Psalm: The Prayer Book of the Bible, with a new introduction by Walter Brueggemann, and Understanding the Psalms, by John H. Hayes.



Don't be late for a very important date!!!
SUNDAY, May 18
4 pm

High Tea at Alice's Wonderland.(MUMC) For all women and girls of MUMC, their friends, families, neighbors and other invited guests. We will be serving scones and a variety of teas and ask all to bring a plate of their favorite finger sandwiches or desserts.

Just for fun!!! Decorate a hat in Mad Hatter fashion – prizes for the prettiest, funniest and most original!!!

Look for signup on table in Narthex. Or contact Kay Hunter via [the online form](#) with your name, number attending and choice of savory or sweet item you will be bringing.

Sponsored by Guiding & Growing Group and Girl Scout Troop 66304





CHURCHERY SCHOOL

Jean Baron, Director

May is the last official month of school for the Churchery School. We have many things planned including our **spring concert on May 5 at 6 o'clock**. We will end the year with class picnics which will include siblings and parents and prayers for beautiful weather!



We have been blessed to receive a donation from the Alexander P Franklin Foundation to upgrade our playground. We are excited to have two new beautiful playhouses along with some new outdoor toys. The Churchery School children are going to thoroughly enjoy their outdoor experience, which is an important part of our preschool curriculum. We are upgrading a few things in the classrooms too!

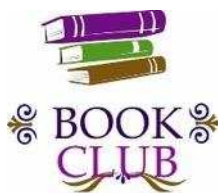
A big Thank You to Jerry, Ida and Jennifer for their generous donation!!

Have a wonderful summer, we'll be back September 2nd to start our 2025-2026 school year!

Teacher appreciation week is the week of May 5th, I would like to recognize the Churchery School teachers who are responsible for the excellent reputation of our school. Because of Susan Green, Jess Morin, Yuki Sobue, Jenn Lamoureux, and Jaclyn Pare's dedication to our children and each other, we are recommended by local pediatricians, schools and families. I am blessed to have such an incredible staff.



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THE OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

[Contact: Heather Kelsey,
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(860) 670-1163]

Our title for May is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world, from the New York Times bestselling authors of the...The Personal Librarian. The daughter of formerly enslaved parents, Mary McLeod Bethune refuses to back down as white supremacists attempt to thwart her work. She marches on as an activist and an educator, and as her reputation grows she becomes a celebrity...

Eleanor Roosevelt herself is awestruck and eager to make her acquaintance. Initially drawn together because of their shared belief in women's rights and the power of education, Mary and Eleanor become fast friends confiding their secrets, hopes and dreams—and holding each other's hands through tragedy and triumph. When Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected president, the two women begin to collaborate more closely, particularly as Eleanor moves toward her own agenda separate from FDR...

Eleanor becomes a controversial First Lady for her outspokenness, particularly on civil rights. And when she receives threats because of her strong ties to Mary, it only fuels the women's desire to fight together for justice and equality. This is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women, and the way in which their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement. [goodreads.com] our discussion will be held Sunday, May 18th at 7pm in the Parlor and on Zoom. All are welcome!

CHURCH WIDE MISSION PROJECT “DIAPER DRIVE”

Laura Gorden, Committee Chair

Contact via [the online form](#)

A month long “Diaper Drive” for the Diaper Bank of Connecticut will kickoff on May 18. The drive will continue until June 18 with a blessing of the diapers on Sunday, June 22. Delivery date to the CT Diaper Bank will be the week of June 22. Diapers can be dropped off in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday or anytime you may be at the church during the week. Monetary donations can be made by cash or check with a notation “for diaper drive”.



Founded in 2004, the CT Diaper Bank of CT centralizes the fundraising and distribution of free infant and toddler diapers, period products, and teen and adult incontinence supplies to low-income families in CT through existing service providers, including local food pantries, soup kitchens, daycare centers, social service agencies and shelters.

The Diaper Bank of CT has distributed more than 31 million free diapers to poor and low-income families through its extensive Diaper Distribution Network (DDN) of more than 100 agencies throughout CT. The Diaper Bank collects diapers and cash donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and other sources for the bulk purchase and distribution of diapers.

To check Diaper Facts and Stats in CT and get more info about the diaper bank, visit <https://thediaperbank.org/>

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



REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE TROUBLE GETTING OUT

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

Adva V.
10 Chelsea Place
Avon, CT 06001

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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



Linda Arnold
Don Austin
Greg Slone
Jan Colturi
Santosh Oommen
David Corbett
Laura Gorden
Anna Lee Flinn
Jennifer Smagin
Natalie Corbett
Troy Shingleton

Donna Baily
Dave Crompton
Jennifer Hunter
Luke Slone
Ben Bruinsma
Mark Borenstein
Julie Notestine
Ken Notestine
Alan Kennedy
Brian Hunter, Jr.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ben and Pat Bruinsma
Roger and Joan Couch
Robert and Tina Tardiff



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!

MUMC TREASURER'S REQUEST

David Gorden (dtgorden@outlook.com)

To make my job as treasurer more efficient I ask that all requests for payment be made by using the **MUMC Receipt for Expenses** form which can be found in a folder on the table at the landing between the sanctuary and the church office. If there is a receipt, please include it with the form. The form must be approved by the Committee Chair or Committee Treasurer, if there is one, in order to be paid. The completed form can either be e-mailed to me at dtgorden@outlook.com or put in my mailbox located outside the church office.

MUMC MISSIONS AT WORK

Laura Gorden, Committee Chair
Contact via [the online form](#)

WINSTED MEALS

Thank you to Jean Bergen (my friend), Dave Gorden, Courtney Robinson, and Ella Ross for helping me prepare, package and deliver the Winsted meals on April 5.

The next Winsted meal preparation will be on June 7. 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.



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, noted

for food pantry, I am willing to do the shopping.

Most useful food pantry donations:

Mac and cheese (**not a popular item and we currently have 37 boxes**)

Canned vegetables (**green beans are not a popular item and we currently have 35 cans**)

Boxed milk or Powdered milk

Cereal/Instant Oatmeal

Pasta sauce and pasta

Soups/beef stew

Canned fruits

Tuna/salmon

Canned meats/chicken, beef, spam

Rice/rice cups

Beans/black, red, navy, baked

Fresh produce/potatoes, squash, apples, oranges

Peanut butter/Jelly

Pancake mix/syrup

Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate

Oil (vegetable, canola, olive)

Salt & Pepper

Sugar/Flour

Cake & Cookie mixes/frosting

Dish detergent

Personal hygiene products

Easy open (no can opener required) items:

Fruit cups/Pudding cups

Tuna in a pouch

Single serve soups & pastas

Protein bars

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.





GUIDING & GROWING GROUP

Kay Hunter

Our new MUMC t-shirts have been a bit hit. We are placing an order for additional shirts. It was great to see our volunteers wearing our red shirts at the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event! We hope you will wear them for future MUMC events, but also any time you are out in the community. What a great opportunity to tell folks about MUMC! 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!!!

We're a small group – but we are committed to work to regrow and strengthen MUMC. At our recent meeting, there was great enthusiasm and excitement in the planning of events for the upcoming events at MUMC. 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.....

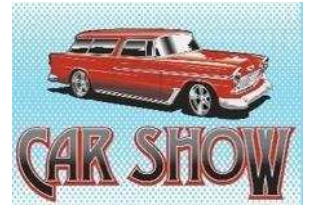
Sun 5/4	Community Cinco de Mayo Mexican supper 5-7 pm
Sun 5/18	Mad Hatter's Tea – 4 pm MUMCers, Girl Scouts, friends, family and neighbors
Sat 6/14	3 rd Annual Car Show 10-2
Fri 6/20	Third Friday Pot Luck Supper

Other events in the works: Talcott Mountain Celebrate America Concert, Yard Goats Game, Ice Cream Social, Worship and Picnic at Sycamore Park in Avon,

We welcome suggestions, ideas and of course volunteers to help organize these events. We hope you will join us in this adventure!!

Also you are welcome to join us for our next planning meeting, Tuesday, May 27 at 7 pm in the Parlor or on Zoom

3rd Annual
CAR SHOW
Saturday, June 14
10-2
(Rain date: 6/21)



Please help us spread the word!! Would love to have a great display of cars!!

Invite friends, family and neighbors to join you to enjoy viewing the cars and welcoming participants. Enjoy coffee, hot dogs, chips and beverages. Donate your dollars and receive tickets for the opportunity to win prizes donated by local merchants.

Seeking prizes – please contact Kay Hunter via [the online form](#) if you would like to donate a basket, gift card etc.

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Diane Hornaday

You may have noticed that the Trustees have patched the potholes on the lower driveway. This was not a budgeted expense. I have created an account to accept donations for the Trustees to cover unexpected repairs to our properties. Please consider making a donation to this account. Thank you.

Also, did you know that the need for donations to our food pantry is approximately \$300 a week? Free-will offerings from our dinners, as well as the donation of supplies for the meal, have been very helpful in keeping the pantry stocked. We also have members who provide a large amount of food on a regular basis who do not want recognition for their food donations; however, I know that awareness of contributions to missions and outreach programs builds up the body of Christ. Therefore, I am going to provide a monthly report to Martha for inclusion in the Cornerstone. Please provide me with a note or a copy of your grocery receipt for inclusion. You may sign it but that will not be required.

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.



UNITED IN MISSION NEW ADVENTURE ADULT MISSION DISASTER RECOVERY TRIP

May 25-31, 2025 - Cabot, Vermont

UM Army is coordinating an adult only disaster recovery mission trip to Vermont!!!

Join us for a week of repair and rebuild for our friends in the New England Conference to help them continue their recovery after devastating flooding which occurred last year. The team will be staying at the Covenant Hills Campground in Cabot, Vermont and heading out to sites to help homeowners. This is an adult only trip (18+ and/or one year out of high school).

Contact ginagrubbs@umarmy.r or to register your group, go to umarmy.org

To register individually go to:
<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

**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.
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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EASTER HUNT BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank God that we had an incredible turnout despite the bad weather! **125** people participated in the event **54** adult guests, and **41** children. Also **30** MUMC volunteers (and 10 more that assisted in advance). They all seemed to enjoy and appreciate what our church offered.

First a photo op with the Easter bunny, followed by a great pancake, sausage and ham breakfast. Then the children were escorted down the hall for crafts. And finally the much anticipated Easter egg hunt with over 500 eggs.

It was such a blessing to see the church building so busy with so many families and children- as well as our MUMC members. Check the bulletin board In Fellowship Hall for more photos

BIG thank you to anyone who had a part in making this event a big success!!! Keep your eye out for a visit from Santa in December!!!





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.

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

Seeking volunteers - for this great week at Memorial!

To register your child (grandchild, niece, nephew, friend) or to as a volunteer, and to view more information go to:

avonmumc.org/vbc



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.



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.

May fellowship hour will be co-hosted by Memorials & Gifts Committee and Guiding & Growing / Membership Committee.

Memorials & Special Gifts Committee accepts, records and acknowledges all memorial and special gifts made to MUMC. Also makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the thoughtful disposition of said monies or items. Maintains record of all donations received and items purchased for the church with these donations.

Guiding & Growing / Membership Committees have joined forces to develop and maintain a calendar of activities to provide fellowship and growth among our members as well as to bring members of our community into our church fellowship and family. We work with our congregation to share their faith in our community, reaching outside our family of faith with open arms.

"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.



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.

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



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.



TRUSTEES

Marsha Kennedy

Happy Spring!!

The past few months have been busy for us.

Endowment fund: We have an endowment fund that will be monitored by an MUMC committee including Eugene Yeboah our Trustee [whose background is in finance]. Trustees have elected to use a financial company Frontier Foundation for this.

Churchery School By-laws: the by-laws are being updated at this time to incorporate changes in the church and school management.

Elevator: A piston has been repaired and is running smoothly.

Parsonage: will have grounds much needed beautification/maintenance and fertilizer done by our Sexton Bill and Guy Johansen is overseeing project.

Church Building: We rented the fellowship hall on March 30th for a Hindi Festival. It was

well attended by approximately 70 people. Marsha Kennedy stated that they loved the facility and would like to rent the facility again.

We are always open to renting areas of the church as long as there is no conflict with meetings and church groups. Please call if interested, we have very modest rates for church members and nonmembers.

Churchery School: A deep clean will be done after school ends having stripping and waxing of floors done by an outside company

Playscape: discussed the urgent repair and possible new structure to keep the School running smoothly. We are taking time for quotes before initiating a new structure ,being respectful of the financial status of the Church.

Spring Cleanup: Hal and Linda Johansen, Dave Crompton did spring cleanup on the church grounds- Thank you to all !

Respectively submitted
Marsha

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

Day	Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Thu	5/1	8 am	2	National Day of Prayer
Fri	5/2	12 pm	2	First Friday Pot Luck Lunch
Sat	5/3	8:30 am-3:30 pm	3	Connecticut District Day
Sun	5/4	5-7 pm	3	Cinco de Mayo Supper
Mon	5/5	6-9 pm	3	Bishop's Evening with the Connecticut District
Fri	5/16	1 pm	6	UMARMY Golf Tournament
Sun	5/18	4 pm	3	Mad Hatter Tea (Guiding & Growing)

LOOKING AHEAD!!

Day	Date	Time	Pg.	Event
Sat	6/14	10 am-2 pm	8	3 rd Annual Car Show (Guiding & Growing)
Fri	6/20	5:30	8	Third Friday Pot Luck Supper (Guiding & Growing)
Sat	8/11-15	9 am-12:15 pm	11	Vacation Bible Camp

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUR LATEST HAPPENNGS
AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION

avonmumc.org



MEMORIAL UM CHURCH

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