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

Online worship:  
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YouTube: [www.youtube.com/avonmumc](http://www.youtube.com/avonmumc)

## MORE MEMORIES OF THE SCHOOL STREET CHURCH

Anne Fitzgerald, Chair, Records & History

The pastor most School Street church attendees remember is Dick Yerrington. I took his and his wife Penny's oral history on **January 22, 2011** and below is the article that was in the **April 2014** newsletter.

"Camelot" - Former Pastor Dick and Penny Yerringtons' Memories

Dick York Yerrington, born October 30, 1930 in Hartford, is now 83. He grew up in Rocky Hill and was an active junior choir and MYF member at the Methodist Church there. After high school he completed a certificate program at Pratt Institute to develop his art skills then worked for an advertising firm. He attended UConn to complete his bachelor's degree in history, and after two years there became Student Pastor at South Methodist Church at Middletown Methodist where, despite not yet being ordained he officiated at worship, served Holy Communion, performed marriages, baptisms, and funerals until June 1960 when he was ordained then appointed to Memorial Methodist Church in Unionville. Since he lived alone there in the



Victoria parsonage, he did a lot of parish-calling around 5 or 6 p.m. so was oftentimes fed. Dick did cook at home alone, though, now and then.

Penny had attended Bristol High School then went on to nursing school. While attending Prospect UMC and MYF, she became friends with Gail Eaton who later married and moved to Avon. Gail tried to get her to visit and attend Memorial so she could meet Dick, but Penny had little interest in dating a pastor.

When current member Gail Eaton Colon's daughter was baptized and Penny was the godmother, she had no choice but to meet the pastor in November 1963. Their second date was a meet up at the New York World's Fair to which Dick had taken the MYF. After he'd let them loose, he and Penny met and spent the day together...They married in 1965.

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Matthew was born in 1969, is now 43, has three children, and lives in Dick and Penny's town of Beacon Falls. He works for AT&T.

Adam, born in 1972, is 41, lives in Ansonia and has one daughter. He's an electrician.

After two boys, they wanted a daughter so in 1975 they adopted Sarah from Vietnam when she was 14 months old. She is now 39, is married and has two children. She and Lee Porter live in Maryland where he works in the financial industry, and Sarah is a second-grade teacher. Young couples had little money and their best friends were in the church. The congregation had frequent picnics on the School Street grounds, created Pairs and Spares, had scavenger hunts in the village, Halloween parties, formal dances in the parish hall (for which they made chandeliers out of toilet bowl balls), roast beef dinners, and small bands. Whenever anyone got a new house, they'd have a surprise housewarming. Just before they had moved in, someone stole the hot water heater and furnace out of the Corbetts' new house in Bristol, but 35 people appeared anyway and snuck into the cellar; Bruce held a baseball bat at the top of the stairs. "There was always something, a lot of fun. Everyone knew everyone. It was a never-ending Camelot, a really special time."

Some of the youth they remember are Ron Fleming, Pam Paulsen Fleming, David and Vicki Crompton, the Booth kids, Rhett Tew, Jeff Fillian, Sue, Linda (now Johansen) and John Cragin, Guy Johansen, Bruce and Carol Densley Merritt. When Dick was single, he'd have Parsonage Weekends when he, the boys and the girls, would stay overnight and no one questioned it. Every summer he and Penny would take the kids to Old Saybrook beach, and when they outgrew that, they went to a cottage on Highland Lake. The boys pitched tents. "It was a great time, just a great time!"

Unionville redevelopment caused the church to relocate and the current site on West Avon Road was purchased. Current members on that Planning Council were Chairman Ray Cragin, Gwyn and Joe Booth, Jean Crompton, and Youth Rep Ron Fleming. Having been an art student, Dick wanted something special, a beacon on the hill. They tried to make a space that was unique

and only the pulpit is not moveable. The light fixtures were unique – it was the time. Everything was flexible; they put the table in the middle and sat around it; they had a show. The idea was that it would be the social hall. The building was consecrated in October 1971.

Dick and Penny left for Golden Hill UMC in Bridgeport in June 1978. We all were not the Kennedys but 1960 to 1978 was certainly Camelot.

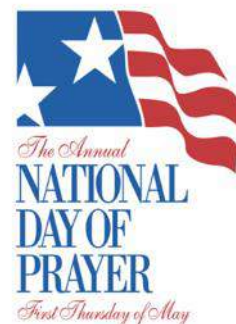
Many of us still miss Dick and Penny. Dick passed away January 15, 2016 and Penny lives in Beacon Falls. She will join us at our worship and reception in the School Street church on November 22, 2026.



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A special ceremony for the **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** will take place **Friday, May 1** at the Carmon Funeral Home and Family Center, 301 Country Club Road in Avon, from **8 - 9 am**. This event will include various scriptures and prayers led by local clergy and religious leaders. For those who cannot attend in person, the event will be live-streamed. . Please join us. Diane Hornaday



## TRES DE MAYO DINNER

Sunday, May 3  
Serving 5-7 pm  
(Linda Kime)



Come – enjoy a variety of Mexican dishes including choice of chicken or beef enchiladas, make-your-own tacos, beans and rice, corn-bean salsa & chips, and Mexican desserts!

Invite family, friends, neighbors for good food, fellowship. Free will donations will benefit MUMC's ministries.



## HONORING OUR MOTHERS

Sunday, May 10

Won't you please help us honor and celebrate our mothers on Mothers' Day (May 10) by bringing and displaying a photo of your mother on the table in Fellowship Hall for all to view during Fellowship Hour. Cards and markers will be available to identify your mother by name and of course to add your name. We look forward to seeing photos of lots of moms (and grandmoms).



**FIRST FRIDAY  
POT LUCK LUNCH**  
Friday, May 1 12 pm

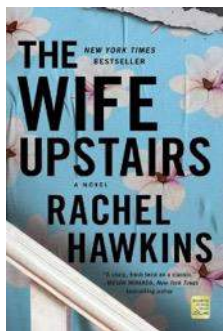
All are welcome!!! Gather together for great fellowship and conversation!! Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, salad, snack or dessert to share if you can – but it's not required!! Hope to see you there.

## THE OTHER GOOD BOOK GROUP

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Mystery awaits in May as we enter the world of *The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins. “Meet Jane. Newly arrived to Birmingham, Alabama, Jane is a broke dog-walker in Thornfield Estates—a gated community full of McMansions, shiny SUVs, and bored housewives. The kind of place where no one will notice if Jane lifts the discarded tchotchkes and jewelry off the side tables of her well-heeled clients. Where no one will think to ask if Jane is her real name. But her luck changes when she meets Eddie Rochester.



Recently widowed, Eddie is Thornfield Estates’ most mysterious resident. His wife, Bea, drowned in a boating accident with her best friend, their bodies lost to the deep...Yet as Jane and Eddie fall for each other, Jane is increasingly haunted by the legend of Bea, an ambitious

beauty with a rags-to-riches origin story, who launched a wildly successful southern lifestyle brand...With delicious suspense, incisive wit, and a fresh, feminist sensibility, *The Wife Upstairs* flips the script on a timeless tale of forbidden romance, ill-advised attraction, and a wife who just won’t stay buried. In this vivid reimagining of one of literature’s most twisted love triangles, which Mrs. Rochester will get her happy ending? [goodreads.com]

We will meet in the **Parlor at 7 pm on Sunday, May 17th** for our discussion. You can also join us on Zoom. All are welcome!

U.M. ARMY NORTHEAST  
**UNITED IN MISSION**  
**3RD ANNUAL SWING FOR THE GREEN**  
GOLF OUTING & DINNER  
BENEFITING YOUTH MISSIONS

18 Holes of Golf w/Prizes  
Lunch  
19th Hole Cocktail Hour  
Dinner  
Silent Auction

Click Here or scan QR Code Below to sponsor, register, or donate!

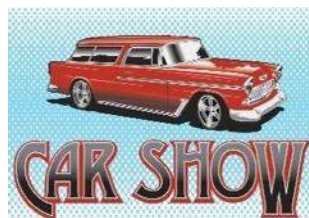
Sponsorships available!

Lyman Orchards Golf Club  
Middlefield, CT

**Friday, May 15th, 2026** AT 1PM

GOLF & DINNER \$155

COCKTAIL HOUR & DINNER ONLY \$65



4th Annual  
**CAR SHOW**  
Saturday, June 13  
10-2 (Rain date: 6/20)

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.

# CHURCHERY SCHOOL

After we returned from our April spring break our older children enjoyed a special field trip to Flamig Farm, where they had a wonderful time exploring and learning together.



As we enter May we are excited to celebrate the final month of our school year with many fun activities. Our Spring Concert will be held on **May 11 at 6:00 PM**. We warmly invite all members of the church community to attend and share in this special evening with our children.

I am especially grateful for our exceptional teachers, who are widely recognized for the incredible work they do each day with our children. Their dedication, care, and commitment make our school such a special place to learn and grow.

I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Churchery School Board, led by Courtney Robinson, for their continued guidance and support. In addition, we are thankful for our treasurer, Betsy Sargent, for her dedication and service to our school community.

Following the close of the school year, our Fun with Friends Camp will begin right after Memorial Day and will run through June 19. I will have summer office hours available.

We are so grateful for a truly wonderful school year filled with growth, joy, and learning. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall, with the new school year beginning on September 8.

Jean Baron  
Churchery School Director



## PASTOR APPOINTMENTS JULY 2026

SPR would like all to know that Pastor Sungmu Lee has been appointed to two churches in New York beginning July 1, 2026. SPR had summarized the feedback received from our congregation and the majority wanted MUMC to have a full-time pastor and Sungmu stay with us. Therefore SPR indicated this in the annual Pastor evaluation form submitted to our DS and Bishop for our Church Conference Dec. 1st 2025 - requesting Sungmu continue as our full-time pastor.

However, Sungmu requested to be transferred to another church to continue his ministry. Please stay tuned for a Farewell Reception beginning of June for Sungmu and Hyeonjin. We certainly want to wish them happiness and thank them for their work with us at MUMC.



MUMC has been appointed a new full-time pastor - Rev. Daehyun (Daniel) Park to begin a new ministry with us. He is 47 yrs. old, recently married, with no children. His wife is Katie Park, and she works from home as an IT specialist. Rev. Park has been at

Bayshore UMC in Long Island for three years, and at Bethelship Norwegian UMC in Brooklyn three years prior. He was ordained as Elder at NYAC in June 2025. He has a Masters from Methodist Theological University in Seoul Korea. He moved to USA in 2009 and earned his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology at Drew University.

We will look forward to everyone meeting Pastor Daniel and his wife, and he getting to know us. SPR met with Pastor Daniel last Thursday with our DS Heather. He seems a very happy, energetic and spiritual guy with an infectious smile!



## MIRACLE SUNDAY May 17

The *Endowment for Theological Education* is a permanent endowment of The United Methodist Church whose mission is to fund theological education in Africa, Europe and Philippines. Fewer than 5% of pastors outside the U.S. hold a master's degree in theology, compared to more than 71% within the U.S. The goal is to endow 500 scholarships in perpetuity, ensuring that courageous, well-prepared leaders can serve in some of the most challenging missional communities around the world. An endowment is like planting a tree: its roots grow deep, its branches spread wide, and future generations benefit from its shade and fruit. This endowment not only supports students today, it ensures that pastors will be prepared for generations to come. On **Miracle Sunday, May 17, 2026**, millions of United Methodists will take a special collection to support this important mission. We trust the Holy Spirit to multiply our gifts beyond what we can imagine. Please consider contributing to this important mission on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Bishop Eben Nhwatiwa and Barbara Boigegrain, Co-Chairpersons.

# 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONE CHURCH

As a part of our Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stone Church in Unionville, which will conclude with a worship service on November 22, each month the Records and History Committee will be sharing just a few of the memories of services and activities of members from when they were a child or youth at the church who are still a part of our congregation today.



Marsha Booth Kennedy

## Memories from Marsha Booth Kennedy -

*I remember the kitchen was down in the basement. The kitchen was old and it was always cold down there. That is where we had Sunday School. When we built the Fellowship Hall (which later was put to good use by the Town of Farmington) it seemed so big. We had a little group who played various instruments. We played upstairs and would sit where the choir usually sat. I played the guitar.*



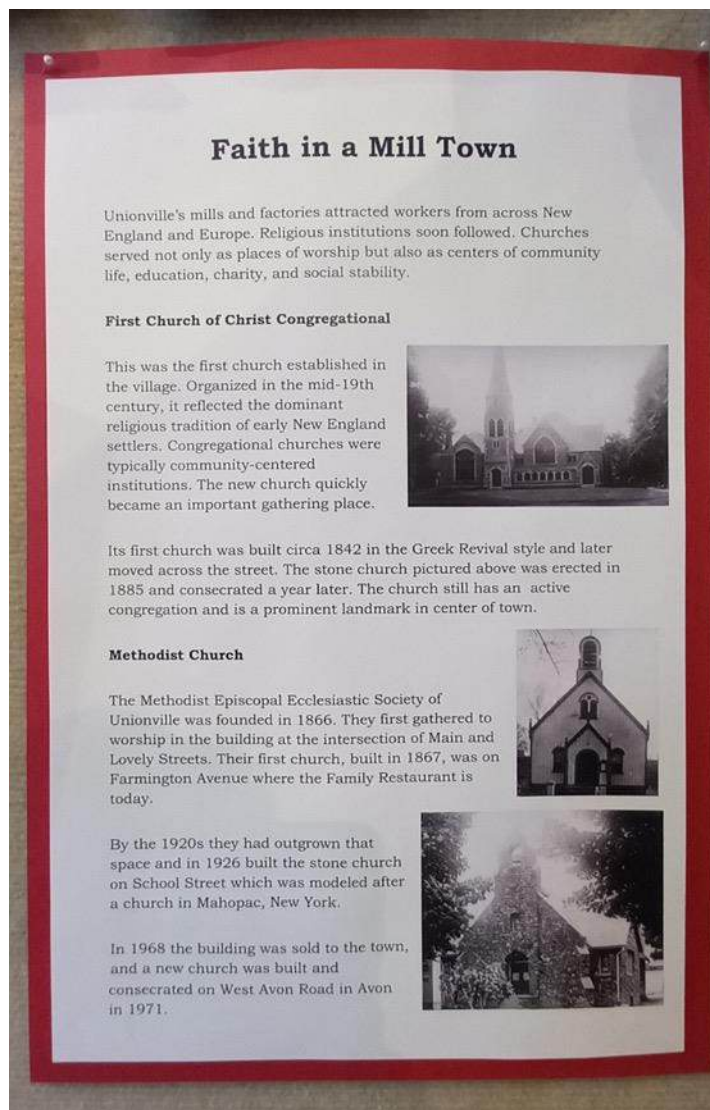
JOSEPH BOOTH FAMILY

Joe, Gwyn, Bobby,  
Marsha ,Tommy, Brenda

# UNIONVILLE MUSEUM EXHIBIT INCLUDES METHODIST CHURCHES

Anne Fitzgerald

The Unionville Museum's current exhibit into June celebrates the rich and enduring history of Unionville, including its churches. The second photo shows our two churches, the first on Farmington Avenue where the Unionville Family Restaurant now stands, and the stone church we are celebrating this year on School Street. Stop by on **Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sunday between 2:00 and 4:00** at 15 School Street in the former Carnegie Library. Free admission.



Unionville Museum

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

### REMINDER- MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ADVA VOLLE...

Memorial Service will be held at MUMC's Memorial Garden on Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. Please keep her family in prayer.

[Adva J. Volle Obituary \(2026\) - Avon, CT - Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center](#)

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

happy  
birthday

"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



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

## KATIE MORRIS 98<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

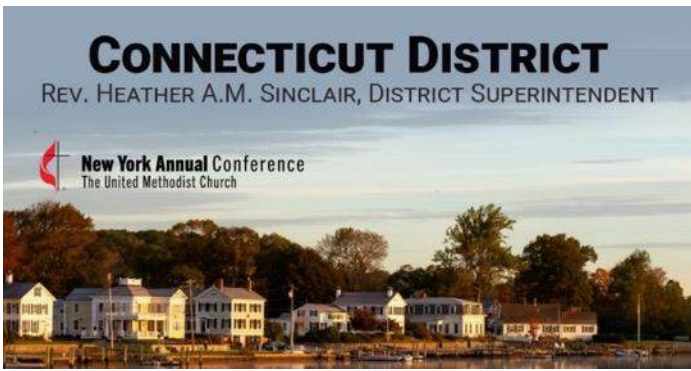
We wish to express a big thank you to all who joined us after Fellowship Hour on Sunday, April 19 for a "birthday parade" in celebration of the 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday of MUMC's oldest member, Katie Morris.

She was at her door along with family members to see the 10+ cars drive by with flashing lights, honking horns, big waves, shouts of "happy birthday" and birthday signs.

Thanks to Ann and Kathryn who delivered her flowers, which Pastoral Care Committee had placed on the altar, along with her birthday helium balloon.



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
TO FIND OUR LATEST HAPPENINGS  
AND UP TO DATE INFORMATION -  
[avonmumc.org](http://avonmumc.org)



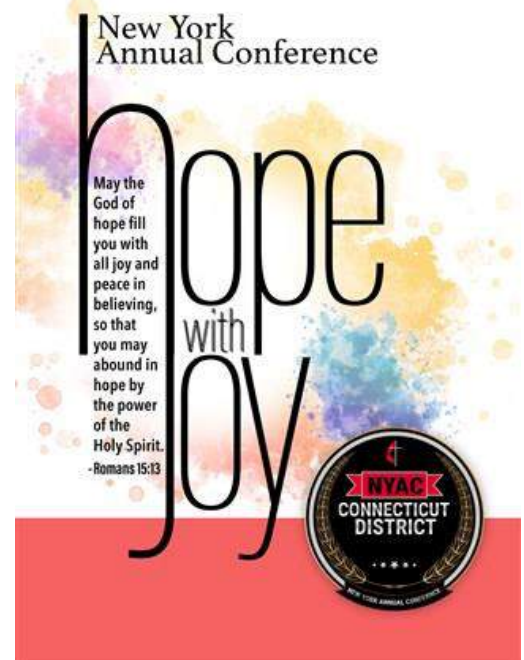
## 2026 CONNECTICUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

2026 Connecticut District Conference was held on Saturday morning, April 11 at Cheshire United Methodist Church. Attending from MUMC were Kay Hunter, Krista Kennedy and Linda Kime.

Following continental breakfast, we gathered in the sanctuary for combination business and worship led by our District Superintendent, Heather A.M. Sinclair. This included:

- Singing of hymns, prayers
- Celebration of leadership
- Recognition of new certified lay servant and ministers, pastors ordained, new appointments and retirees
- Reports of Cooperative Parishes
- Message from DS Sinclair
- Election of District Leadership
- Musical pieces including from "New Praize"

As always it was great to see and spend time with other United Methodists from our District.





## MUMC MEMORIAL GARDEN

April 2026  
Update

The Committee has contracted once again for irrigation and maintenance with Grasshelper, which completed its spring service on April 14th. In May, we will order and plant SunPatien annuals, after we have cleaned up the entire Garden area, cut low hanging tree limbs, fertilized roses, and top-dressed mulched areas at our Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 25th, which continues into the following week if needed to prepare for interment ceremonies. We have contacted our arborist to fertilize the Tree of Life in late April, prune the three trees in the center circle area, as well as those that line the south driveway from West Avon Road all the way down to the Garden area. Then from June through September, Gardeners will take responsibility singly or in pairs for the weekly weeding, spraying, deadheading, and other routine maintenance to ensure that the Garden always looks its best.

Planned special activities include individual memorial services for departed members Judy and Frank Corbeil and Adva Volle in mid-May, along with installing nameplates in their memory on our Memorial Garden stones. We also are planning to hold our annual Service of Remembrance in the Garden in September, in conjunction with a special Sunday service in the Sanctuary that same morning.

## MUMC MISSIONS COMMITTEE

April 2026 Report

The Missions Committee has been active early in 2026 after a productive 2025. Its biggest early project was to work with *Covenant to Care* and Pat Kelly's Youth Group to provide 12 Easter baskets for disadvantaged children in the New Britain area. Pastor Lee gave the gifts a special blessing on Palm Sunday and the baskets were delivered after services ended.

The *Food Pantry* remains a busy and active church mission, with an abundance of food supplies arriving weekly, which are necessary to stock the pantry often two to three times per week, especially in these hard economic times. There is a plan in the works to upgrade the Pantry itself to accommodate a greater amount of necessities for individuals and families.

Missions Outreach has recently forwarded its annual donation to *Project Adopt a Village*, an annual medical mission to Ethiopia headed by Dr. Ed Nelson, which provides free medical and dental care to several thousand Ethiopians during their two week summer visit to the Sendatha area. This is the church's sixth year supporting this Project. MUMC Missions also continues to support *CT Foodshare* and the *Farmington and Avon Fuel Banks*. Finally, Missions is supporting *UM Army* by sending a down payment for a July week at Centerport, LI, New York.





## MUMC 24/7 FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry continues to be well stocked with supplies, courtesy of our congregation and Churchery School. People are coming into the vestibule regularly for food staples. John Perotti has volunteered to paint/rehab the box we currently are using.

**We always have need for non-perishable food items.** They can 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, someone will do the shopping.

### Most useful food pantry donations:

- Pasta sauce and pasta
- Canned vegetables
- Boxed milk or Powdered milk
- Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
- Mac and Cheese
- Soups/beef stew
- Canned fruits
- Tuna/salmon
- Rice/rice cups
- Canned meats/chicken, beef, spam
- 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 mix /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



## 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 (**April 15**), 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. Next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 20 at 10 am**.

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## 2026 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Mark your calendars now!!!

August 10-14 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Memorial United Methodist Church

Age 3 as of 8/10 (must be potty trained) to those completing Grade 4  
\$25 per child; max. \$60 per family

**I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**

**Philippians 4:13<sup>RS</sup>**

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 then 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.



## 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.

## THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

MUMC's weekly Bring-Your-Own Lunch Bunch originated when Covid hit in 2020!! We found we could not hold our monthly First Friday Pot Luck Lunches, but could gather as long as we could keep a safe distance and not share any food. So we scheduled our first Lunch Bunch in our Memorial Garden shifting to Thursday instead of Friday as Friday was pastor's day off and PJ could easily attend on Thursday.

It was wonderful to gather and have this social time together at the height of the pandemic, so much so that we quickly decided that we would do it weekly, rather than monthly. Even as our need to keep our distance disappeared, we continued to enjoy our lunches in the garden, but as a convenience for many, we began to meet in Fellowship Hall.



Kathryn Robinett became our "barista", brewing, preparing and serving coffee to all in attendance and soon took responsibility for setup and overseeing our lunch time. Thank you, Kathryn!!!

We have continued to meet weekly (with the exception of the week we hold First Friday Pot Luck Lunch) with a pretty steady attendance. It amazes us that even after these five years, we always find interesting topics of conversation. We share stories, memories and even discuss current affairs a bit. We share happy news and concerns

April's lunch was particularly meaningful as David and Laura Gorden were in Connecticut visiting family and joined us for lunch. It was great to see them both and to catch up on what's happening with their lives in Wisconsin.



Won't you please consider joining us for this casual gathering to share lunchtime together. Especially if you are having your lunch alone – it's great to spend this bit of time together enjoying fellowship, friendship and conversation. Hope you will join us soon. Give us a try!!!



### 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 for our little ones.

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EASTER HUNT BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank God that we had an incredible turnout despite the bad weather! **193** people participated in the event **82** adult guests, and **73** children. Also **40** 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, egg and sausage breakfast. The children then had the opportunity to decorate Easter cookies and create a craft. 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!!! Look for display of photos in Fellowship Hall!!!



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Linda Arnold

Altar Flowers Sign up for altar flowers for 2026 is active for you to choose and reserve your dates. You can go to the church website: [avonmumc.org](http://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, Linda Arnold will be glad to reserve a week for you. cell: (860) 463-2597. Signup is also available in the narthex.

The price for altar flowers is \$40.



## MUMC GUIDING & GROWING GROUP

Kay Hunter

MUMC's great lineup of activities continues into summer.. As always, we we're looking for everyone's support – volunteer, attend and bring friends, and help spread the word out into the community

Sun. 5/3 - Tres de Mayo Mexican Supper  
Sat. 6/13 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show  
Sat. 7/4 – Independence Day Cookout  
TBD – Night out at Hartford Yard Goats Game

All are welcome to be part of the G & G Group. Our main purpose is to be sure we have events on the MUMC calendar for members of our church and community. Everyone is welcome and we welcome your ideas for events or programs.

Please join us for our **next planning meeting, Tuesday, May 26 at 7 pm** in the Parlor or on Zoom.

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**MEMORIAL  
DAY PRAYER**

THEY SERVED AND FOUGHT AND DIED

SO THAT WE MIGHT BE SAFE AND FREE.

GRANT THEM, O LORD, ETERNAL PEACE  
AND GIVE THEM THE VICTORY.

AND IN THESE DAYS OF UNREST  
FILLED WITH GRAVE UNCERTAINTY,

LET'S NOT FORGET THE PRICE THEY PAID  
TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY FREE.

-HELEN STEINER RICE



Fri 1	8:00 am – National Day of Prayer 12:00 pm – <b>First Friday Pot Luck</b>
Sat. 2	9:30 am – Prayer Warriors 8:00 pm – AA
Sun 3	8:30 am –Worship with Communion 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Family Worship/Comm. 11:30 am – Fellowship Hour 5:00 pm – <b>Tres de Mayo Dinner</b>
Mon 4	
Tue 5	7:00 pm – Education 7:00 pm – Trustees
Wed. 6	8:00 pm – AA
Thu 7	12:00 pm – Lunch Bunch 5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm – Missions & Outreach
Fri 8	
Sat 9	8:00 pm – AA
Sun 10	<b>Mother's Day</b> 8:30 am – Worship with Communion 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Family Worship 11:30 am – Fellowship Hour
Mon 11	6:00 pm – <b>Churchery Concert</b> 7:00 pm – Prayer Shawl Gathering
Tue 12	10:15 am – Records & History 7:00 pm – Finance
Wed 13	8:00 pm – AA
Thu 14	12:00 pm - Lunch Bunch 5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal
Fri 15	
Sat 16	8:00 pm – AA
Sun 17	8:30 am – Worship with Communion 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Family Worship 11:30 am – Fellowship Hour 7:00 pm – Book Club

Mon 18	
Tue 19	5:30 pm – Pastoral Care 7:00 pm – Church Council
Wed 20	8:00 am – Men's Breakfast 10:00 am – Bereavement Support 8:00 pm – AA
Thu 21	12:00 pm – Lunch Bunch 5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal
Fri 22	
Sat 23	11:00 am – <b>Adva Volle Memorial</b> 8:00 pm – AA
Sun 24	8:30 am – Worship with Communion 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Family Worship 11:30 am – Fellowship Hour
Mon 25	6:30 pm – Worship
Tue 26	6:30 pm – Memorial Garden 7:00 pm – Guiding and Growing
Wed 27	8:00 pm – AA
Thu 28	12:00 pm – Lunch Bunch 5:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal
Fri 29	
Sat 30	8:00 pm – AA
Sun 31	8:30 am – Worship with Communion 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Family Worship 11:30 am – Fellowship Hour

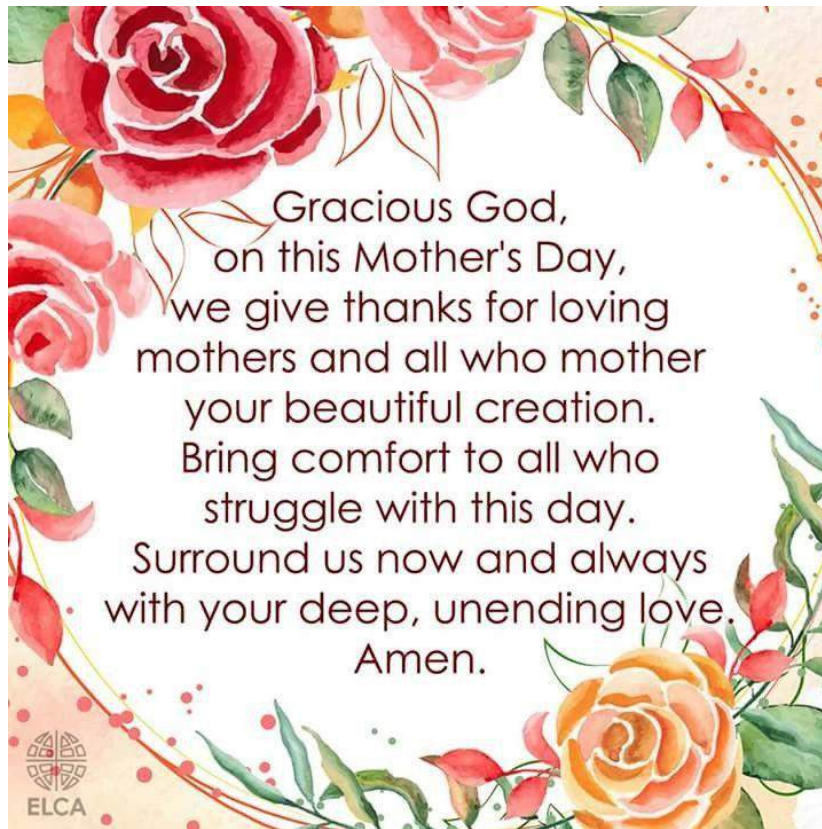
### **Looking ahead...**

Sat. June 13 - **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show**

Sat. June 20 - Car Show Rain date

Sun. June 21 - **FATHER'S DAY**

*PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
TO FIND UP TO DATE INFORMATION  
**avonmumc.org***



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