

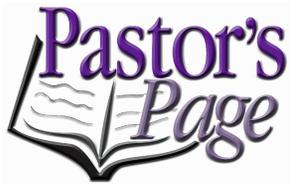
The Parish Herald

Newsletter of the
First United Methodist Church
Meriden, Connecticut

Ric Hanse
Pastor

October 2017

Dear First Church Family Member,



Do not ask yourself what the Church needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive in Jesus. And then do it! Because what the Church needs is people who come alive.

What do you love doing? What are you good at?

What are you passionate about? What, when you are doing it makes you feel wonderfully alive in and close to Jesus? In other words, what makes you come alive? Are you doing what makes you come alive at First Church? If you are, please share with me what it is that you are doing in your First United Methodist Church Family that makes you come alive in Jesus. If you are not, please share with me what it is you'd like to be doing, so that we can make it happen.

At First UMC, Meriden, we are committed to making sure you come alive in Jesus. Here some great things that are making people at First UMC come alive in Jesus:

- **Fostering Love** – Evelyn Mills and a group of people come alive creating backpacks to offer to children who are placed in foster care.

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- **Youth Mission Trip** – Adults Jim and Meredith Hazlett, Karen Harrison, Jen Bush and John Mansolf come alive showing youth how to they can make the lives of people in need better through carpentry, plumbing, and gardening. And the kids come alive in the process.
- **Visitation Corps** – Kate Eglee and Holly Wishart come alive visiting new members and people whom we have not seen in the family for some time.
- **Vacation Bible School** – Lisa Hanse comes alive putting together Vacation Bible School. So she gathered a group of adults and kids who also come alive teaching, cooking, eating, singing and learning about Jesus together.
- **Wednesday Walks** – Hiking makes Mary Lavado come alive, so she organized the wonderfully successful Wednesday Walks for Church Family members at Hubbard Park.

We have some challenges facing us. But in the midst of these challenges I will never ask you to do serve in a ministry because I need you to do it for our Church. Rather, we will work together to discover who comes alive when they are serving in the ministries to which God is calling us.

- **Do you love our Living Creche?** Ask yourself if leading it might make you come alive? If the answer is yes, please come see me.
- **Do you love offering hospitality?** Perhaps serving on a Fellowship Hour team would make you come alive. If this is the case, please let me know.

I am convinced that whenever Jesus calls us to do a ministry, He always supplies the people for that ministry. And the people Jesus supplies don't do the work because He needs them to. We do the ministry because when we do, we come alive in Jesus.

So, do not ask yourself with the Church needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive in Jesus. And then do it! Because what the Church needs is people who come alive!

Affectionately,

Pastor Ric

BIBLE SUNDAY

National Bible Sunday will be observed at FUMC on November 12th. Third graders will receive a Bible that day. Parents of older children who have not received a Bible may call the Church office, 203-235-9620, before October 25th.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth group is open for **all youth** from grades 4 through High School. We typically meet after worship until 3 PM (3:30 if there is travel off the site needed). All Junior & Senior High youth of the Church and their friends are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Jim Hazlett at 860.324.2588 or email at jhazlett1222@gmail.com.

- Sun. Oct 1 **Baked Potatoes** are back and games after.
- Sat. Oct 7-8 **Lock-In** begins at 6PM and ends at Children's Sermon on 10/8
- Sun. Oct 15 Trip to **Castle Craig** and picnic, until 3:30 pm
- Sun. Oct 22 **Pumpkin Picking** youth need to bring \$5.00-10.00 for their own pumpkins
- Sun. Oct 29 Game day for youth at church.
- Sun. Nov 5 **Museum day**.. TBD,
- Sun. Nov 12 Helping at the **Bake Off/Games**

FOCUS ON WOMEN

Unit 4 of the UMW (United Methodist Women) will meet **Monday, October 16th**, for a dessert meeting and some crafting. All women are most welcome. Dessert will be provided.

UMW - All Church Luncheon. Sunday, **October 22**, 12:00 pm in Rogers Memorial. Tickets are \$10. See Debbie Molloy after worship.

UMW Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, October 24**, at 7:30 at the home of Myrna Spencer, 126 Ann Street. We will be discussing "*A Man Called Ove*" by Fredrik Backman. Our next selection will be "*A Gentleman in Moscow*" by Amor Towles. All women are welcome.



Connecticut District United Methodist Women

Fall Gathering

October 14, 2017

8am-9am (coffee and fellowship)

9am-12 noon (meeting)

At FUMC Meriden!

Contact Nancy Hauser : 203-538-5901

There will be a \$3.00 donation to cover coffee hour.



MEN'S NOTES

Brothers in Christ: Bible study, support & encouragement. The goal is to grow in our responsiveness to Jesus Christ in all aspects of our lives. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 8:00 am in the Parish House. If you have any questions or need additional information please see Hal Quigley. All men warmly welcomed.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFT

Wednesday Night Lift . 11, 18, 25 October. God has done great things for us throughout summertime. God is going to do great things for us and through us this fall! On Wednesday 11 October we'll begin Wednesday Night Lift. For three Wednesdays (11, 18, 25) we'll meet for supper at 6:00pm. At 6:30 kids will spend time learning about Jesus through Bible Stories and Science & Recreation activities led by Jim Hazlett. Also at 6:30, grownups will gather in the Wesley Room with Pastor Ric to learn about **Keeping the Faith in a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World** – a study based on the classic comedy movie "It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World". Come join us!

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Hebrews 10: 24 *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Saturday October 21 Game Night 6:30 pm in Rogers Memorial.

Saturday November 18 Game Night 6:30 pm in Rogers Memorial.

Saturday Dec 2 Hanging of the greens beginning at 3:00 pm followed by a soup and sandwich supper in Rogers.

7TH ANNUAL BAKE-OFF

Leaves are changing, everyone is picking apples and pumpkins, the kids are giggling at funny looking gourds, and houses of the FUMC family will smell of cinnamon and nutmeg soon. The Bake Off is **November 12th**! It's \$3 to enter and a goodwill donation to vote for your favorite although all are welcome to taste. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and of course the famous GOLDEN SPOON for the winner! Money raised will go to Sunday school. Come hungry!!! See you there.

Prayer Chain Ministry: When I shared my pulpit message the end of June I had an assignment for everyone. I was looking for everyone to commit to serving, not because you want to do something good, but that you love the Lord and want to serve. Many people noted more praying and specifically praying for other people. The Prayer Chain Ministry may be for you. If you would like to be a part of this important and supportive ministry, just provide me with your name and email address. You will be added to the list and will be one of our prayer warriors. As requests come in you will be sent an email and then pray. I look forward to growing our prayer ministry. Thank you. Holly Wishart

Prayer Chain continues active and strong, and would love to be praying for your needs and desires. If you have a special need for prayer, please let our prayer chain coordinator (Holly Wishart) know so she can share your burdens and needs with those who are on the chain. Please make certain you have permission from the person(s) you are praying for, and then call Holly, 203-907-5725, or the Church office, 235-9620. You can also e-mail the office, fumc@snet.net, if you prefer.

ANNUAL MEETING / CHARGE CONFERENCE

Mark this date! Our Annual Charge Conference will be held **Monday, November 6th**, 7:30 pm in Rogers Memorial. Trustees will be elected. All members and friends of First United Methodist Church are encouraged to attend.



MISSIONS:

October 1st we observe **World Communion Sunday**: This offering provides: Scholarships for international and U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority graduate students; Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students; and Scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority person seeking second careers in church-related vocations. Our World Communion Sunday gifts nurture members of our family in faith to engage in life-changing ministries. Your gifts makes a world of difference.



November 19th the American Legion Auxiliary will be packing the **Holiday Packages for Soldiers**. If you have a soldier serving anywhere in the world and would like them to receive a package please give me their address. Each package contains 6 dozen home made **cookies** among other things. We always can use your help with the cookies. **Donations for shipping** are greatly appreciated, \$17 per package. Contact me at ntracy45@gmail.com or 203-599-5656. Thank you, Nancy Tracy.

Response to Natural Disasters - Disaster response coordinators are connecting to UMCOR's relief supply system and budgetary assistance as they plan for support As **UMCOR**, and the conferences and local communities continue to respond to the effects of these disasters, please pray for those whose lives may be impacted. Those who wish to support the work of UMCOR as it responds to this and other disasters in the US are encouraged to give to UMCOR. 100% of money collected is used to help those in need. Checks can be made out to the church or donate directly at <http://www.umcor.org/>

Emergency request for **Blood Donors!** The Red Cross has a significant blood shortage and is issuing a request for eligible blood and platelet donors. Every donation matters, as blood is being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Donate here on **October 24th**, and **December 19th**, 1:00 - 6:00 pm in Rogers Memorial. Giving blood only takes about one hour and can save up to three lives. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or make an appointment on the Internet at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> .



"Fostering Love" Children placed in Foster Care receive from 1st UMC Church a backpack with an outfit, a toy, and toiletries. We are in need of: **BACKPACKS & TOILETRIES!** Items may be placed in the bin in the cloister. Thank you for your generous help!

FUMC Observes **"1st Sunday"** The Meriden Soup Kitchen cupboards are always in need of supplies, and we can help! As we celebrate Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of every month we ask you to bring in non-perishable food items as an offering of thanks to God for His great love. A box is in the cloister for your

monthly 'love gifts.' Can't come on a 1st Sunday? We'll receive them on 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Sunday too!

The **First Sunday in Advent is December 3rd**. It's not too early to begin making mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc for the **Mitten Tree** his tradition was begun back in the 70's by Dot Hayes. You say you don't knit? Purchased items are gratefully received. All donations will be given to the needy in our community and beyond. Thank you.

Unity House is a refugee house run by the South Meriden UMC. The Central District of the NY Annual conference has adopted the Unity House as a special project. We are providing three ways for you to participate. 1) Change in the collection plate. This includes coins only. 2) Unity Jar. A collection jar is available in Rogers Memorial. 3) Check. Checks made out to FUMC with "Unity House" in the Memo line will be given to Unity House.

Socks in a Stocking: Though most of us do not want these warm days to pass, colder days will soon be coming. Last winter FUMC donated well over a hundred pairs of socks to our local homeless shelter. Let's see if we can double that this winter. In Rogers Memorial (fellowship) hall there is a quilted stocking you can place new socks for adults and children into. There is also a gray overflow bin available. Please see Jan Richardson or Deb Molloy if you have a question.

FALL HIKE!

October 1st after worship, Mary Lavado will lead a Sunday afternoon hike after worship. This hike on the White Trail at Hubbard Park is classified as "easy". Most of this hike is level, but parts of it have some minor elevation/decline with loose stones under foot. Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes or boots, dress in layers, bring a lunch, bug spray, sunscreen, snacks and water, and a camera/phone! We can stop for lunch at the Halfway House, about 25-30 minutes into the hike. (hike is approximately 2 hours)

There is a branch of the White Trail that goes to Castle Craig, and if anyone wants to venture upward, Mary would like to ask for a volunteer to lead anyone who wants to go. It is very steep, and rocky, so good hiking abilities are required for this volunteer. Questions? Call or text Mary at (860) 638-8781.

Wednesday Walks will continue into the fall and winter! We will move from Hubbard Park to the Westfield Mall on **Wednesday, October 4th**. We will meet in front of former McDonald's site at 6pm, and walk AWAY from the Food Court approximately 6:15 pm. We walk approximately 45 minutes. All ages, abilities are welcome!! It takes just one step to start a journey to health! Call or text Mary Lavado (860) 638-8781 or Val Levesque (203)443-4175 for any questions.

187TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY- OCTOBER 16

We will be honoring the 50-Year Members of our Church who made their confirmation or membership vows in 1967. They are: *David Backus, Margo D'Allesantro, Patrick Jennings, Barbara Kern, Neil Orrill, Gene Overstrom.*

SOS FOR THE LIVING CRECHE.

As Jim and I retire from the work force we decided to also retire from The Living Creche this year. So, we are asking for another church member to take over this important, public, Christmas ministry. We will assist the **new leaders** as necessary and pray they enjoy this as much as we have.. Please let the church office or Jim and Sue Kostuk know if you'd like to volunteer for this great display of the Christmas Story. In God's grace , we thank you so much.. Jim and Sue Kostuk

FUND NIGHT OUT FOR FUMC

The Trustees of FUMC invite you to a **FUND Night Out at Panera Bread**, 1094 North Colony Rd, Wallingford, CT on Thursday, **October 26th** from **4:00 to 8:00PM**. All you have to do is bring your appetite and flyer (paper or on your smart phone). Rules are slightly different this time, but better. We receive 20% of sales associated with the flyers as long as we buy \$100 worth of food. We should be able to do that on just cookies alone!! Flyers can be used for dine-in or drive thru. In a hurry? You can also participate with on-line orders if you enter "FUND" as the Promo Code. So come on out for good food, good fellowship and have some FUND! And invite your friends and neighbors!!! (but no soliciting at the restaurant) For choir members, this is a perfect way to energize those vocal chords before practice. Thank you for your support! See you there!



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WHERE 1094 North Colony Road, Wallingford, CT 06450

WHEN Thu, Oct, 26th

FROM 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

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First United Methodist Church

CRAFT FAIR

SAT. 12/16/17

9AM - 5PM



Visit with SANTA
10AM until Noon

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Oct 1 – Team 5: Nancy Coppola, Mary Alling, Kate Eglee, Bette Grasso, Mary Lavado, Tracy Wodatch

Oct 8 – Team 6: Deane Poirier, Alison Green, Maurice Poirier, MaryEllen Brechlin, Trudi Schott, Mark Fancher, Carol Porsch, Lauren Rhines, Ellen Fisk.

Oct 15 - Anniversary Sunday: Commission on Membership: Nancy Coppola, Chairperson, Juliette Buccilli, Michael Buccilli, Nancy Childers Novelyn Cosmiano, Brenda Daly, Roberta Dolan, Kate Eglee, Joyce Cannon, Carmen Garcia, Jan Gawlik, Allison Green, Karen Harrison, Debra Lippold, Evelyn Mills, JoAnn Myers, Ruth Petrucelli, Carol Porsch, Janice Richardson, Betty Thomson, Rachel Uymah, Sue Winchel

Oct 22 – Team 7: Myrna Spencer, Karen Caproizzo, Earl Yeomans, Linda Mizell, Jim Pearsall, Renee Pearsall, Betty Thomson, Mary Andersen

Oct 29 – Team 8: Ed & Nancy Peterson, Donna Oddie, Gerry West, Jim Hazlett, Beverly Teixeira, Ruth Petrucelli-

Nov 5- Team 1: Sue Winchell, Barbara Quigley, Evelyn Mills, Stacy Morgan, Sarah Uylaky, Cathy Bacon

Nov 12 – Team 2: Stanley & Sharon Kapustinski, Brenda Daly, Nancy Tracy, Jan Richardson, Stacy Harris, Karen Harrison

Worship Leaders: Oct 1- Harry Geiger. Oct 8 - Bob Simon. Oct 15 - Nancy Coppola. Oct 22 - Jim Pearsall. Oct 29 - Stan Kapustinki. Nov 5 - Ed Peterson. Nov 12 - Jim Spencer

Briefs: The **Usher Schedule** is posted on the bulletin board in the Cloister.

You can access our **Church Calendar** on our website at <http://www.firstumcmeriden.com/events/> This calendar has the most current schedules...



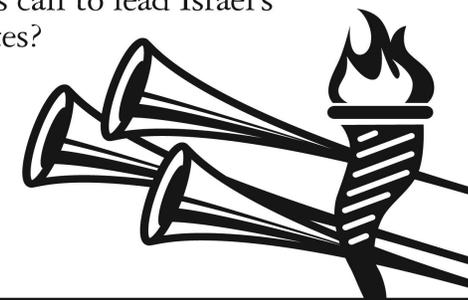
Don't forget to 'like' our page on **Facebook** to stay up to date on everything that is happening.

Join us on the web! www.firstUMCmeriden.com Better still it is smart phone friendly. This is a wonderful new way for us to grow closer to Jesus and each other as a Church Family. Be sure to check it out!

?? Bible Quiz ? ?

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

- A. Threshing wheat
- B. Harvesting grapes
- C. Keeping sheep
- D. Making a sacrifice to the Lord



Answer: A (See Judges 6:11.)

The Deadline for the November Parish Herald is Friday, October 20th. The Herald will be mailed Thursday, October 26th, 9:00 am from the Church office. Help is welcomed to collate and label.

Broad Shoulders – We need many volunteers for our ministry that provides meals for members of our Church family when there is a need, due possibly to illness or surgery. If you can help please contact Myrna Spencer (203-238-2704).

We have openings for **Altar Flowers** October 22 and November 5 & 12. If you wish to donate flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please sign up on the poster in the Cloister at least one week before or call the Church office, 203-235-9620.

A **Food Pantry** is available at New Opportunities, 74 Cambridge St, Meriden. Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Thurs, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

Upper Room Devotional Books are available on the table by the kitchen in Rogers Memorial. A small donation in the offering plate will help cover the cost. Large print copies are also available.

WITHIN OUR FAMILY

Hospitalized since the last Parish Herald: John Lippold, Larry D'Apice, Fran Clark

Adult Bible Study, Seasonally. Pastoral & Lay Leadership

Boy Scout Troop 52 Tuesday, 7:00 pm.

Brothers in Christ 1st & 3rd Saturday, 8:00 am, Parish House

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, 7:30 pm, Sunday, 9:00 am

Church School Children's Choir – 1st Sunday and

Seasonal: 10:15 am

Confirmation Class, Sunday after worship

Youth Groups, Grades 6- 12 , Sunday, 1:00 pm

United Methodist Women , 2nd Monday of each month and Special Programs

Worship Service & Church School at 10:00 am

Sunday - Nursery provided.

Web Site: www.FirstUMCMeriden.com

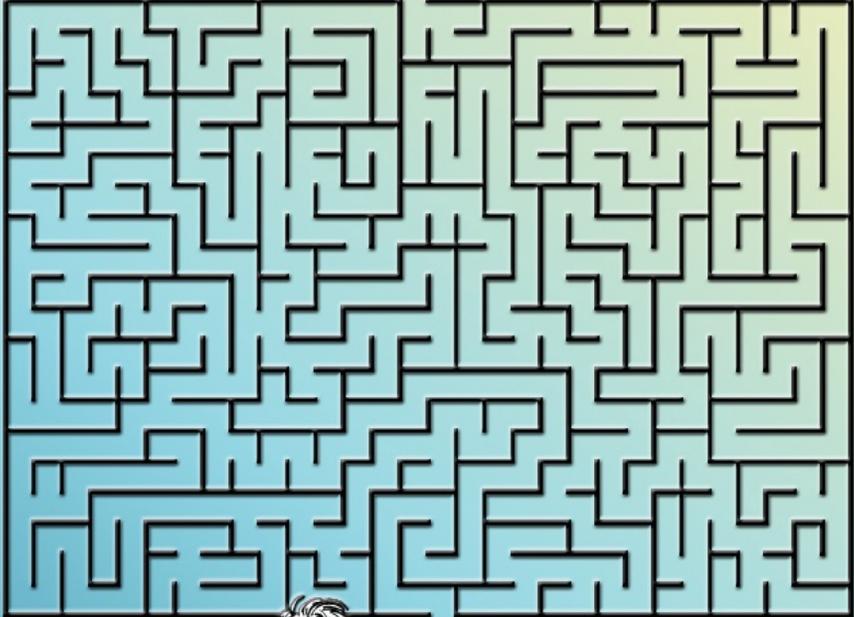


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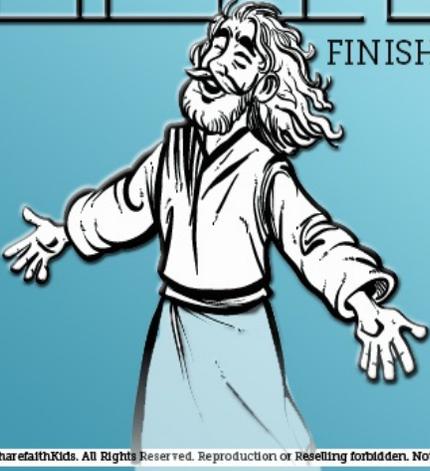
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship Hike 12:30 pm World Communion Sunday 11:45 AM Finance Committee YOUTH GROUP	2 Nominating Committee 6:30 pm.	3 Boy Scout Crew 52 Boy Scouts	4 Bus Safety Meeting am Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	5 Chancel Choir	6 Soup Kitchen	7 8:00 AM Brothers In Christ YOUTH LOCK-IN
<i>Director of Administration Vacation</i>						
8 10:00 am Worship Education Commission Worship Commission YOUTH LOCK-IN	9	10 Boy Scouts 10:00 AM Curtis Home (Ric) SPPR	11 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Lift Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	12 Chancel Choir	13	14 District UMW Meeting - all women invited
<i>Director of Administration Vacation</i>						
15 10:00 am Worship Anniversary Sunday YOUTH GROUP	16 Unit 4	17 Boy Scouts	18 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Lift Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	19 Chancel Choir	20 Soup Kitchen  Deadline for Parish Herald	21 8:00 AM Brothers In Christ Adult Fellowship Game Night
22 10:00 am Worship 12:00 PM UMW Luncheon YOUTH GROUP	23	24 Can You Spare A Drop? Blood Drive Boy Scouts UMW Book Club (member's home) 7:30 pm	25 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Lift Wednesday Walk 6:00 pm	26 4:00 PM Panera Bread Fundraising Parish Herald Mailed Chancel Choir	27	28 SPRC Retreat
29 10:00 am Worship YOUTH GROUP	30	31 Boy Scouts Halloween				

Kindly tear off and return to Church office. Thank you.

- () Please add/drop person below to mailing list
- () Would like offering envelopes
- () Would like to join Church
- () Changes in Address, phone, e-mail...
- () The person below is in the hospital
- () Please pray for:

NEWS FOR THE PARISH HERALD, COMMENTS, INFORMATION.

Signed.....

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