

The Good News

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What is Your Story?



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by Pastor Jacob Eun

Each of us is significant, and our stories matter. By telling the whole story, we are able to see how through God's grace, even the greatest of sinners are redeemed. Among many stories, there is one story that needs to be heard. No matter who you are or what your story is, you are invited to participate in the adventure. God is rescuing the world, and you are worthy to be part of the great story. There is someone who needs to hear your story and feel welcome into the story of God. [1]

When we testify what God has done in our life, we magnify, glorify, and exalt God. We create a remembrance and a memorial when we testify. It may have been something that happened 5, 10, or 20 years ago. But you are reminding yourself that God has been good. You are creating an environment of God's mercy, God's presence, and God's voice to come alive once again through your testimony.

And as we testify, we inspire faith in others. When you tell someone what God has done in your life, faith rises up in their hearts that God can do it for them if God has done it for you. [2]

God is inviting every one of us to see where we belong in God's story of redemption and share our stories with others. Imagine a church where everyone's story is important, and everyone is participating in sharing this great Gospel story.

God still speaks. God is not silent. God has not forgotten the story God started with you. [3] For those of us who are feeling a little alone, if we'll just practice looking up, we might notice that God was already here.

So what is your story?

Below is the list of resource(s) that I used for this post. My apologies for the delayed upload of citations.

[1] [2] [3] <https://www.gnjumc.org/content/uploads/2019/11/Telling-Your-Story-Preaching-Resources-1.3.pdf>

New Worship Series for September

Telling Our Story

There are stories you never forget. There are others that you want to forget. There are stories that are undeniably life-changing. All of them play a significant role in our lives. So, let's look deeper into them.

10.4	The Greatest Story
Online	Acts 17:22-34
10.11	The Whole Story
Outdoor	1 Timothy 1:12-17
10.18	God, Where Were You?
TBA	Genesis 28:10-19a
10.25	News Worth Sharing; A Life Worth Living
TBA	John 9:1-12



Your Story Is God's Story: Creating Your Testimony

"If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way" (1 Peter 3:15-16, NLT).

Take a few minutes now to work through these questions so you can be ready for the next open door God gives you to tell your story.

My Life Before Christ

- What about my life before Christ will relate most to the non-Christians I know?
- What did my life revolve around? Where did I get my security, identity or happiness from?
- How did those things begin to let me down?

How I Came to Christ

- When was the first time I heard the gospel? What were my initial reactions?
- When and why did my perspective of Christ begin to change?
- What were the final struggles that went through my mind just before I accepted Him? Why did I finally decide to accept Christ (or give Him complete control of my life)?

My Life After Coming to Christ

- How is my life different now? List some specific changes in your character, attitude and perspective on life.
- What motivates me now? What do I live for?
- Even though my life still isn't perfect, how does knowing Christ help me deal with that fact?

Now that you've answered these questions, take a few minutes to write out your story as if you were telling it to someone.

Master's Manna

We will have a food drive for Masters Manna for the next 10 days from October Oct 7th to 17th and then again in November for the first 2 weeks.

Food bin for donations will be in front of the church doors. Kagee and Steve will pick up food from individuals who call to ask us to pick it up at 203-284-3867.



Virtual Annual Conference Session

Full Session – Clergy and Laity – Saturday, October 24 at 1:00pm

In this abbreviated annual conference session there will be no petitions or resolutions, as there are no legislative sessions. Only the necessary items such as budget, pension and equitable compensation will be reported. There will be worship and recognition of those who have died during this last year.

[Click here to register](#)



Church Reopening

Although the state of CT gave us new guidelines that the state's houses of worship in will be allowed to reopen with only 100 people or 25 percent capacity in attendance and that outside services will allow up to 150 people in attendance, we want to ensure that our reopening plan is in alignment with our connectional conference.

We are still waiting to be certified for reopening from the NYAC. Be more patient! When we return to in-person services, everyone who enters into the building is required to follow all safety and health precautions issued by the State, CDC, NYAC, and our church, which are all available online on Google, Facebook page, and website.

If you belong to a category with higher risk of contracting the disease or developing severe illnesses, we encourage you to stay home and join us online.

We will have an outdoor service on October 10th and will keep you updated on a weekly basis whether our worship will be online or outdoor in the parking (you can still join our worship online). Our goal is to be certified by November.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Join Us for Our Online Worship

How to Join Our Online Worship on Facebook:

1. Log into your Facebook account on your phone or computer
2. Search First United Methodist Church of Wallingford or click here
3. Click the Live post (it will show 10 minutes before the service)

How to Join Our Online Worship on ZOOM

1. Download and install ZOOM on your device
2. Join us by using the information below
3. Meeting ID: 838 994 3068 Password: 1234

How to Join Our Online Worship on Phone

You don't need to have a computer or laptop

1. Call 1-929-205-6099
2. Enter our meeting ID: 838-994-3068# and then 1#
3. Enter password: 1234#



Announcements

Welcome

1. To schedule a time with Pastor Jacob, you can call 203-615-3214 or email at pastor.fumc@gmail.com.
2. Connect with us online. Search First United Methodist Church of Wallingford on Facebook and like our page! Or go on our website www.fumc-wallingford.org

Upcoming Meetings and Events

1. Our Virtual New York Annual Conference will be on Saturday, October 24 at 1:00pm via ZOOM. Please visit www.nyac.com to register

Reopening

1. We will have some outdoor service, which will be determined weekly. Our goal is to be certified for November.
2. Meanwhile, we are meeting on ZOOM on every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Join us with the information provided on page 5.

Support Our Ministries

1. You can support our church by shopping with scrip cards (ask Diane) and shopping at smile.amazon.com (with scrip cards you purchase) by selecting Wallingford United Methodist Church as your charitable organization.
2. We are grateful for your generous gifts contributed through our online website or mail that enabled us to serve faithfully our church family and our wider community. Here are three ways you can give:
 - Online: www.fumc-wallingford.org/give
 - Mail your gift
 - Or drop at church (941 Old Rock Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492)

Ministry Captured

Some pictures from our last month's outdoor service



Mark Your Calendar

Every Wednesday of July at 7:00pm

Fellowship on ZOOM

Every Sunday at 10:00am

Worship on ZOOM and Facebook

10.11 (Sun) Outdoor Worship Service
Parking lot at 10:00am

10.24 (Sat) Annual Conference Clergy Virtual session 9:00am
Virtual New York Annual Conference 1:00pm

Happy Birthday (October)

5 Jerry Dion
and Kagee Hubbard
7 Bill Grant

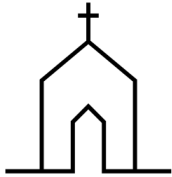
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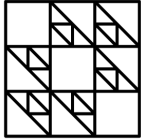
No In-Person Meetings or Gatherings

We are putting a pause on any in-person meetings as described on this page. For questions or more information about reopening or regathering, you can call our church at 203-269-9100 and leave a message or email us at fumc.wallingford@gmail.com.



Sunday Worship Service

Come join us in worship! We want everyone to feel comfortable worshipping that in their own way. Some people dress up, many dress casually; it's up to you. There will be people ready to greet you. We are blessed and happy to have you join us in worship.



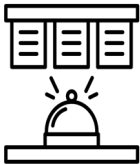
Tuesday Morning Quilt Group

We have a group of diligent workers who quilt every Tuesday morning at 9:30am. Great things are happening in this ministry: quilting, sharing laughter, and enjoying each other's company! Come and join us for some fun and friendship!



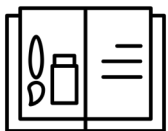
First Monday Book Club

We meet to have a lively discussion over books of all types-both fiction and non-fiction, serious and not too serious, recent and old -suggested by members. Join us for great time of discussion and fellowship. Please email or call to church office for more details.



Last Wednesday Transition Dinner

We meet every last Wednesday at 5:30pm at Colony Diner in Wallingford. If you are looking for delicious food or good friendship, you are more than welcome to join us. Call the church office before since the schedule may change for various reasons.



First Saturday Scrapbook and Craft Session

We meet every first Saturday of the month from 9:30am to 4:00pm at church. We have a plenty of work spaces with lengthy tables. Join us for the time of getting together over a range of crafts activities and moreover, some friendship.

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