

The Good News

November 2020

Let us Give Thanks to God



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November: Month of Thanksgiving

by Pastor Jacob Eun

Giving thanks this year seems like an extremely difficult thing to do. “It’s been an incredibly hard year, between the pandemic (beginning in March), murdering hornets (April), protests for justice (summer), wildfires (August), Ruth Ginsberg’s death (September), the president being sick with COVID-19 (October), the election (November), and who knows what will come.” [1] This pandemic has caused the closing of schools and colleges, cancellations of sporting events, and job losses for many people. Churches are no longer holding in-person services, concerts are cancelled, vacations postponed, etc.

November is a month of thanksgiving, and we are supposed to give thanks, but we feel like the bad outweighs the good. It has become easier for people to become bitter and frightened in these circumstances, and many will blame God. But the current situation is a real test on Christian character: Is there something positive in the midst of this pandemic for which you can give thanks to God?

What can we give thanks for?

Perhaps the greatest blessing for which we can be thankful is the opportunity to see God’s work in a crisis. God has given us to be of help to others by simply calling a friend, praying for one another, offering to shop groceries, and so many more ways.

“Each and every day, we have the opportunity to turn to God in God’s Word to be uplifted and refreshed even when the world around us seems to be closing down. Through the faith that God gives us, we know it is God’s will that we rejoice in God and seek God’s peace in the midst of this virus pandemic.” [2]

So let us give thanks in spite of the difficulties and challenges for God is with us.

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

[1] <https://www.gnjumc.org/content/uploads/2020/10/Thankful-Preaching-resource.pdf>

[2] <https://michigandistrict.org/healthy-congregations/count-your-blessings-even-in-the-midst-of-a-pandemic/>

Worship for November

We are overflowing with thanksgiving to God and encouraged by your faithful support for our ministries. It is from a place of overflowing thanksgiving for God and for you that we begin 2021 Stewardship pledge drive.

And let us prepare our hearts for Thanksgiving and Advent seasons.

- 11.1** **Between a Pharaoh and a Red Sea**
Exodus 14:19-31
- 11.8** **Saints in Our Lives**
All Saints Sunday
- 11.15** **Count Your Blessings**
Stewardship Sunday
- 11.22** **Thanksgiving Sunday**
- 11.29** **First Sunday of Advent**



Church Reopening

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.

It is likely that we will reopen from the second Sunday of November. Will keep you updated.

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#



Stewardship Pledge Card

We have several ministries that exist to fulfill our parish mission and serve our community. Giving of our time and talent through these ministries is just as much an act of stewardship as giving financially. If you would like to contribute your time and talent, please visit our website to see a list of active ministries: www.fumc-wallingford.org. And you can call or email to see how you can be more involved.

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards are accepted from everyone including people who have not previously pledged, people who are not yet members of the church but wish to make a commitment to it, and people who wish to make changes to their commitment for the following year. To those who do not have an envelop number, the finance secretary will assign a new envelop number for 2019 to new pledges.

How to Return the 2021 Stewardship Pledge Card

By Mail:

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At Church:

Place your completed card on the offering plate during the service on Sunday.



2021 Stewardship Pledge Card

Name: _____ Family: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

In support of FUMC of Wallingford, I/we will contribute: \$ _____

Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually

Want envelopes? Please check here if you would like weekly envelopes.

Total Commitment for 2021: \$ _____

Thank you for your generous support of First United Methodist Church of Wallingford.

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. Church Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm via ZOOM.

Reopening

1. It is likely that we will reopen from the second Sunday of November. Will keep you posted.
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)

"When Giving Is All We Have"

We give because someone gave to us.
We give because nobody gave to us
We give because giving has changed us.
We give because giving could have changed us.
We have been better for it,
We have been wounded by it—
Giving has many faces"

**"When Giving Is All
We Have"**
BY
Alberto Ríos

Thanksgiving

"There's not a day in all the year
But holds some hidden pleasure,
And looking back, joys oft appear
To brim the past's wide measure.
But blessings are like friends, I hold,
Who love and labor near us.
We ought to raise our notes of praise
While living hearts can hear us."

"Thanksgiving"
BY
Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Mark Your Calendar

Every Wednesday of July at 7:00pm Fellowship on ZOOM
Every Sunday at 10:00am Worship on ZOOM and Facebook

11.8 (Sun) All Saints Sunday
11.15 (Sun) Stewardship Sunday
11.10 (Tue) Church Council Meeting on Zoom
11.22 (Sun) Thanksgiving Sunday
12.1 (Tue) Deadline for Church Conference Documents
12.3 (Thu) Church Conference at 7:30pm
12.6 (Sun) Advent

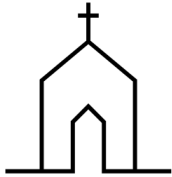
Happy Birthday (November)

11 Amy Miller
13 Steven Peiffer
14 Timothy Tyler
and Conner Poach
15 Sandra Smart
26 Donna Graham
29 Adeline Poach



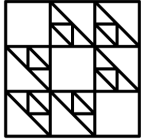
No In-Person Meetings or Gatherings

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.



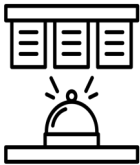
Tuesday Morning Quilt Group

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!



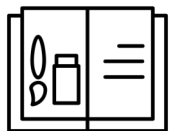
First Monday Book Club

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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