



# The Good News

July 2021

Summer of Love



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## Thank You

by Pastor Jacob Eun

It still amazes me how God calls and uses a person like myself who has many imperfections and flaws. There was a time when I was captured by the sense of fear and struggled with the feeling of 'not good enough' especially serving at a predominantly white church. My English is not perfect. I can be sometimes socially awkward. I sometimes find myself feel lost for words and don't know what to say in certain situations.

But thanks to all your love who reflected God's grace, I was able to build my relationships with you all and to say that I have a family in Christ in Wallingford. You have been patient with me, supportive of me, and loving and caring for one another. I feel more closer to the truth how God does not call the qualified but qualifies the called. Through my flaws and imperfections, I am learning to depend more on God's grace and strength rather than my own. I am learning to depend on you as well.

All my family is now in South Korea and wanted to come back to the States to join and celebrate my ordination with me. They were glad for the momentous milestone in my faith journey and at the same time, heartbroken that they couldn't be here. But when I showed them the pictures of how you all showered me with love and blessings on one Sunday morning over a brunch and mini-worship service designed with my favorite hymns and your blessings to me, they told me how relieved they felt to know and witness that I have a church family who loves me. I can't wait to celebrate with them when I will travel to South Korea in September and brag how much I am blessed to have you all as my church family.

Thanks be to God, praise to God, and glory to God that I am finally ordained! There is so much freedom and liberation, knowing that no more required classes, papers, and projects. There is so much joy that I am ordained. And at the same time, I feel this is another beginning: a beginning towards a faithful discipleship, servant leadership, and commitment to you all. It is my prayer that we continue to grow together in faith. Thank you once again and I love you all.

Yours in Christ,

Jacob

## **New Worship Series: Summer of Love**

We invite you to be part of a summer of love – no, not the 1960s version! 1 John 4:8 says, “Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” But what does that mean? Through this series, we will look at four different ways we can love God and the people around us by following the example and teachings of Jesus.

### **July 4 Loving Friends**

The love of friends carries us through good times and times of trouble. Jesus models for us true friendship even through times of disappointment and hurt.

### **July 11 Loving Community**

We witness to the love of God when we share our goods and gifts with the community.

### **July 18 Worship led by Sherri**

Thank you Sherri for covering for Pastor Jacob who will be attending his friend’s wedding in Texas.

### **July 25 Loving God**

To regularly set aside time to rest and worship demonstrates our love for God.



## **Bart Wildermuth Scholarship**

### **History**

Bart Wildermuth was a 1977 graduate of Lyman Hall High School and a member of this church when he unexpectedly died, at the age of 18, in November of 1977. While in high school he played trumpet in the school band, and was also a member of the baseball team, the key club, and the ski club. At the time of his death he was attending the University of New Haven pursuing a career in law enforcement.

At his parents request this church set up a scholarship that has been given out to a graduating senior in Wallingford since 1978. The Committee looks for the qualities that were evident in Bart:

Someone who is close to their family and active in their church and community. Someone with a great sense of humor and a love of music. Someone who has a dream for their future and is willing to pursue that dream through education.

The First United Methodist Church of Wallingford is proud to remember Bart and his family by helping to support the youth of Wallingford in their continuing education.



## Plant with Purpose

### 2021 Bart Wildermuth Scholarship

The recipient of the 2021 Bart Wildermuth Scholarship is Peter Borzillo, a graduating senior from Sheehan High School. Peter hopes to pursue a degree in Social work. While at Sheehan he was a member of the National Honor Society, the Gay Straight Alliance and a Cello Section Leader in the Orchestra. He was a study buddy at Parker Farms School, tutoring students in grades 3-5 and assisted in the Meriden St. John's Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School. He has a passion for helping people. He believes "a life of advocacy is truly the greatest legacy of all"

#### A note from Peter:

Dear Bart Wildermuth Memorial Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your enormous contribution to my success in college! Your great generosity has not gone unnoticed, and I am so proud to have received support from your fine organization this year!

With Gratitude,

Peter Borzillo



We have been giving donations of \$30 a month to a nonprofit organization called, Plant with Purpose. Here's snippets of the letter.

Dear Friends,

Wow. What a year 2020 has been. I'm sure your family, like mine, has faced unexpected challenges. Thankfully, in the midst of it all, we have also found so much to be grateful for: going back to the basics, focusing on the most important things in life (faith, family, and health).

For the past 35 years, we've focused on helping families build resilience, thinking that resilience would be needed as families have to adapt to changing weather patterns, natural disasters, or geopolitical changes. We discovered that the household resilience model that we have been building towards has an even broader impact than we realized.

In Mexico, Angelina used the opportunity to start a vegetable garden, which fed her family, but also produced enough to sell some and give more to her neighbors in need. What a beautiful story of creativity and resilience in the face of hardship.

Sure, leaning into the unknown is uncomfortable. Yet, when so many things are uncertain, I find hope in the things that are eternal. How well am I loving my family and my neighbors? What can I do today that will continue to build a better world tomorrow? What will be legacy?



## Church Reopening and Summer Hours

If you are vaccinated, feel free to join our in-person worship service at church. And **we are meeting at 9:30am on Sundays for the months of June to August.** But if you have symptoms or encountered someone with symptoms, we ask you to join us online.

And we are continuing to provide our online service on Facebook. And we are working to improve the quality of our online worship. We are limited in terms of equipment and knowledge, but we will continue to bring good changes for those who are joining us at their home.

### 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)



## Snippets of Our Church





## Mark Your Calendar

Every Sunday at 9:30am

Worship on Facebook

7.1-3

KOSTA Conference

Pastor Jacob attends

7.4 (Mon)

Independence Day

7.18 (Sun)

Pastor Jacob away

Sherri will lead our service

Quilt Group Pizza Party

TBD

Quilt group will resume in September



## Happy Birthday (July)

1 Joan White

4 Wilfred Golding

5 John DeFilippo

7 David Brandl

11 Rose Torres

13 Joan Buckley

14 Linda Muszynski

15 Ann Golding

18 Marilyn Hausmann

21 Diane Garland

24 Michael Perzanowski

25 Angela Perzanowski

26 Matthew Perzonowski



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## Announcements

### Welcome

1. To schedule a time with Pastor Jacob, you can call 203-615-3214 or email at [pastor.fumc@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.fumc-wallingford.org)

### Announcements

1. We have a new mailing address (P.O. Box 6089, Wallingford, CT 06492)
2. Pastor Jacob will be away for Sunday, July 18th to attend his friend's wedding in Texas. And he will be away for the month of September to visit his family in South Korea.

### Reopening

1. We reopened our church for in-person worship for those who are fully vaccinated.

### Support Our Ministries

1. You can support our church by shopping with scrip cards (ask Diane) and shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://www.fumc-wallingford.org/give)
  - Mail your gift
  - Or drop at church (941 Old Rock Hill Road, Wallingford, CT 06492)