



The Good News

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Wallingford First United Methodist Church

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In person or on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6058662108>
Meeting ID: 605 866 2108



Pastor's Letter

Life is full of journeys! Some are happy and joyous, yet some others are hard and even painful. It is human nature to be hesitant and reluctant to go on a lonely and painful journey. Lent is a special journey not everyone likes to go because it leads us to the shame, suffering and death of Christ Jesus on the cross. However, we know that this journey is important and necessary because we will not have eternal life and resurrecting power without the suffering and death of Christ Jesus on the cross: no crown without thorns, no life without death, no glory without shame, etc.



LENT BEGINS

Lent is 40 days of journey from Ash Wednesday until Easter when we participate in the lonely journey of Christ Jesus. We commit ourselves to deepen our relationship with Christ through reading the Bible, prayers, meditation, and actions of kindness. As Jesus faced the cross with boldness and deep love for us, therefore let us take a big step in our Lenten journey with trust and gratitude because the Lord will be with us every moment and the Lord will be pleased with our firm dedication. Christ Jesus will need faithful companions and trustworthy disciples because he would like to share the hope and blessings of heaven with us.

Lent is a precious and personal invitation of Christ Jesus for us! Jesus invites us not to give us burden or pain, but to give us the joy and blessing of everlasting life and eternal hope. Let us ask the Lord to give us his strength and persistence as we begin to walk the narrow path of Golgotha. It is the road Christ Jesus walked before us. I sincerely hope that you have an intimate and live relationship with Christ Jesus during your Lenten journey and always! Amen.

Pastor Ahn

Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on **February 14** at 7:00 pm at the **Grace UMC in Southington** (121 Pleasant St., Southington, CT 06489). All are invited and let us begin our Lenten journey with Christ!

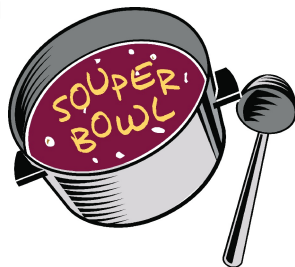
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY will be held every **Wednesday** during Lent. The first session will begin on February 21 at 6:30 pm. The textbook is 'Jesus' Final Week' edited by Cindy Bunch. We will revisit the 7 major events in the final week of Jesus on earth. All are invited and you may contact Pastor Ahn if you are interested.



FOOD COLLECTIONS FOR MASTER'S MANNA on the first Sunday each month. Your thoughtful consideration and generous giving are deeply appreciated. You may contact Stephen & Kagee Hubbard for any questions.

2ND OFFERING ON 2ND SUNDAY will be dedicated on **February 11** and the collected fund will be sent to the New York Annual Conference for 'Apportionments'. Your generous donation will be deeply appreciated.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY will be celebrated on Super Bowl Sunday, **February 11**. It is a fundraising event for our church and there will be 3 soups available: *Butternut Squash; Cream of Broccoli, and Chicken Chowder*. Sign up in the Narthex. Our deep appreciation is expressed to Phil Wargo for his willingness to serve.



CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on **February 11** at the First UMC of Wallingford and on February 25 at Yalesville UMC. It is an event in our Cooperative Parish and there are four churches: Cheshire UMC, Grace UMC in Southington, Yalesville UMC, and the First UMC of Wallingford. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



COVENANT RENEWAL was held during worship service on January 21. Newly elected leaders were introduced and the congregation committed themselves to serve with them with prayers and the words of encouragement.

Sign up!

We need volunteers to help with our worship services! You can sign up for **Ushering**, **Coffee Hosts**, and **Communion Stewards** (help Pastor Ahn distribute the communion elements) on the table in the Narthex under the bulletin board. Thank you.



Upcoming Events

SHRED DAY will be held on **Saturday, April 6** from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. It is a fundraising event for our church. Our deep appreciation is expressed to Stephen and Kagee Hubbard for their dedication. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

TAG SALE will be held on **Saturday, May 18** from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. It is a fund-raising event for our church. Your participation will be deeply appreciated. Please contact the chairpersons of the Mission Committee, Susan Gerardo, Sue Broughton, or Kagee Hubbard for any questions.

Upcoming meetings

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on **Tuesday, February 13** at 7:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet **Tuesday, February 27** at 7:00 pm. Please contact John DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

QUILT GROUP meets every **Tuesday** from 9:30 am. All are invited and you may contact Pat Levasseur if you are interested in.

CRAFTS GROUP will be held on **Saturday, February 10** from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions.



PRAYER MEETING is being held every Thursday at 3:00 pm at our church. You can join at any time and please contact Pastor Ahn if you have any prayer requests.



Our **Choir** rehearses at **9:00 am on Sundays**. We are always looking for new members so if you want to praise the Lord in this way please join us!

Inclement Weather on Sunday morning: We will send out an announcement via email. You can also watch Channel 8 News for announcements. If the in person service is not possible, we will have our service online via zoom and a link will be sent with the announcement.

Prayer Chain

If you wish to share prayer needs or thanks call Pat Levasseur at 203-269-0951 to start the chain. Share as much information or as little as you are comfortable. And make sure you have permission from the person in need to share.

Altar Flowers

If you wish to supply flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone, or just because 😊 Sign up on the chart in the Narthex and put a check in the envelopes provided.

Easter flower orders will be available soon.

Congratulations! Katelyn Miller graduated from and advanced Nursing program at Quinnipiac University and has a job at Hartford Hospital.

Well Done!

Birthdays

Jackson Shuttleworth (2/2) Chris Worcester (2/4)
James Ahn (2/11) Julie Paquette (2/14)
Norma DeFilippo (2/18) Mackenzie Shuttleworth (2/19)
Vincent Salabarria (2/28)

A church calendar can be found on our church website at
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