



May 2023

Wallingford First United Methodist Church

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Worship with us
Sundays at 11:00 am
In person or on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6058662108>
Meeting ID: 605 866 2108

Pastor's Letter

May the joy and glory of the Lord's resurrection be with you today and always! I believe you and your family had a blessed Easter!

It is hard for me to believe that 10 months have gone by so quickly since I began to serve you and this great congregation. Time really flies, isn't it true? As you may know, Bishop Bickerton made a new appointment for me. I will serve our church with a full time position as of July 1 this year. I am so thankful to God and excited for the life-saving ministries that will be done in our church. My family and I felt at home when we first came and I have experienced the warmth of God's grace from your genuine love and care.

Looking back in this past year, I believe God blessed us with many things to celebrate and one of them was the celebration of the 60th anniversary of our sanctuary in January. I am still holding the excitement that I felt during the worship service and I learned about the great legacy of our church that we must carry on: passion for mission, dedication to our church, humble desire for the words of God.

I have tried to know you in depth and in person. I have found the Lord's presence in you and it has been my honor to have the fellowship with you in Christ. I trust in the Lord that he will give us guidance and grace. In Ecclesiastes 3, it is said:

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;"

**There is a time
for everything,**
and a season for every
activity under heaven...



Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear friends,

Let us give thanks to God for giving us a new beginning and let us embrace the Lord's dream and vision in our hearts together. I am confident that the Lord will be glorified by our love and dedication as the Apostle Paul proclaimed in hope and gratitude in Philippians 1:6:

⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord and thanks be to God for his goodness and faithfulness! Amen!

Pastor Ahn

Pulpit Exchange

PULPIT EXCHANGE will be held on **April 30**. *Rev Ken Kieffer* will come to our church to deliver the Lord's message for us and Pastor Ahn will be at the Cheshire UMC for the worship service.

District Conference

DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held on **Saturday, April 29** at the **West Harford UMC** (1358 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110). Lunch will be served from 12:00 pm and the conference will be from 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm. A featured guest speaker is Professor Priscilla Pope-Levison and she will speak on Evangelism. All are welcome!

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY will meet every **Thursday at 7:00 pm**. The first meeting will be held on **May**



11 and all are invited! The textbook for the Bible Study is Models of Evangelism written by Priscilla Pope-Levison. Please contact Pastor Ahn if you have any questions.

Annual Conference

NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held from on **Friday, June 9 until Sunday, June 11** at the Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY. Your prayers will be deeply appreciated.

Tag Sale

May 20th (Saturday), 8:00 am. to 2:00 pm. Held in memory of Karen Tyler and Pricilla Perrin. Come and find great deals on housewares, home décor, jewelry, toys, sports, gardening and delicious baked goods. There is a signup board in the Narthex. We will need volunteers to receive, price and organize donations. As well as volunteers to bake, and volunteers to clean up on Sunday, May 21st. The first day for donations will be Sunday, April 30th after service until 2:15 pm. Questions? Contact: Co-chairs: Sue B @ 715-4322 and Susan L.G. 605-0972 (returning 5/9) and Kagee.

News from the Trustees

May 6th Parsonage clean-up/open house. We will spend time doing final cleaning and then have a picnic. Please join us!

July 29th Chicken Barbeque. More info to follow.

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.

Notes from the Quilt Group

The Quilt Group meets every Tuesday from 9:00 - 12:00. We make quilts for the children at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

Some of us have been getting together for almost 40 years. This includes the 20 years we made crafts and had the fair at church. We have added members and lost some too, but it is still a very special group. If you would like to join us, stop by any Tuesday.

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.

Choir

Our Choir rehearses at **10:00 am on Sundays**. We are always looking for new members so if you want to praise the Lord in this way please join us!

Craft Group

We host a craft group on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. All crafters are welcome, bring a lunch if you'd like.

Transitions Dinner

Every last Wednesday of each month we meet for dinner and fellowship at 5:30 at Colony Diner. Contact Donna Graham, 203-440-0403, if you'd like to attend so she can arrange reservations.

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 (please list on the chart who/what the flowers are in memory/honor of) and put a check in the envelopes provided.

News of our Family

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jeffrey Ahn** upon his decision to go to RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) in the fall majoring in chemistry. His comeback story was on air through Channel 8 and the address of the video clips is below:

<https://www.wtnh.com/news/connecticut/new-haven/hamden-high-school-swimmer-has-comeback-after-being-hit-by-car/>

Jonny Fusco upon his excellent performance during the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 9. May he grow continually in favor of God and people! Jonny is Sue Broughton's grandson and we are so proud of him.



Infant Baptism for Evan Edwards will be held during worship service on **Sunday, May 21**. Proud parents are Glen and Aviola. Let us welcome the family and celebrate together!

A JOINT SERVICE was held on April 23 at the Higganum UMC with our brothers and sisters in Christ of the First UMC of Wallingford. A potluck meal was also celebrated. \$100.00 was raised for UMCOR's Disaster Fund.

A JOINT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE was held on April 7 at the First UMC in Meriden with other churches in the Midstate Cooperative Parish and New Room Cooperative Parish. The combined choir sang and the participants nailed the passions and desires they wanted to remove from them on the cross! (Galatians 5:24)



PICTURES ON THE SHRED DAY



April 1, 2023



DEEPEST SYMPATHY is expressed to Bishop Bickerton and his family upon the loss of his beloved father James Bickerton who passed away on April 2 at the age of 87 in Florida.

Rev. Anne Bracket who passed away on April 18 at the age of 65 in Florida. Rev. Bracket faithfully served the Yalesville United Methodist Church for 12 years before her retirement last year.

THANK YOU NOTE Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your kind words and prayers. Danny is struggling with a new treatment. But we are hopeful! Thanks for being you!

Love, Danny & Donna (Rackliff)

Upcoming meetings:

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 pm. Please contact John DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

Birthdays

Allen Garland, Jr. (5/2); Patricia Levasseur (5/2);
 Soon Ahn (5/4) Aubree Muszynski (5/16);
 Linsey Walters (5/17) Susan Lamour Gerardo (5/20);
 Jeffrey Ahn (5/25)

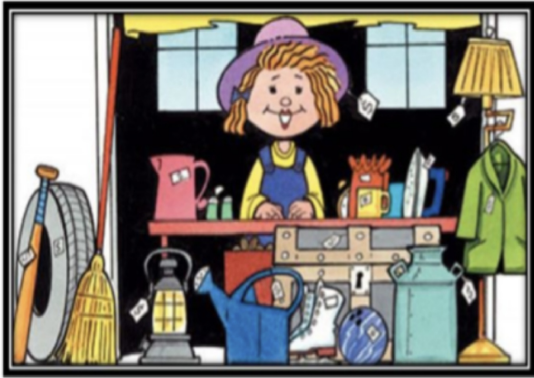
UPCOMING EVENTS

Event/Committee	Date & Time
Tag Sale	Saturday, May 20 (8 am - 2 pm)
Breakfast Sunday	June 4
New York Annual Conference	June 9 - June 11 (At the Hofstra University)
Chicken BBQ	Saturday, July 29

Mark your Calendar

- May 4 6:00 pm National Day of Prayer
- May 6 Parsonage Clean-up and Picnic
- May 7 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
- 10:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Service of Worship, Holy Communion
- May 9 10:00 am Quilt Group
- 7:00 pm Church Council
- May 11 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1
- May 13 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
- May 14 10:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Service of Worship
- May 16 10:00 am Quilt Group
- May 18 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 1
- Deadline for May Newsletter
- May 20 Tag Sale
- 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
- May 21 10:00 am Choir Practice
- Sunday School
- 11:00 am Service of Worship - Holy Baptism
- May 23 10:00 am Quilt Group
- 7:00 pm Trustees
- May 25 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1
- May 27 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
- May 28 10:00 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Service of Worship / Pentecost
- May 29 Memorial Day
- May 31 5:30 pm Transitions Dinner at Colony Diner





ANNUAL TAG & BAKE SALE



One Day Only!
Saturday May 20, 2023
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

No "Early Birds" please

SAVE \$. HELP THE ENVIRONMENT. BUY GENTLY USED.

Housewares

Tools

Jewelry

Toys

Books

Plants

Baked Goods

and MORE!

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