



The Good News

May 2024

Wallingford First United Methodist Church

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Soon Kook Ahn Pastor

Worship with us
Sundays at 10:00 am
In person or on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6058662108>
Meeting ID: 605 866 2108

Pastor's Letter

There is a turning point in anyone's life. In the same way, there was a turning point in the life and faith of the disciples. They were together with Christ Jesus for the past three years and they heard many messages from their Master. They also watched various miracles, but they did not truly believe and understand what Jesus said and what Jesus did until they met Christ Jesus after his resurrection. The experience changed everything with joy and they began to live a new life. Before they were selfish and ignorant focusing on earthly values. Now they began to live for Christ Jesus and his gospel without doubt or hesitation. There were no boundaries in their mission and no wall was higher than their passion for evangelism.

I believe that all believers want to meet the Risen Lord and want to live a new life with the resurrecting power of Christ Jesus because we want to serve the Lord and to fulfill his desire for the world. But we must confess that we cannot do it by our will as we face human hardships everyday like other people. The psalmist confessed in Psalm 46, "*God is our*

refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." At the same time, the Risen Lord

provides us courage and strength to move forward in any and all circumstances. Christ Jesus changes the perspective of our life's goal and meaning. He also renews the value of earthly things and spiritual life. He constantly tells us how deep his love for us is and how great his power is in his resurrection, so we could rely on him in trust and gratitude.



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Psalm 46:1

For this reason, the resurrection of Christ Jesus needs to happen today and in the hearts of many. The Risen Christ appeared himself to the disciples at an unexpected time and place, yet he said to them, "Peace be

with your” Let us stop from what we are doing and open our hearts to the Lord in humility and gratitude! You will find the abiding presence and gentle guidance of the Risen Lord! Isn't it amazing? May these blessings be with you in this season of resurrection and always! Amen.

Pastor Ahn

Trustee Clean-up Day

SPRING CLEANING will be held on **Saturday, May 11** from 8:00 am. You can come at any time in the morning and bring your own tools. Your help will be greatly appreciated and you may contact John DeFilippo if you have any questions..

Tag Sale:

May 18th, Saturday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will officially begin taking merchandise downstairs for the Tag Sale, on Sunday, April 28th after worship until 2:00 pm.

We will need a lot of volunteers for the Tag Sale. The sign-up board is up in the Narthex. We need volunteers to help sort and price items, donate baked goods and help with cleanup. Colored flyers will be available to hand out to businesses and organizations. Come and find great deals on housewares, home décor, jewelry, toys, sports equipment, garden tools, plants, holiday trimmings and delicious baked goods and MORE! Please ensure that all donations are clean (dishes, linens, etc.) If you have any questions., please contact: Susan Gerardo: 203-605-0972, Sue Broughton :203-715-4322 or Kagee Hubbard: 203-284-3867.

Education

EDUCATION SUNDAY will be celebrated on June 9. The Sunday Worship Service will be led by our Sunday School Students and other laity. You may contact Sherri Willhelm if you have any questions or if you are willing to be part of the service.

EDUCATION BREAKFAST Sunday June 9th, after worship. All are welcome! John & Paul & Paul organize and provide a fantastic breakfast for all of us. Join us for this annual event. A free-will offering will be taken. Save the Date!


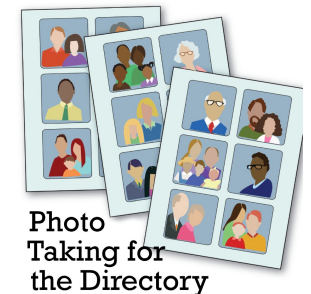
 **Vacation Bible School** will be held from *Tuesday, July 9 until Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.* See Sherri Willhelm if you have any questions or if you are interested in helping.

Photo Directory

Picture Taking for a New Pictorial Directory will be held on *Saturday, May 11 from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm; Sunday, May 19 right after Worship Service, and Saturday, June 15 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.* Our deep appreciation is expressed to Ted Muszynski for his willingness to serve.



News of the Church

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS will be held during the worship service on ***Pentecost Sunday, May 19.*** The beautiful quilts will be displayed in the sanctuary and our sincere appreciation is expressed to all the Quilt Group members for their tireless works.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is being held until May 3 in Charlotte, NC. It is a decisive and critical conference for the future of our denomination. Your prayers for unity and support will be deeply appreciated.

225th Session of the NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held from **June 7 until 9** at the Hilton Stamford Hotel & Executive Meeting Center in Stamford, CT. Andrew Arsenault and Pastor Ahn will attend as the representatives of our church.

Finance

Greetings church family!
Our church general fund balance as of the end of March was \$11,185.84.

Income was 11,642.96.

Deductions were 16,267.53.

We are expecting to be reimbursed by the trustees for repairs that we paid for repairs to the furnace.
April should be brighter as Shred Day was so successful!!!
Thanks to all who worked so hard!
Our Luv Fund has a balance of \$1,354.00.
Peace and love to all from Finance!



United Methodist Mugs are available for purchase. Cost is \$25. See Pastor Ahn if you are interested.

Upcoming:

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER will be held on *Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 pm* at our church. All are invited to come to pray together for our country and for the world! You may contact Joan Hausmann if you have any questions.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 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, May 4 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions.

PRAYER MEETING is being held every 1st & 3rd Thursday at 3:00 pm each month: May 2 & May 16. You can join at any time and please contact Pastor Ahn if you have any prayer requests.

FOOD COLLECTIONS FOR MASTER'S MANNA on the first Sunday each month: May 5. 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 May 12. The collected funds will be sent to the *General Board of Church & Society*. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

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!

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.

In our Church

SHRED DAY was held on Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. It was a fundraising event for our church and we are deeply grateful to God for the tireless works of Stephen & Kagee Hubbard. Many volunteers from our church family helped to make this event a huge success. We are also thankful to God for the support from our neighbors and local businesses.



CEREMONY OF INFANT BAPTISM for Morgan Elaine Lagace was held during Sunday worship service on April 21. Morgan was born March 10, 2023. Her proud parents are James Lagace and Samantha Dodge. Congratulations!



TRANSITION LUNCH was held on Wednesday, April 24 at the Colony Diner and the picture is below. The next Transition will be held on May 29 at 12:00 pm. All are invited and please contact Donna Graham for any questions.



CONFIRMATION CLASS is being held every other Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, May 19. It is an event in our Cooperative Parish and there are four churches in our cooperative parish: Cheshire UMC, Grace UMC in Southington, Yalesville UMC, and the First UMC of Wallingford. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

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.



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.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is expressed to Carol Worcester and her family upon the loss of her beloved brother Romie Cantley, Jr. He passed away on April 4 at the age of 76. A memorial service was held at our church on April 13. He was a dedicated school teacher (History) in the Northwestern Regional School District Seven.



Birthdays

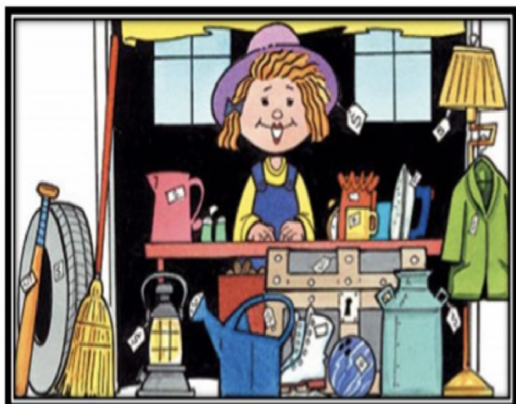
Allen Garland, Jr. (5/2); Patricia Levasseur (5/2);
Soon Ahn (5/4) Aubree Muszynski (5/16);
Lindsey Walters (5/17); Susan Lamour Gerardo (5/20);
Jeffrey Ahn (5/25)

Anniversaries:

John & Kristen DeFilippo (5/20);
John & Holly Baksa (5/24)

A church calendar can be found on our church website at www.fumc-wallingford.org





ANNUAL TAG & BAKE SALE



One Day Only!
Saturday May 18, 2024

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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