



The Good News

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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>
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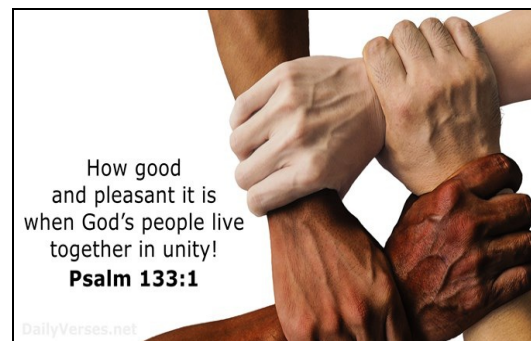
Pastor's Letter

In Psalm 133, the psalmist expressed his joy of being together with loved ones in the Lord.

“How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!”

I believe we experienced special joy when we had a potluck lunch last Sunday. The families from two churches gathered together to accept and to know each other in gladness. The joy came from not only the delicious food we shared, but also the loving fellowship. We learned that we are brothers and sisters in Christ and we found the Lord's presence in our life. It was more than a lunch gathering. It gave me inspiration

about who we are and where we need to go in the days to come. I learned about what we need to do and how we can accomplish the mission and vision of God.



As we all know that collective wisdom and strength are greater than individual wisdom and strength. God created us according to his image, yet gave us different gifts and talents. It means we can find beauty and hope when we have the same goal in the same spirit. Therefore, it is important for us to have an open mind and humble attitude to accept each other. Then we will recognize the preciousness of each person and the reason why we need to work diligently to build up the body of Christ together.

Let us ask the Lord to give us wisdom and the spirit of unity to use the different gifts for the sake of the gospel! In Romans 12, the apostle Paul tells us the importance of unity in diversity among us.

“We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; 7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; 8 the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”

Can you imagine that there is only one color among flowers? A bundle of flowers are beautiful because of the different colors and shapes. The world is moving toward a more diverse place and the church has been called to serve them because God loved the world. Let us be diligent in accepting and celebrating the uniqueness among people with the heart of Jesus Christ who loved all over the human condition! Praise the Lord and thanks be to God!

Pastor Ahn

PULPIT EXCHANGE:

The Cooperative Parish will have Pulpit Exchange among pastors. Rev. Martha E. Vink from Yalesville UMC will come to our church for preaching on October 30 and Pastor Ahn will be at Yalesville UMC on the same day.

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.

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 30** from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm at **Grace UMC in Southington**. All church members are expected to attend and we will celebrate what God has done through us. You may contact Pastor Ahn for any questions or for more information.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints Sunday will be observed on **November 6** and a Moment of Remembrance will be held during the worship service. Powerpoint slides of your loved ones who passed away in the past year will be made to celebrate the memories and lessons they left for us. Please contact Pastor Ahn if you are interested.

VETERANS SUNDAY

Veterans Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, November 13**. We will express our deep appreciation to all veterans who served and to all active service members with courage and sacrifice.



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Thanksgiving Sunday will be celebrated on November 20 and we will dedicate Thanksgiving Offering for the blessings that we have received from the Lord!

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Greening of the Church will be celebrated on November 27 which is the first Sunday of Advent. The stories of Jesus' birth and his coming will be read during worship service and the Christmas tree (chrismon) will be decorated with the ornaments. Many scripture readers will be needed. You may contact Pastor Ahn if you are interested in reading or expressing your joy on the coming of Christ with any spiritual gifts, such as playing an instrument, singing, or dancing.



The Greening of
The Church

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, **November 8** at 7:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, **November 13** right after worship service. Your suggestions will be deeply appreciated and please contact Olivia DeFilippo.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, **November 22** at 7:00 pm. Please contact John DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

News of our Church

A POTLUCK LUNCH was held at the fellowship hall downstairs last Sunday (October 23) with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Higganum UMC. It was full of joy and our deep appreciation is expressed to all who participated.

A NEW SOUND SYSTEM has been installed at the sanctuary and we are so thankful to God for the members of the trustees for their diligent work. Our special thanks goes to John Nielson for his work and he is a member of the Rocky Hill UMC.

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. Next meeting is November 5.

PAJAMA PROGRAM

Pajama Program distributes millions of cozy pajamas and inspiring books to qualified Community Partners (homeless shelters, foster care agencies, group homes, etc.) that work directly with children facing adversity across the United States, including Puerto Rico.

New pajamas, books, socks, may be placed in the bin in the hallway between the Narthex and the Sunday School Wing at any time. Jane Wargo coordinates, see her with any questions.

Notes from the Quilt Group

The Quilt Group is meeting every Tuesday from 10:00 - 12:00 as we have been for many years.

We are still making quilts for the children at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. The number of quilts we make has decreased the last few years as members of the group are getting older – and slower.

Almost as important as the gifts to the camp is the companionship we share.

Some of us have been getting together for almost 40 years. This includes the 20 years we made crafts for the church fair. 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.

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.

Anniversaries

We like to celebrate birthdays each week during worship and would also like to celebrate Wedding Anniversaries. Please drop put your name and date on the sheet in the narthex or e-mail the church at fumc.wallingford@gmail.com. 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.

November Birthdays

Amy Miller (11/11)	Timothy Tyler (11/14)
Conner Poach (11/14)	Sandra Smart (11/15)
Amy Kang (11/20)	Donna Graham (11/26)
Adline Poach (10/29)	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 30 10:00 am Choir Practice
Sunday School
11:00 am Service of Worship
Pulpit Exchange
2:00 pm Charge Conference
Nov 1 10:00 am Quilt Group
Nov 3 6:00 pm Boy Scout
Nov 5 9:00 am Craft Group
10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
Nov 6 10:00 am Choir Practice
11:00 am Service of Worship
All Saint's Day
Nov 8 10:00 am Quilt Group
7:00 pm Church Council
Nov 10 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1
Nov 12 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
Nov 13 10:00 am Choir Practice
Sunday School
11:00 am Service of Worship
Veteran's Sunday
Nov 15 10:00 am Quilt Group
Nov 17 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 1
Nov 19 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
Nov 20 10:00 am Choir Practice
11:00 am Service of Worship
Thanksgiving Sunday
Deadline for Dec Good News
Nov 22 10:00 am Quilt Group
7:00 pm Trustees
Nov 24 Happy Thanksgiving
8:00 am 7th Day Advent
Nov 26 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
Nov 27 10:00 am Choir Practice
Sunday School
11:00 am Service of Worship - 1st Sunday in Advent
Greening of the church
Nov 29 10:00 am Quilt Group
Nov 30 5:30 pm Transitions Dinner at Colony Diner
Dec 3 9:00 am Craft Group
10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church
Dec 4 10:00 am Choir Practice
11:00 am Service of Worship - Holy Communion

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