



October 2022

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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

One of the uniquenesses for the United Methodist Church is the involvement of laity. The Annual Conference and most of the committees are composed of laity and clergy in almost equal numbers for making important decisions and the directions of the future. Laity is always invited and their dedication is truly honored. Both the clergy and laity are important in the Lord's ministry and we cannot think of one without the other in the tradition of our denomination. The Methodist Churches celebrate 'Laity Sunday' in October every year in honor and appreciation of all laity for their dedication and strong passion for mission. This year, it will be celebrated on **October 23** in our church and you are invited to participate in worship service.

As a clergy member, I am always amazed and inspired by the deep love, dedication, and generosity of all laity. There are many things to do in daily life, yet you always put the Lord in your priority. There are various hardships in life, yet you have shown steadfastness and persistence in serving, in trusting, and in giving! 1Peter 2:9, our identity as the children of God is well described:

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.



There are many worries and worldly concerns for us. We feel sad and

lonely at times. However, let us remember the promises of God who said, "I will be with you always and I will be with you to the end of the earth." The Lord also said to Prophet Elijah when he felt exhausted and extremely frustrated by the threat of death from his adversaries in 1Kings 19:18,

"Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Let us remember that we are not alone and we are mightier than we may think that we are because of the Lord of almighty and fellow believers in Christ.

I would like to express my deep and sincere gratitude to you for your genuine love of Jesus and for your dedication for the Lord's ministry through our church and beyond! May the Lord's abiding presence lift your spirit up and fill your hearts with the joy and warmth of God's grace continually! Amen.

Pastor Ahn

World Communion Sunday

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY will be celebrated on **October 2** in unity and solidarity of all Christians in the world.

Laity Sunday

LAITY SUNDAY will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 23** in honor and celebration of laity for their dedication in the Lord's ministry. **Holly Baksa** and **John DeFilippo** are in charge of the worship service. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Holly or John!

Potluck Lunch

A POTLUCK LUNCH will be held on **Sunday, October 23** at 12:00 pm at the fellowship hall downstairs with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Higganum UMC. Let us welcome them in the love and heart of Christ Jesus!



Pulpit Exchange

The Cooperative Parish will have Pulpit Exchange among pastors. **Rev. Martha 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.

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**. You are invited to attend and you may contact **Pastor Ahn** for any questions or for more information.

News from the Trustees

The Trustees are in the process of upgrading the sound system in the Church as well as starting a major renovation of the Parsonage.

While we don't have a definite cost for all this work we estimate it costing somewhere around \$20-\$25,000.00.

We would like to designate **October 2022** as a *Capital Fund Raising Month*. During the month anything that you could or would be able to donate for the cause would be greatly appreciated. It would be wonderful if we could raise \$5,000.00 toward the cost but anything will help and no amount is too small.

Thank you all so much.

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.

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.

Craft Group

Starting again on October 1, (November crafty day 11/5/22 December crafty day 12/3/22) 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.

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!



Anniversaries

We like to celebrate birthdays each week during worship and would also like to celebrate Wedding Anniversaries. Please drop a note in the office mail slot or e-mail the church at fumc.wallingford@gmail.com. Thank you.

Upcoming Meetings

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm. You may contact **Kristen DeFilippo** if you have any questions or suggestions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm. Please contact **John DeFilippo** if you have any questions or suggestions.

Deepest Sympathy

DEEPEST SYMPATHY is expressed to **Ronald Perrin** and his family upon the loss of his beloved wife **Priscilla**. She passed away on September 26 at the age of 79. A memorial service in celebration of Priscilla's life and faith will be held this **Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm** at the sanctuary of our church and your attendance will give a great comfort for the family. May the Lord's peace and comfort be with **Ronald** and his family in this time of sadness and loss!



Special Appeal for Ukraine

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: The United Methodist Churches raised over 27 million dollars to help for the people of Ukraine and the fund has been delivered to them through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Your thoughtful concern and generous giving are deeply appreciated. Praise the Lord and let there be peace on earth soon!

Food Drive

UNITY IN FAITH FOOD DRIVE was held on Saturday, September 17 and our church along with the 7th Adventist Hispanic Congregation delivered over **600 lbs** to the Master's Manna.



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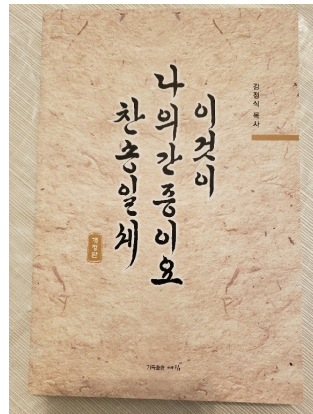
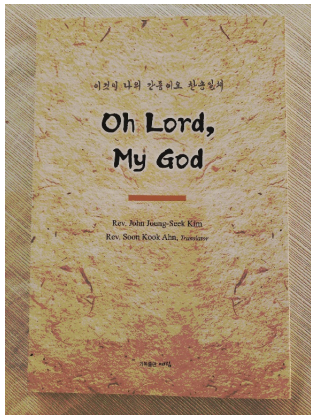
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O Lord, My God

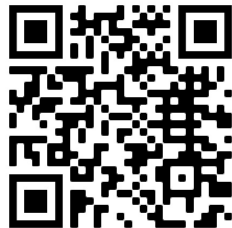
O LORD, MY GOD Pastor Ahn translated a book that was written by **Rev. John J. Kim** from Korean to English. There are fourteen chapters in the book and each chapter is about an important subject in the Wesleyan tradition. **Rev. Kim** is a retired pastor in the New York Annual Conference. Please take one for you and your family. You can use the book to introduce Christ Jesus to your friends or loved ones. Feel free to take one!



Give Online

You can visit our website (www.fumc-wallingford.org) Or simply take out your phone, turn on the camera, and point to the QR. A little screen will pop up and when you press it, it will take you to the giving page.

Giving online is one of the safest and easiest ways to support our ministry and church. We thank you for your support.



Altar Flowers

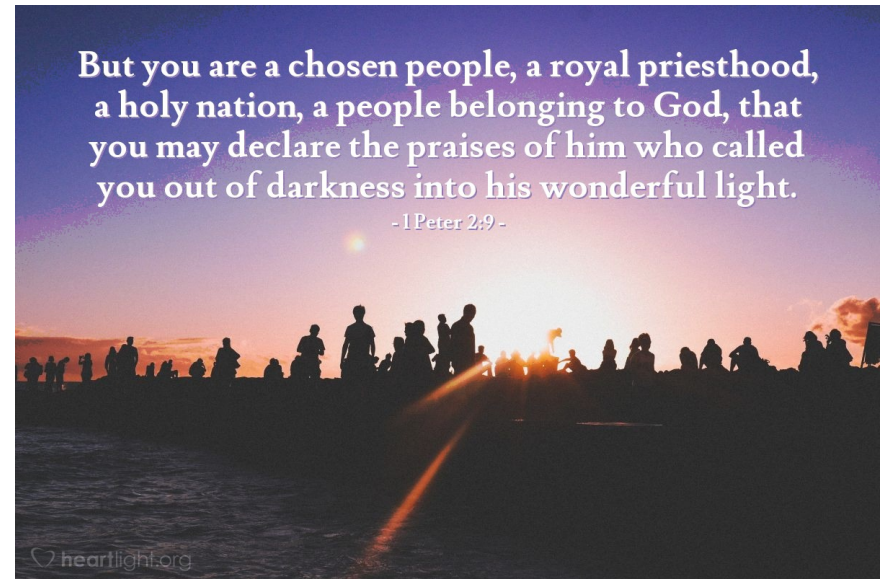
If you wish to supply flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of someone, or just because 😊 Sign up on the chart in the Narthex and put a check in the envelopes provided.

October Birthdays

Jerry Dion (10/5); Kagee Hubbard (10/5);
Ted Muszynski (10/8); Carey Marston (10/15);
Paul Gwara (10/19); Hilary Baksa (10/25);
Holly Baksa (10/27); Caitlin Musynski (10/29)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that
you may declare the praises of him who called
you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- 1 Peter 2:9 -



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	26 7pm - Magic	27 10am - Quilt 7pm - Magic 7pm - Trustees	28 5:30pm -	29 6pm - BSA	30	1 7th Day Adventist 9am - Craft Group
2 World Communion 10am - Choir 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 1pm - Memorial	3	4 Feast of St Francis 10am - Quilt	5 8pm - 7th Day	6 6pm - BSA 8pm - 7th Day	7 8pm - 7th Day	8 7th Day Adventist
9 10am - Choir 11am - Worship	10	11 10am - Quilt 7pm - Church	12	13 6pm - BSA	14	15 7th Day Adventist
16 Laitly Sunday 10am - Choir 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship	17	18 10am - Quilt 6pm - Magic	19	20 6pm - BSA	21	22 7th Day Adventist
23 10am - Choir 11am - Worship 12pm - Laitly	24	25 10am - Quilt 7pm - Magic 7pm - Trustees	26 5:30pm -	27 Deadline for 6pm - BSA	28	29 7th Day Adventist
30 Pulpit Exchange - 10am - Choir 10am - Sunday 11am - Worship 2pm - Charge	31 All Saints' Day 10am - Quilt	1 All Souls' Day	2	3 6pm - BSA	4	5 7th Day Adventist 9am - Craft Group

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