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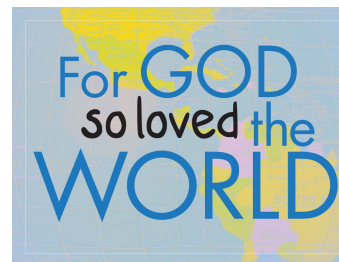
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Soon Kook Ahn Pastor

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

As we celebrate the season of harvest, we as believers need to think about what we bring our spiritual harvest to the Lord. What would be the most pleasing fruit to the Lord? Among various fruits, I believe 'saving the human soul' would be the most important and precious fruit for the Lord as it is written in John 3:16,



"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

I am truly grateful to God for giving us two ceremonies: Baptism and Reception of New Members in October this year. Our Lord sent them to our church and you made them feel the warmth of God's grace and love. Thank you all for your hospitality and kindness!

That does not mean all other ministries are less important, but the Lord's ultimate concern is to save his children from sins to the Lord's everlasting kingdom. Can you feel the joy of Christ Jesus that is in Luke 15:7?

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Fall is not the only season that we could lead our loved ones to Christ! Our effort for evangelism/witnessing should be continued all year long in any and all circumstances. It means the whole ministry of all churches as well as all believers should be focused on how to deliver the Lord's message of love and saving grace to our loved ones. They

may be in hunger and thirst for the Lord's words and peace. I pray that you keep the intimate and live relationship with Christ constantly because he is the One who provides us strength and wisdom. It is my earnest prayer that all people in the world who Christ Jesus is come soon. Shall we offer the confession of the apostle Paul together that is in Philippians 3:7-8,

Let whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

May the joy and blessings of harvest in the Lord be with you today and always! Amen.

Upcoming Events

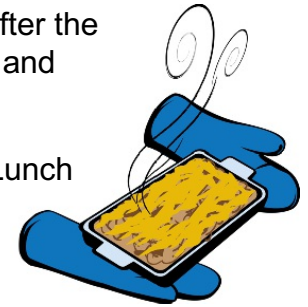
PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY resumed on Thursday, September 7! It will be held every **Thursday** at 7:00 pm. You can join at any time. You may contact Pastor Ahn if you are interested.

CEREMONY OF BAPTISM for Bella Hastings, Juoquin Dougherty, and Jonah Dougherty will be held during worship service on **October 8**.

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS will be held during worship service on **October 22**. Eight new members are Chad Dougherty, Sandra Dougherty, Anne Levix, Barbara Carr, Paul Caruso, Brittany Caruso, Maryann Pasquence, and Jaroslava Jungmann. Please contact Pastor Ahn if you are interested in joining.

A POTLUCK LUNCH will be held right after the worship service on **October 22** in honor and celebration of welcoming new members.

TRANSITION LUNCH: Next Transition Lunch will be held on **Wednesday, October 27 at 12:00 pm** at the Colony Diner. You may contact Donna Graham if you have any questions. All are welcome!



LAITY SUNDAY will be celebrated on **October 29** in honor and appreciation of all laity for their active and dedicated participation in the Lord's ministry. The worship service will be led by laity.

Boy Scout Troop 1



THANK YOU NOTE from Boy Scout Troop 1 Down in the lower hall of the Church, a group of intrepid youth meet each Thursday. This is your Scout Troop... Troop One!

You usually don't hear much from us, but we are there! And I'd like to give you an update of what's been going on with the Troop. Right now, we have a dozen Scouts who are active with the Troop. Since May, 3 three of them have earned their Life Rank which is one rank below Eagle. They are looking at finding their projects and completing the merit badges they need to earn Eagle. With their hard work and dedication, they will probably earn their wings by the middle of next year. All the other Scouts are actively working on their ranks with two reaching First Class since May. Working on advancement isn't the only thing they have been up to. We have actively been volunteering in the community. We have placed flags on veteran's graves on Memorial Day, which is our annual duty. You probably have seen us

leading a division in the Memorial Day Parade with our display of military flags. One of our Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance at the town's annual 9-11 remembrance ceremony.

We have also had outdoor activities with the favorite being our week at Summer Camp at beautiful Camp Sequassen in Winsted, CT. The Scouts worked on badges, participated in a variety of activities from nature, to crafts, to the waterfront, to high adventure. They competed against 15 other troops in the annual Land and Sea Games, and despite our small size, we took First Place!

The youth aren't the only ones keeping busy and having fun! Training is always available for adult leaders to enhance their skills. Troop One is known for having the most trained and highly recognized leadership in the town. This year, Steve Gagne Eagle Scout from Troop One, has been selected to be an instructor at the Council's Wood Badge Course, an internationally recognized training program. None of this would be at all possible without the support of the Church. We thank you deeply for giving us the opportunity to serve. We thank you for making us welcome. Michael Gagne, ScoutMaster - Troop One

UPPER ROOM for September & October is available at the rear of the sanctuary. Our deep appreciation is expressed to Earl Page for bringing it to our church for our daily devotional.

REPORT ABOUT THE FOOD COLLECTIONS

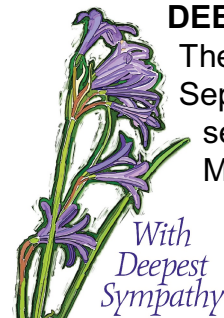
FUMC recently collected over 10 large boxes of non-perishable food to donate to Masters Manna. We joined with other Unity in Faith churches that brought their collected food on Saturday, Sept 16, 2023. This cooperative effort to

help meet the needs of others was very successful and appreciated!



COOPERATIVE PARISH PICNIC was held on Saturday, September 23 at the Cheshire United Methodist Church. Around 70 people joined together from our Cooperative Parish Churches (Grace UMC in Southington, Cheshire

UMC, Yalesville UMC, and First UMC of Wallingford). The picnic was full of joy and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ!



DEEP SYMPATHY is expressed to
 The family of *Martha Lang* who passed away on
 September 18 at the age of 91. A graveside
 service was held on September 21 at the In
 Memoriam Cemetery.

*With
 Deepest
 Sympathy*

Maggie Carr and her family upon the loss of
 her beloved husband *Rev. John A. Carr* on

September 5 at the age of 91. Calling hours will be on Saturday, September 30 from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Wallingford Funeral Home and the funeral service will be held on Sunday, October 1 at 2:00 pm at the Faith UMC in North Haven.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE will meet Tuesday, October 24 at 7:30 pm. Please contact John DeFilippo if you have any questions or suggestions.

CRAFTS GROUP will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. You may contact Kristen DeFilippo if you have any questions.

APPRECIATION

Emmy Lou Atherholt left a beautiful sampler for our church and it is hung on the wall in the fellowship hall downstairs. Emmy Lou is deeply missed by our church family.



Choir

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.

Notes from the Quilt Group

The Quilt Group meets every Tuesday from 10:00 - 2:00. We are still making quilts for the children at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. 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.

Craft Group

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



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 & Anniversaries

Gerard Dion (10/5); Kagee Hubbard (10/5);
Ted Muszynski (10/8); Carey Marston (10/15);
Paul Gwara (10/19); Hillary Baksa (10/25)
Holly Baksa (10/27); Catilin Muszynski (10/29)

Anniversaries

Paul & Valerie Gwara (10/2)

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



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