



# The Good News

**September 2022**

## **Wallingford First United Methodist Church**

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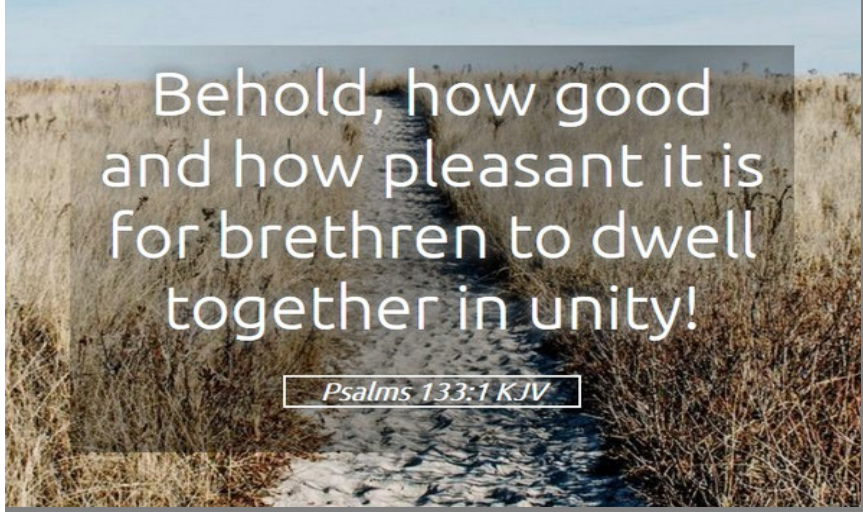
Soon Kook Ahn Pastor

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**

A Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said, "Everything is changing and one thing that is not changing is the fact that everything is changing." I recall his words because there is a significant change in the ministry and direction of the New York Annual Conference. We know that some changes are easily accepted, yet some other changes are not. I believe that church is not an exception as we all have gone through a pandemic. One of the changes that we face today is the shift from 'local church ministry' to 'cooperative parish ministry'. There are five churches in our cooperative parish that are called 'Mid-State Cooperative Parish': Yalesville UMC, Grace UMC in Southington, Cheshire UMC, Higganum UMC, and First UMC of Wallingford. We will share the vision for our churches, the ministerial resources, and the services and events.

An important nature of the Cooperative Parish is the involvement of the laity. In other words, the direction of the churches will be 'laity driven' from 'clergy driven'. For this reason, we need to have a new perspective that goes beyond the limit and boundary of each local church. In the book of Ecclesiastes 4:12, the strength of unity is mentioned, "And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." Psalm 133:1, the joy of unity is expressed, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! Let us believe that it is the Lord who binds us together for his good purpose!



Therefore, let us have a positive and grateful mind to God for all the changes because God is the same yesterday, today, and forever! The Lord always seeks for possibility and new opportunity because nothing is impossible for God! We are new everyday because Christ Jesus is with us and we are in his grace as it is written in 2Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!"

Thank you all in advance for your earnest prayers and positive participation in the Cooperative Parish Ministry! Praise the Lord and thanks be to God! Amen.

*Pastor Ahn*

## 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.

## Choir

Our Choir will start rehearsing at **10:00 am on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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.



## FOOD DRIVE

Unity in Faith Food Drive  
To benefit Master's Manna

**September 17, 2022, 10 AM – 12 PM**

Congregations and houses of worship across Wallingford are collaborating to hold a town wide food drive benefiting Master's Manna!

Donations of all types of non-perishable foods will be appreciated. All donations will be delivered to Master's Manna at the completion of the drive.

This will be a drive-thru, drop-off event at any of the following locations:

Faith Bible Church, 28 Chapel Street  
First Baptist Church, 114 North Main Street  
First Congregational Church, 23 South Main Street  
First United Methodist Church, 941 Old Rock Hill Road  
Most Holy Trinity Parish, 68 North Colony Street  
St John the Evangelist Episcopal, 360 Church Street, Yalesville  
St Paul's Episcopal Church, 65 North Main Street  
Wallingford SDA Spanish Church, 941 Old Rock Hill Road  
Zion Lutheran Church, 235 Pond Hill Road

\*Special thanks to the Islamic Center of Wallingford for monetary support of the drive.\*

Questions? Please contact Kathy Wallace (203-265-7205) or Lori Folk-Barron (203-314-9885), Drive Coordinators, First Congregational Church.



## 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 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.

## Worship Committee

A new worship committee will be meeting soon. If you'd like to help please let Olivia DeFilippo know.

## 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, 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Among our family

**Deepest Sympathy** is expressed to Ann McCracken and her family upon the loss of her beloved mother Bertha B. Hillsamer. Ann's mother passed away on July 31 at the age of 96. May the Lord's peace and comfort be with Ann and her family in this time of sadness and loss!

**Welcome to**  
Jeffery,  
Pastor Ahn,  
Amy,  
and  
James



## September Birthdays

7 Martha Lang	10 Dean Paquette
11 Joyce Marston	12 Kevin Buckley
14 Javier Salabarria	
22 Christian Paquette & Patricia Salabarria	
23 Jeffrey Baksa	29 Paul Hacku



## Mark your Calendar

- Sept 3 10:00 am 7th Day Advent Church  
Sept 4 11:00 am Service of Worship  
Sept 5 Labor Day  
Sept 6 10:00 am Quilt Group  
Sept 10 10:00 am 7<sup>th</sup> Day Advent Church  
Sept 11 10:00 am Choir Practice  
11:00 am Service of Worship  
Sept 13 10:00 am Quilt Group  
7:00 pm Church Council  
Sept 15 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1  
Sept 17 10:00 am 7<sup>th</sup> Day Advent Church  
Sept 18 10:00 am Choir Practice  
11:00 am Service of Worship  
Sept 20 10:00 am Quilt Group  
Sept 22 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 1  
Deadline for October Newsletter - please send articles to Valerie  
at [pgwara@snet.net](mailto:pgwara@snet.net) or give her a note at church.  
Sept 24 10:00 am 7<sup>th</sup> Day Advent Church  
Sept 25 10:00 am Choir Practice  
11:00 am Service of Worship  
Sept 27 10:00 am Quilt Group  
7:00 pm Trustees  
Sept 28 5:30 pm Transitions Dinner at Colony Diner  
Sept 29 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1  
Oct 1 10:00 am 7<sup>th</sup> Day Advent Church  
Oct 2 10:00 am Choir Practice  
11:00 am Service of Worship - Holy Communion



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