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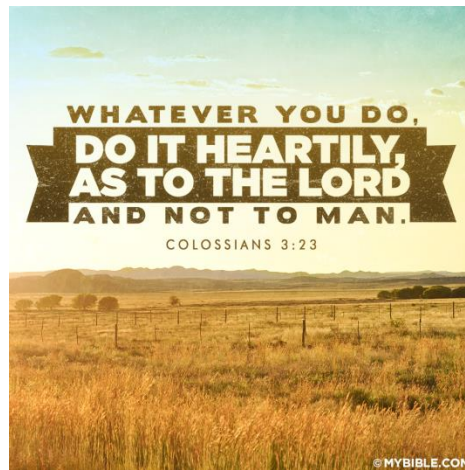
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West Hartford United Methodist Church Happenings

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From 6 through 10 July Mount Everest could be found within the walls of West Hartford Church. From Monday through Friday from about 8:45am to 12:15pm 72 people made West Hartford UMC their Vacation Bible School home. Each day 44 Vacation Bible School Students, led by 12 youth section leaders, made their way to five stations. 3 youth led recreation. Everyone enjoyed Everest-themed snacks prepared by 3 adults and 2 youth. 2 Adults guided our VBS kids through Imagination Station. Kid Video was hosted by 1 Adult. Interactive Bible Stories were led by 1 adult and 2 youth. And 2 more adults kept everything moving along seamlessly. Everest – Conquering Challenges With God’s Mighty Power was a smashing success.

Director of Christian Education Tracey Cappellucci did an outstanding job assembling, training and leading a first rate team. Everest is one of the many examples of how Jesus’ people called West Hartford United Methodist Church strive to honor God by making excellence the mark in all we do.

Frank Sinatra sang, “Nothing but the best is good enough for me!” We at West Hartford Church are a Shining Beacon of God’s Love because we believe with all that we are that nothing but our best is good enough for God!

Sincerely,
Pastor Ric

Prayer List

Please Be Praying For

- The Nigerian Girls being held captive by Bokko Haram
- An end to the violence in Iraq and Afghanistan
- Peace in The Ukraine and the Ukrainian refugees
- President Obama
- Governor Molloy
- Bishop Jane Allen Middleton
- District Superintendent Ken Kieffer
- Bill Burns – healing from a heart procedure
- Margie Lewis – healing from a hip replacement
- Anixa Sanchez – healing from a knee replacement
- Expectant Mom Rowena Styron
- Expectant Mom Amy Kimble
- Rose Morey – recovering from a broken wrist

Confirmation Class

On Children's Sunday, 14 June Confirmation Class members Mason Hazzard, Onyx Sanchez and Andrew Suter placed their trust in Jesus Christ and became full members of the West Hartford United Methodist Church Family.

On Saturday, 18 July Confirmation Class member Nicholas Meredith placed his trust in Jesus Christ, received the Sacrament of Baptism and became a full member of the West Hartford United Methodist Church Family.

The 2015-2016 Confirmation Class is a group of thoughtful young men who take seriously their commitment to loving Jesus and offering Christ's love to others. Through their service in the church and to the community Mason, Nick, Onyx, Andrew are showing the world the love of Jesus.

WHUMC App on the Way

Ryan Hirschthal and Tony Zea are busy working on a WHUMC App. This will be a great place for checking in with our WHUMC family to read the Daily Faith Builder, checking out the Sunday Message, and discovering what's happening and building closer connections with Christ and each other. More to come!

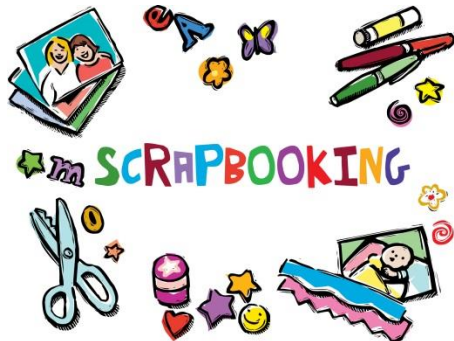
Save The Date: Church Grounds Work Day



Church Grounds Work Day – Saturday August 8th from 9 to 11AM

Did you know that our 4.2 acres of church grounds are all maintained by volunteers? Would you be willing to help? We are going to have church grounds work days on the second Saturday of the month throughout the summer, and our next work day is scheduled for Saturday August 8th. We will work on whatever is needed to be done – weeding, pruning, weed whacking, raking, etc. Whether you can contribute 30 minutes or 2 hours, please come anytime. All help is welcome!

Please contact April Parsons at acparsons111@comcast.net if you are able to help.



Scrapbooking will be held on Sat Aug 22nd at 8:30. All are welcome whether or not you've ever scrapbooked. Just bring your pictures and we'll help with supplies, tools and ideas. Call Judy Morris [\(860\) 747-6228](tel:8607476228) if you have any questions.

Help Wanted

Do you like to knit and/or crochet? We are in need of people to make prayer shawls. Patterns (easy), yarn and other supplies are available. These can be made at home in your spare time. For more information or if you can help call Judy Morris [\(860\) 747-6228](tel:8607476228)

ONGOING NEED FOR TRAVEL SIZE TOILETRIES

We are continuing to collect unopened, travel size toiletries that will be donated to the Friendship Center. If you are staying in a hotel this summer that provides complimentary travel size toiletries, please take them with you. A basket for donations is located outside the sanctuary. Blessings, Edyie Steimer, Adopt a Grandparent Coordinator



U.M. ARMY Thank You!

Thank you to the whole church and community for your support of the U.M. Army mission groups.

The church support through prayers, prayer bags, supplies, and the pumpkin patch made it possible to send two groups on U.M. Army mission trips this summer.

Our college kids Kumar Ponnudurai and Peter Suter gave up a week of work to spend time doing home repairs and in Christian fellowship in Elliot, Maine, May 31 - June 6 with the U.M. Army College Camp. Their skills learned in both U.M. Army last year and multiple years with Appalachia Service Project were in high demand.

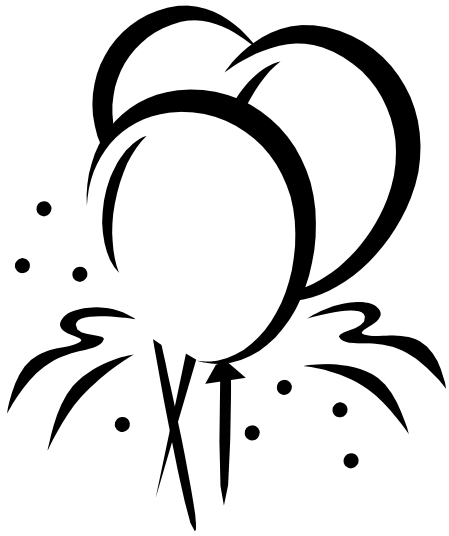
Our second group of youth and adults (Serf Piedrasanta, Onyx Sanchez, Ethan Speranza, Andrew Suter, Jen Bush & Karen Loveland) just returned from Scranton, Pennsylvania, July 12-18. It was the second year Jen and Karen gave up a week of work to participate in U.M. Army and the first year for all the youth (although Onyx and Andrew both had one year of ASP under their belts).

We will be planning another mission trip next summer which will be open to all youth who have completed seventh grade.

Any youth or adults planning on attending next year's mission trips should plan on "working" 20 hours in the pumpkin patch this October.

Mark your calendar for 2015 pumpkin deliveries on September 24 at 4:30 and October 8 at 4:30!

See: <http://ne.umarmy.org/> for details on the program or email mary.suter@att.net with questions



Back to School Bash

FREE!!!

Sunday, August 30th

1 - 3 PM

West Hartford UMC

Join us for a back to school fair at the church with bounce houses, kids' games with prizes, face painting, and more. It is free for the whole community, so invite your neighbors and friends!

We need volunteers to help make this event a success! Please contact Kim White at kimpeterwhite@gmail.com or 860-206-8787 if you can help monitor a bounce house or give prizes for the kids' games.

Christian Education News



Vacation Bible School

“Mount Everest: Conquering Challenges with God’s Mighty Power” Our VBS was once again a huge success! We had about 60 children and more volunteers than ever!! Hopefully you have been able to view the photos on the TV in the Narthex. With the help of our amazing team of Station Leaders and Crew helpers, all of the children had a fantastic time and learned that God’s Mighty Power truly helps us every day! I’d like to say a special thank you to some of our church members who either lead a station or came to help out when they could: Ric Hanse, Lisa Hanse, Amy Borio, Kim White, and Edyie Steimer. Thank you to Karen Loveland who helped me with some material preparation. I’d also like to thank all of you who donated items or money we needed to make the camp such a huge success. With your continued support, we have provided this camp to the youth of our community for many years and will for many years to come. If you have never volunteered to run a station or help out with a station, please consider helping next year. I promise that you will enjoy every minute of it!

Jam

I would like to thank all of those who continue to help out with Jam. I cannot express my gratitude enough for all of your hard work and dedication to the Christian Education of the children of our church. As a result of this, Jam continues to run smoothly and the children seem to be learning a lot and continue to grow in their faith. As always, I encourage you to volunteer your time to help teach our Jam classes. It is easy, fun, and rewarding!

Nursery School

We are busy getting ready for the 2015-2016 school year. Our program for the fall is full, which is pretty impressive in today’s economy and growing availability of free programs. We continue to employ an amazing staff of educated teachers who provide exceptional learning experiences. Lynda Anderson continues to volunteer and Edyie Steimer has become a regular volunteer as well. She enjoys her time so much that she has decided to devote one whole morning a week to be working with the children. We welcome and greatly appreciate anyone who has time in their schedule to come in and spend some time in our classrooms.

Sincerely,

Tracey Cappellucci, Director of Christian Education

Harvest Fair Notes

Can you believe it's almost August and our Harvest Fair is less than 3 months away? Time has certainly been moving along, and as fall approaches we'll be making final preparations for our October 24th. event!

Looking for a little activity during the lazy summer months? Craft workshops are held all summer, Monday evenings 4:00PM-7:00PM and Tuesday mornings 9:30AM-1:00PM in the air conditioned John Wesley room. Don't be shy, join us for either group (or both) for fun, fellowship, and of course crafting. If you know how to sew or serge you are needed as we received a large donation of fabric - the patterns have been cut but they need to be sewn. This is a project that can be taken home if you have a machine.

We are still seeking suggestions for Silent Auction donations. If you know of businesses that might donate merchandise, services, or gift cards please give the information to Karen Loveland in the church office, Kristen or Larry Wilder, or Joy Ferguson. Donation request letters are mailed in July and August as many companies require a 60-90 day advance notice. If you can secure a donation for us we would appreciate that as well.

Letters selling ad space in our fair program are mailed out the end of August. If you have suggestions of businesses that may like to purchase an ad, or if you would like to purchase an ad, please contact Edyie Steimer.

Please keep the Deli and Bakery in mind as well as the White Elephant. We are in need of clear plastic bags from bedding, glitzy buttons, safety pins, and clear plastic bakery containers from croissants, danish, etc. Please give them to anyone from the craft workshops or leave in the John Wesley room labeled "fair."

Many thanks to all who are working hard all year to make the fair a success again. Proceeds from the fair support the programs and ministries of our church. Without your support and dedication we would not be able to enjoy the fun and fellowship that our fair provides for our church family as well as our guests.

In Christ's Service,
Joy Ferguson, [860 523-8017](tel:8605238017)
Harvest Fair Chairperson
grammy2drewski@yahoo.com

**Advertising Opportunity for
Business owners & service Providers**

The Harvest Fair program is an economical way to advertise your business or service and support your church at the same time. Individuals attending the event, as well as church family members will become potential customers. Whether your business is large or small, please consider purchasing advertisement space.

Sizes and Prices

Business card (approx. 2" x 3 ½")	\$15.00
¼ page (approx. 4" x 5" or 5" x 4")	\$24.00
½ page (approx. 5" x 8" or 4" x 10")	\$43.00
Full page (approx. 8" x 10")	\$80.00

Please add 10% for advertisement placement on the back cover.

If you are interested, submit your camera ready copy along with your payment made payable to WHUMC to the church office. If you have any questions please contact me.

Blessings,

Edyie Steimer
Harvest Fair advertisement Chairman
johnandedyie@cox.net 860-665-7981



UMW Meeting

All women are invited to attend the United Methodist Women's Meeting that is scheduled for Saturday September 12th from 9:00am to 10:00am. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, breakfast and working on the missions ministries that make our church a shining beacon of God's love. If you have a mission's idea that you would like to bring to the United Methodist Women's meeting please contact Nancy Janusauskas (UMW President) at Nancyjay@comcast.net

2015 Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Notes	Contact
9/12/2015 (Sat.) 9:00am – 10:00am	UMW Meeting	Meet in the Fellowship Hall	Nancy Janusauskas
9/24/2015 (Thu.)	1 st Pumpkin Unloading	Serve dinner for helpers	Nancy Janusauskas
10/8/2015 (Thu.)	2 nd Pumpkin Unloading	Serve dinner for helpers	Nancy Janusauskas
10/24/2015 (Sat.) 9:00am – 2:00pm	Harvest Fair	Set-up starts on Tue 10/20. Tue 10/20 – Thu 10/22 anytime you can help ,and Friday 9:00 am	Joy Fergusson
10/30/2015 (Fri.) 7-9pm 10/31/2015 (Sat.) 8-1pm	Rummage Sale	Set-up starts on Sun 10/25	Doris Shuskus
11/29/2015 (Sun.) 4:00pm – 6:00pm	Tree Lighting and Carol Sing Dinner	More info to Follow	April Parsons
12/5/2015 (Sat.) 12:00pm – 3:00pm	Holiday Luncheon	More info to Follow	Nancy Janusauskas
12/6/2015 (Sun.)	Christmas Tea	More info to Follow	Judy Morris

UMW Officers 2014-2015

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Cheryl Sansone, Secretary

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THANK YOU

Dearest WHUMC Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers and kind words during this very difficult time in my life. I take comfort in knowing my beloved Joe is now in God's embrace. During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you.

Love and God Bless You,
Laura Carlin and the family of Joseph Carlin

Dear Reverend Hanse,

Thank you so much for your donation to the 32nd Annual Foodshare Walk Against Hunger! Your support was key to our raising nearly \$600,000 at this year's Walk to fight hunger right here at home. With over 137,000 people in Greater Hartford needing food assistance, it is likely that you know someone that needs our help. Thanks to you we are able to provide them with healthy fruits and vegetables, canned goods and even meat! Your generous gift of \$250 will not only help get food to people in need, but more importantly it will support Foodshare's efforts to help them get back on their feet so they no longer need food assistance. You are helping so many hungry people in our community get the health food and help they need for a better future. Thank you!

Warmly,
Christine O'Rourke, Interim President

Dear UMW Angels,

Thank you so much for your lovely card of welcome and encouragement – and for the Cheesecake Factory gift card! (Kenny is very excited about THAT!) I am feeling very loved and supported.

Karen Loveland.

Summer Birthdays

July Birthdays

July 1 – Adrian Cortes, Ophelia Darko
July 2 - Catherine Haverkampf
July 6 - Ethan Speranza
July 7 - Matthew Dawiczuk
July 12 - Lisa Hazzard
July 13 - Althea Taffe,
July 14 - Paul Suter
July 15 – Caleb Yimoyines
July 16 - Chris Larson, Sharon Speranza
July 17 - Joshua Michelson
July 20 - Dolores Vanderbilt
July 23 - Noah White
July 24 –Amber Harris, Derek Meredith
July 27 - Gini Armstrong
July 28 - Josie Moore
July 31 - Marge Gifford, Edna Kalukin

August Birthdays

August 2 - Giselle Baldwin, Thalia Taffe
August 3 - Anita Ellsworth

August 4 –Nady Saila-Ngita, Rebecca Molin
August 5 - Tracey Cappellucci, Ramona Beckius
August 6 - Jane Wood, Xariela Sanchez
August 7 - Ivan Sasser
August 8 - Anya Baker
August 9 – Edyie Stymer
August 10 - Jen Bush, Jo-Ann Savonis
August 11 - Scott Powers
August 12 - Mary Srinivasan
August 14 - Helen Sullivan
August 20 - Sylvie Mulebo
August 23 - Mary Quinn, Katy Rivera, Anne Srinivasan, Jake Michelson
August 24 – Mason Riddle
August 25 - Chuck Hildebrand
August 26 - Marco Kinsella, Janet Morse
August 27 - Mason Hazzard, Colby Roy, Frank Salamon, Ophelia Darko
August 28 - Oliver Bowers
August 29 - Jenna Fravel
August 30 - Ruth Dawiczuk, Lauren Ramezzana

Summer Anniversaries

July Anniversaries

July 3 – Lisa & Jack Tessier
July 8 - Mary Srinivasan & John Raj
July 11 - Nancy & Frank Salamon
July 17 - Julia & Peter Casey
July 20 - Rowena & Ken Styron

August Anniversaries

August 1 - Giselle & Omar Baldwin
August 2 - Amy & Tom Borio
August 4 - Sara & Dale Petersen, Jessica Serrano & Alberto Cortes
August 5 – Ruth & Walter Dawiczuk
August 6 – Liz & Peter Michelson, Ye Eun & Woody Hong
August 19 – Sarah & Sam Darko
August 26 – Mary & David Larson
August 28 - Susan McKnight & Bill Gallops

Please contact Karen Loveland at 860-521-7766
or whumc1959@sbcglobal.net to have your birthday or anniversary added.