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West Hartford United Methodist Church Happenings

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**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34

I love November. November begins with All Saints Day – a wonderful celebration of all the people who faithfully followed Jesus and are now living in God’s Glorious Kingdom. November is a month filled with beautiful fall leaves that greet us with deep reds, oranges and golds. November is Election Day – the time when we exercise our privilege and responsibility to choose our elected officials. We celebrate our veterans in November – remembering their selfless service to the United States in the cause of liberty. November brings us Thanksgiving – a holiday whose sole agenda is giving thanks to God for

the good gifts we enjoy. November brings us standard time, giving us that wonderful extra hour of sleep. The cooler temperatures and shorter days of November renew our appreciation for cozy fires, hot cocoa, warm homes, and blankets under which to snuggle. November usually ends with the commencement of Christmastime, the celebration that makes All Saints Day possible. So when you’re raking leaves, paying increased heating bills, and bundling up before going out, remember God gives us great gifts in the marvelous month of November.

Affectionately,
Pastor Ric

Prayer List

Please Be Praying For

- Katey (daughter of Suzy and Aldo Rivera) and Antonio Zea who were married on Friday, 14 August at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven.
- Jennifer (daughter of Judy and Chuck Hildebrand) and Aditya Nagarajan who were married on Sunday, 25 October at The Meritage in Napa, California.
- Lynda Anderson – Healing.
- The victims of the earthquakes in Afghanistan.
- Those suffering from the floods in South Carolina.
- The victims of the hurricane that struck Mexico.
- Karen Ellsworth as she mourns the death of her beloved mother, Anita.
- Wayne Ferguson as he mourns the death of his mother.
- Lisa Brown, our new Interim Nursery School Director.
- Ashley Hanse, our new Interim Director of Christian Education.



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's pumpkin patch. We really appreciate everyone pitching in with set-up, unloading, working, and clean-up. The pumpkin patch is another way our church generates funds for our missions work. Without your help in the patch, our church would not be able to help all of those in need in our community.

The Ferguson family would like to thank our church family for the compassionate expressions of sympathy upon the passing of Wayne's mother, Lois Vallario. We are deeply grateful for your kindness.

Sincerely,
Wayne & Joy Ferguson

Memorials

Florence Young – Doris Shuskus

Memorial Service for Anita Ellsworth - Saturday 7 November 1pm

Please be with your West Hartford Church Family this Saturday 7 November at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the life and resurrection of our beloved Anita Ellsworth. Anita entered God's kingdom on All Saints Sunday.



Christian Education News

Welcome to our new Interim Director of Christian Education, Ashely Hanse, and our new Interim Nursery School Director, Lisa Brown. Please continue to assist with the vital children's ministries in our church by volunteering to teach JAM one Sunday. The curriculum is user-friendly and requires no teaching experience, just a desire to see the children in our church grow in God.



SCRAPBOOKING/CARD MAKING

Do you have pictures filling up boxes and drawers? Let us show you some ways to organize them. Would you like to make beautiful cards? We can show you how. Please join us on Saturday, November 21st at 9 AM for our scrapbooking group. All are welcome. Please contact Judy Morris (860) 747-6228 or bjemorris@comcast.net if you plan to attend or would like more information. We will gladly share tools and ideas.

Save The Date: Church Grounds Work Day



Annual Fall Clean Up Day - Saturday Nov. 14th from 9 to 1:00PM

Please plan on spending some time with us for our Annual Fall Clean Up Day! Any time you can give would be a blessing. There will be plenty of coffee and donuts to keep you energized throughout the morning! For lunch we will be serving pizza.

We will be cleaning up sticks and limbs, raking and clearing leaves, and cleaning up the memorial garden and the stone gardens. So bring your pruners, trimmers, garden and lawn rakes, work gloves and wheel barrows.

Whether you can contribute 30 minutes or 2 hours, please come anytime. All help is welcome!

This is a big job and we need your help – many hands make light work!

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

Harvest Fair Notes

Thank you all for your tremendous participation in our Annual Harvest Fair. Your support and co-operation made for a very successful event, and we appreciated having so many of you in attendance, welcoming our guests and enjoying everything we had to offer. A very special thanks to everyone who stepped up last minute when we needed a few extra pair of hands to finish up the Silent Auction and stock the Bakery Booth.

A huge thanks to everyone who "hosted and posted" - those who hosted our lawn signs to catch the eye of commuters and those who posted signs at work and around town so folks knew about our fair. We had an increase in attendance this year, and I'm sure it was because of the effort of each and every one who helped to spread the word. Additionally, many of you worked behind the scenes to be sure things ran smoothly by submitting press releases, faxes, phone calls, pick-ups, set-up, and break-down, among other things that while "unseen" are of vital importance to our success. Thank you to everyone who worked in the education wing to provide our youngest guests with a number of activities that they could participate in, making the day special for them.

Our fair would never be possible without the dedicated "Tuesday Morning Crafters" who come and work faithfully each week as well as the "Monday Evening Craft Group" with their fresh, new ideas and enthusiasm. Equally important are the members who work from home on a number of projects that round out the variety of items we are able to offer our guests. A special note of appreciation to everyone who made items for our Bakery, Deli, and Snack Shack. They were well stocked with a beautiful assortment of tempting foods to please every palate. Our White Elephant, Craft Supply Corner, and Half-Price Plaza were a bargain lover's paradise, and the Silent Auction had an amazing array of baskets, tickets, gift cards, and items for the home. Many went for face value as there were several spirited "bidding wars" on popular items.

Please support the business who so generously supported us again this year with donations to our Silent Auction or with paid ads in our fair program. If you see an owner or manager please mention that you saw their donation here at WHUMC and thank them. If you purchased tickets or gift cards please be sure to note any restrictions or expiration dates. Use them and enjoy!

Plans for the Oct. 22, 2016 fair are already in progress.

In His Service,

Joy Ferguson,
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Silent Auction Donations:

Afterglow Tanning & Beauty Bar - Avon
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Berlin Batting Cages
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Boston Red Sox Baseball
Burger Fi – Simsbury
Butler Florist & Garden Center – West Hartford
Cape Cod Fence – Canton
The Children's Museum – West Hartford
Chipotle Mexican Grill
The Claypen – West Hartford
Connecticut Beardsley Zoo – Bridgeport
The Connecticut Historical Society – Hartford
Connecticut Trolley Museum – East Windsor
The Corner Pug – West Hartford
Dakota Steakhouse – Rocky Hill
Deepwater Lobster Company – Avon
Dish 'N Dat – Canton
Doogie's – Newington
The East Side Restaurant – New Britain
Effie's Place – West Hartford
Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
Farmington Miniature Golf & Ice Cream Parlor
Fast Cuts Plus – Farmington
The Fernwood Restaurant – West Hartford
Fitzgerald's Foods – Simsbury
Flatbread Company – Canton
Florence Griswold Museum – Old Lyme
Foxwoods Resort & Casino – Mashantucket
Froyo World – New Britain
The Garden Barn – Vernon
Harry's Bishops Corner – West Hartford
Hartford Symphony Orchestra
Hartford Yard Goats Baseball
Highland Park Market – Farmington
Hill-Stead Museum – Farmington
Infinity Music Hall – Hartford
J.Timothy's Taverne – Plainville
Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts – UCONN Storrs
KidCity Children's Museum – Middletown
LaPetite France – West Hartford
Larsen Ace Hardware – West Hartford
Lutz Children's Museum – Manchester
Lyman Orchards – Middlefield

Mark Twain House & Museum – Hartford
Metro Bis Restaurant – Simsbury
Mohawk Mountain – Cornwall
Moscarillo's Garden Shoppe – West Hartford
Mystic Seaport
New Britain Museum of American Art
New England Air Museum – Windsor Locks
New York Giants Football
Noodles & Company – West Hartford
Old State House - Hartford
Old Sturbridge Village – Sturbridge, NH
Ooh LaLa Boutique – West Hartford
Peppermill Country Deli & Bakery – Granby
Play It Again Sports – West Hartford
Playhouse on Park – West Hartford
Potbelly Sandwich Company – West Hartford
Quassy Amusement Park – Middlebury
R&B Sportsworld – Winstead
Real Art Ways – Hartford
Roaring Brook Nature Center – Canton
Russell Speeders – Avon
Salem Witch Museum – Salem, MA
Santa's Village – Jefferson, NH
Seven Angels Theatre – Waterbury
Shop Rite – West Hartford
Shoreline Trolley Museum – East Haven
Silk Nails – West Hartford
Simsbury Therapeutic Massage & Wellness
Ski Sundown – New Hartford
Snip-its – Canton
Southwick Zoo – Meldon, MA
Stanley-Whitman House – Farmington
Stew Leonard's – Newington
Stop & Shop Supermarket – West Hartford
Storyland – Glen, NH
TheaterWorks – Hartford
Trader Joe's – West Hartford
USS Constitution Museum – Charlestown, MA
Veteran's Memorial Ice Skating Rink – West Hartford
Wadsworth Atheneum – Hartford
Warner Theatre – Torrington
Wheel of Fortune – Culver City, CA
Winding Trails – Farmington
YMCA – West Hartford

Thanksgiving Basket Grocery Shopping List

(for family of 2-6 people)

One can each of:

- Corn
- Green beans or collard greens
- Yams or sweet potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Fruit
- Chicken broth
- Turkey gravy
- Pie filling (*apple, pumpkin, cherry, etc.*)
- Juice (*large size can of cranberry, grape, etc.*)

Plus:

- Box of macaroni or boxed macaroni and cheese
- Small bag of potatoes (*5-lb.*)
- Package of rice
- Package of cornbread mix
- (2) Packages of stuffing (*6 oz. each*)
- Package of rolls
- Box of tea bags (*small*)
- Graham cracker pie crust
- Can of coffee (*small*)
- Seasonings: (e.g., salt, black pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, sazón)
- Pasta sauce (traditional flavor)
- Can of kidney beans or pigeon peas
- Soups (all varieties, but especially cream of chicken and mushroom)
- Snack foods (*cookies, cakes, crackers, chips*)
- \$25 grocery gift card** for meat and other perishables

(suggested: Price Rite, C-Town, Stop & Shop, Save-A-Lot, Aldi's Supermarket)

IMPORTANT!

There is NO refrigeration available for us to keep perishable items. Please do not add items that could spoil like meat, eggs, milk, pie shells, etc. Check all items for usable expiration dates.

Please provide your own basket. Families love receiving their food in laundry baskets or plastic storage bins that can be repurposed. Make the basket as plain or fancy as you like. If wrapping the basket in cellophane, please bring in the gift card separately.

Baskets may be dropped off **Monday, November 23, 2015, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, at **St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, 147 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06052, Phone: 860-225-7634, website www.stmarksnewbritain.org.

Questions? Contact:

Barbara Lazarski at the Friendship Service Center

Phone: 860-225-0211, x202

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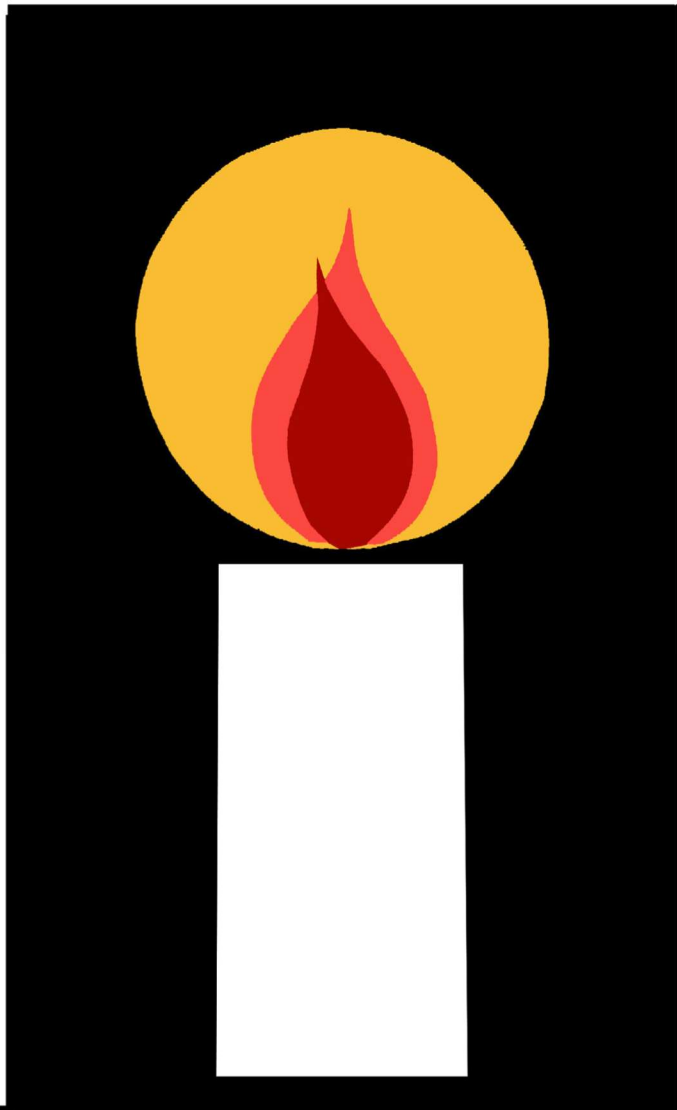
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

And, thank you for being a blessing to others.

*Be the
Light
On The
Longest
Night*

Help Raise Awareness of Homelessness

December 22, 2015



**Buy Your Luminary
And Support The Efforts
Of The Friends Of The
Friendship Service Center
Of New Britain**



**To Assist The
Homeless And
Needy Among Us.
(\$5.00 per Luminary)**

To place an order or for further information:

Orders are due by December 6th

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Website:

<http://friendshipservicecenter.org/friends/>

Email: friends@friendshipservicecenter.org



West Hartford United Methodist Women News!

2015 Save the Dates!

Date	Event	Notes	Contact
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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Please Join us
for a Cup of Christmas Tea

Date: Sunday, December 6th

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: West Hartford United Methodist Church

1358 New Britain Avenue

West Hartford, CT

RSVP by Thursday, December 3rd 521-7766

The United Methodist Women invite all ladies to bring your relatives, neighbors and friends and join us for a special afternoon of fellowship as we share poignant holiday stories and carols served with cookies and a cup of Christmas tea – a lovely, centering way to begin the Advent season.



**ALL WOMEN OF THE WEST HARTFORD UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE UMW'S
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th 2015
AT 12:00 NOON
Angelo's On Main
289 South Main Street, West Hartford**

**AS WE ENTER THE MOST JOYOUS OF HOLIDAYS ENJOY AN
AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS CAMARADERIE, SAVOR FOOD AND THE
GIFT OF CHRISTMAS**

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NAME _____

Please choose an entrée from the options below:

Baked Scrod _____ **Prime Rib** _____ **Chicken Parmesan** _____

We will have gluten free and vegetarian dishes as needed

Cost Per Person \$21.50

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 'UMW'

Please give to Nancy Janusauskas, April Parsons or Mary Suter



Operation Christmas Child

Each box should have:

Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Comb/Brush
Wash Cloth
Bar of Soap

Other items for the boxes:

Crayons
Markers
Scissors, Paper, Rulers, Pens, Pencil,
Pencil Sharpener's other school supplies
Toys Play-Doh Jump Ropes Playing cards, Jacks Harmonicas, recorders, small puzzles travel size
games Base Ball's Beanie Babies small trucks and cars Lego's , yoyo's watches,
(Coloring Books)Small, calculator's small flash light's Etch a sketch
Barrett's/Rubber Bands
Baby cups, Rattles
Socks Shirts Small shorts Hats
Hard Candy (should be in a separate plastic baggie)

Boxes may NOT contain:

War toys
Snakes
Any Liquids
Chocolate

If you would like to make a donation to the UMW they will do the shopping for things we need to fill the boxes. Please have donations to us by **November 16th**.

Please let Nancy J. know if you have any further questions and thank you for all your help. All boxes need to be back to the Church by **November 16th**.





Have your child color a Santa
and add a small note to the child that will receive the shoe Box.

Blessings Doris Shuskus and Nancy Janusauskas

November Birthdays

November 1 - Sarah Kastner,
Harry McGlinchey

November 2 - AJ Speranza

November 3 - Pastor Ric Hanse
Ann Burns

November 5 - Ray Ramezzana

November 9 - Gitamba Saila-Ngita

November 10 - Sara Barnowski

November 12 - Alex Cappellucci
Gail Harris

November 14 - Zanetah Sasser

November 16 - Anne Jones

November 18 - Hazel Borio
Vince Dube
Caleb Gallops

November 19 - Linda Weber

November 20 - Tom Borio
Brian Borkowski

November 23 - Alex Weiss
Omar Baldwin

November 26 - Mary Larson
Eva Speranza

November 27 - Nancy Salamon
Chuck Brusie
Fred Wohlgemuth

November 29 - Danielle Dube
Lynn Spear

November 30 - Jayden Raj
Chris Hildebrand



November Anniversaries

November 10 - Grace & Chuck Brusie

November 23 - Suzy & Aldo Rivera

November 25 – Pat & Max Gould

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