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West Hartford United Methodist Church Happenings

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September is a month for beginnings. It is the beginning of a new JAM (Jesus And Me – our children’s Christian education ministry) year. Small groups start back up – The Men’s Small Group, Fit 4 God, Choir. Wednesday Night Lift will begin again on 16 October, with groups including: Pioneer Clubs for children, “Keep It Shut” – how to think before we speak, Wednesday At The Movies, and more. A new message series focusing on our Purpose Statement “Coming Alive Together In Christ” begins on 13 September. In September the Wizards of MID will be renovating our website and working on the new WHUMC App. The Classic Movie Club, which launched in August with fifteen participants, is preparing for its next movie on 29 September.

September also marks the beginning of exciting improvements we are making to our ministry center. The “Green Room” in the Education Room is being transformed into a first class Youth Room and Tony Zea will be our new Middler’s Youth Leader once the renovation is complete. The front parking lot will receive lighting improvements. New closets are coming to the John Wesley Room and the Son Room elevator Lobby. New windows are coming to the sanctuary. And a beautiful glass canopy is being added to the Main Atrium exterior so you won’t get soaked when entering the Fellowship Hall during a rain storm.

September at West Hartford United Methodist Church holds beginnings that will enable us to more fully come alive together in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the One who makes all beginnings possible. And Jesus is the One who will work through all of these wonderful beginnings to make us an ever more brightly Shining Beacon of God’s Love.

Sincerely,
Pastor Ric

Prayer List

Please Be Praying For

- Praise God for the birth of Harper Styron.
- Pray for expectant Mom Amy Kimble who is experiencing a difficult pregnancy with twins.
- Bill Burns – healing.
- Lynda Anderson – heart problems.
- Rose Morey – healing of broken wrist.
- Shannon Davis – healing of her legs, she is in excruciating pain.
- All within our church family who work in the ministry of public and private administration.
- All church family members who work in health care.
- Frank Salamon as he mourns his Mother's death.
- Those fighting the wildfires out West.
- All who have lost loved ones and homes to the wildfires.
- The Ukrainian and Syrian refugees.
- The persecuted Christians of China.
- District Superintendent Kieffer
- Bishop Middleton
- Governor Molloy
- President Obama

A New Arrival

Harper Elizabeth Styron was born to Rowena, Ken and Abigail Styron at 1:12 a.m. on Monday 31 July, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 19 inches long. We welcomed Harper to the WHUMC Family on 30 August during the Education Sunday service.

The Pumpkins are Coming!



We need your help!

We will set up the pumpkin patch on September 20th at noon and need people to help us place the pallets and set up the tent.

The first load of pumpkins will arrive Thursday, September 24th, at 4:30 pm. Please come at whatever time you can to help us unload.

The second load of pumpkins is scheduled to arrive October 8. Mark your calendars in

advance!

Please contact Kim White at kimpeterwhite@gmail.com if you have a pick-up truck we can use for the set up or either unloading.

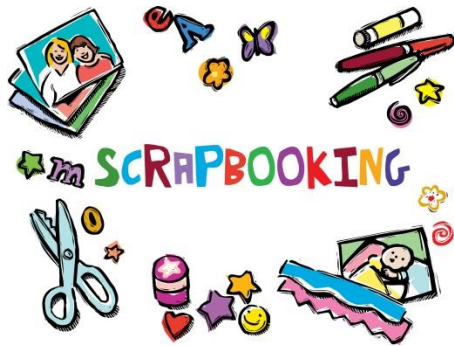
Save The Date: Church Grounds Work Day



Church Grounds Work Day – Saturday September 12th 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 September 12th. 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.



The scrapbooking group will meet on Saturday, September 19th. We provide supplies/tools/ideas, if needed, and you provide your pictures. You can also make cards, if you prefer. Please join us. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Judy Morris (860-747-6228).



Time to clean out that spare room or basement?

Rummage sale donations of small furniture items in good condition are accepted all year long.

Please contact:

Nancy Janusauskas (860) 521-1166

Doris Shuskus (860) 561-2752

Please do not bring these items that are difficult to sell: exercise equipment, old computers, text books/ encyclopedias, heavy furniture, stereo equipment, skis, cribs, baby car seats,

Opportunities to Serve

Prayer shawls/ afghans: These are given to those who have been hospitalized, are experiencing a death or illness, or have had a new baby. If you can knit (3 knit, 3 purl) and/or crochet and would like to be a part of this ministry, we need you. Yarn, instructions and needles and/or hooks will be provided if needed. Please contact Judy Morris (860-747-6228) for these supplies.

Caring kitchens: We are in need of people who are willing to provide an occasional fresh meal to people in need such as those returning from home from a hospital stay, just had a new baby or are injured or ill. This involves preparing and delivering 1 meal when called upon by coordinator, Lynda Anderson (860- 229-8861) who keeps a list of people who agree to be called upon. Also the church freezer is **always** in need of food. Please consider preparing a dish, especially for an individual or couple as well as a family. Label it with what it is, the date, number of people served, and reheating instructions and place it in the church freezer. Listing ingredients on the label is also very helpful to the person/people receiving the meal. Although we call for fresh meals when there is a need, we use freezer meals to help for a few extra days or in an emergency.

If you are willing to participate in one or more of these valuable ministries, please contact Judy or Lynda.



Christian Education News

It is hard to believe another school year has begun. Education Sunday was a wonderful event to kick-off another exciting year of learning, making new friends, building relationships, and growing in our faith. Our JAM program continues to grow and run smoothly, providing our children a warm nurturing environment to learn about Jesus, the missions of our church, and how their faith can help them every day. I look forward to working together as a church family to continue to help the youth of our church, the future of our church, grow in commitment and faith.

Director of Christian Education
Tracey Cappellucci (whmns@snet.net)

**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 (8" x 10")	\$80.00

If you are interested in placing an advertisement, please submit a 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
9/24/2014 (Thu.)	1 st Pumpkin Unloading	Serve dinner for helpers	Nancy Janusauskas
10/8/2014 (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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Harvest Fair Notes

It's September, and in a few short weeks the pumpkins will be on the church lawn! Our Harvest Fair is scheduled for October 24th, and there is plenty to do in the next few weeks to prepare for this major event.

Workshops are held every Monday 4:00PM-7:00PM and Tuesday 9:30AM-1:00PM. We have an urgent need for skilled sewers!

In a few weeks the pre-printed posters will be available for you to take to hang in your favorite grocery stores, gas station, gym, bank, libraries, senior centers, dance studios, condo bulletin boards, ice rink, coffee shop, break room at work, etc. Please take several and as you run your errands hang them about town. The lawn signs will also be available and we need folks willing to "host & post" them. If you live on a well-traveled road please consider being a "host" to a lawn sign or two.

We are still looking for suggestions for the Silent Auction and Ad sales for the fair program. Please contact Larry & Kristen Wilder or Joy Ferguson for the auction, and Edyie Steimer for the Ads.

We are still in need of containers from wet Swiffer cloths and clear plastic bakery containers.

In Christ's Service,

Joy Ferguson, Harvest Fair Chairperson
Grammy2drewski@yahoo.com
860 523-8017

THANK YOU

Thank you very much to everyone who helped make this year's Back to School Bash a success. We appreciate all of you taking the time to volunteer and all of your hard work!

My heartfelt thanks to all the members of our WHUMC family who took the time to "fight the battle" to bring Christian movies into mainstream theaters by attending WAR ROOM. Also, a special thank you to the loving, caring member of our church family who made a significant donation so that more were able to attend.

Thanks very much. Bruce Morris

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for your financial and emotional support. Son I will be leaving for my sophomore year at UConn. Currently, I plan to spend the next six year at Storrs so I can get a doctorate in Physical Therapy. Thank you again and I'll see everyone over Thanksgiving break!

Peter Suter

Dear Scholarship committee,

Thank you for continuing to support my education. I had a summer internship in Boston the past few months with Price Waterhouse Coopers and am excited to share with my church family that they offered me a position for after I graduate. I am looking forward to my senior year at Providence College and will use the scholarship to cover book costs as I finish my degree in Accounting.

Thank you,

William Suter

Dear WHUMC,

Thank you for the extremely generous scholarship. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this church since I was three years old. As I head off to Purdue, I feel confident in who I am and whose I am. Thanks again and God bless.

Mason Hazzard

Dear Pastor Hanse and WHUMC,

Thank you for letting our family hold our 150th reunion at your church. Sara and Dale Petersen were right when they said it would be the perfect location for our annual get together. We spent the day reconnecting with our roots as we poured over old photos and visited with family members from far and wide. You have a wonderful church and facility. Thank you for sharing it with us.

Jill Hastings, The Captain James and Chloe Steele Skilton Family Association

To all at WHUMC,

Bill and I wish to thank everyone for all you have done for us. We especially thank Pasto Ric, Karen Loveland, Doris Shuskus, Nancy J., Judy Morris, and Karen Ellsworth, who helped out in countless ways. Most of all, your prayers for Bill are so appreciated. The people in our church are so warm and loving and I feel so fortunate to be a member.

Sincerely,

Ann Burns

September Birthdays

September 1 - Will Suter

September 10 - April Parsons, Anna Hanse

September 13 - Aldo Rivera, Alaina Kinsella,
Sarah Paul

September 15 - John Steimer, Ryan
Hirschthal

September 16 - Lindsey Weiss

September 17 - Nancy Hannigan

September 23 - Mark Gifford, Rose Darko

September 24 - Marsha Gaulin

September 25 - Judy Morris, Melissa Molin

September 26 - Debbie Haverkampf

September 27 - Samuel Carlin

September 28 - Larry Wilder, Max Gould

September 29 - Ken Loveland

September 30 - Manny Sasser



September Anniversaries

September 9 - Karen & Scott Powers

September 10 - Judy & Carey Greene

September 17 - Debbie & Tom Haverkampf

Last month we forgot to mention Ava Moench - August 3. We apologize for the oversight!

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