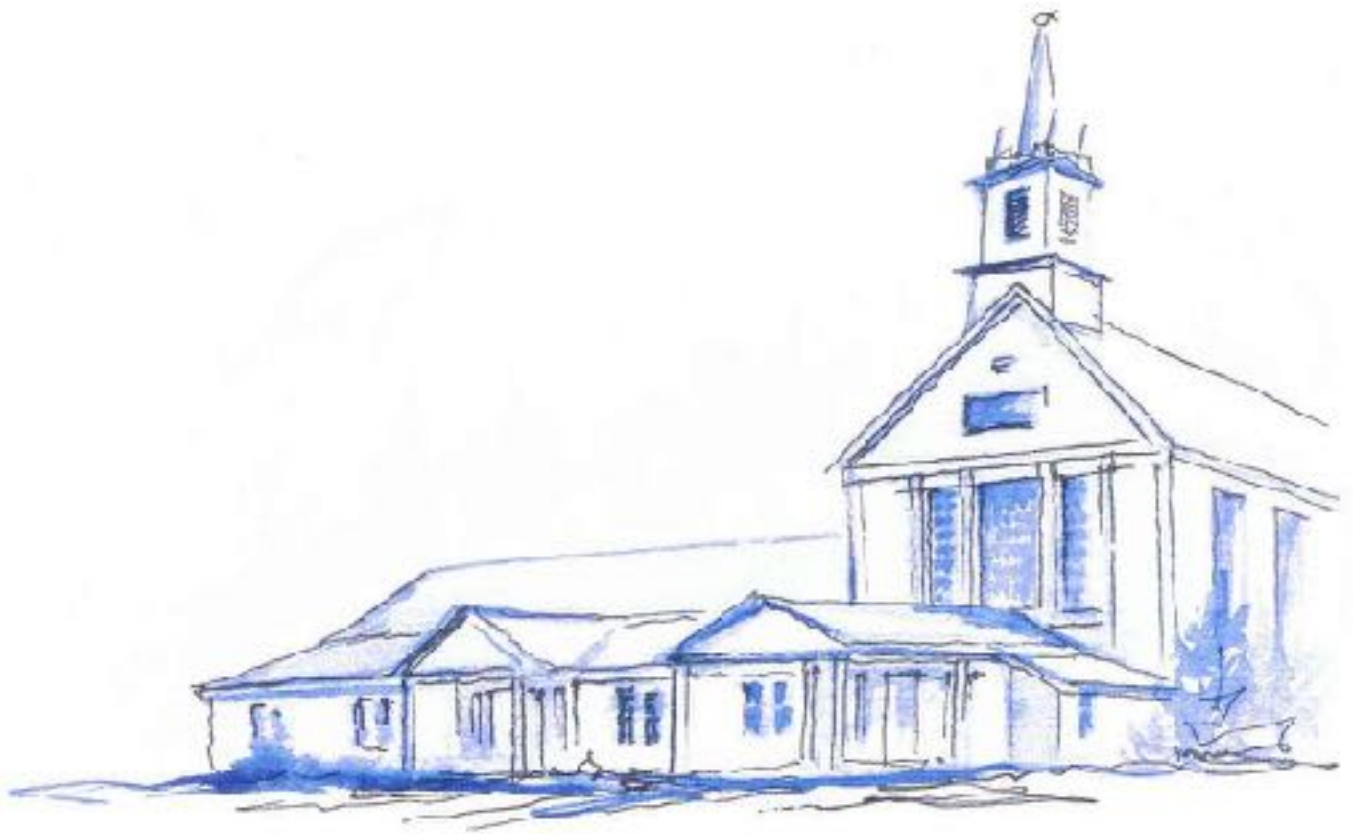


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NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**2021
ANNUAL
REPORT**



Giving from our Abundance...Serving from our Hearts!

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PASTOR'S REPORT

2021 proved to be another unusual year - though I might argue that we had some practice under our belt.

When we were forced to close down again last winter because of rising COVID cases... we all knew how to mute ourselves on Zoom! In seriousness, worship, small groups, bible study, Thursday fellowship and so many meetings simply continued online, seamlessly.

Then, beginning in March, our church has slowly emerged into a world that is very different from 2019 but still filled with opportunities for ministry. Worship opened again Palm Sunday, and once the CDC lifted mask mandates for vaccinated people, singing began again as did a pickup choir. In the fall, a small Sunday school resumed, and Ms. Judy returned to worship with her Children's Conversations. We found ample opportunities for Outreach also, funding health kits and flood buckets this spring, summer camperships for children, and engaging in Operation Christmas Child. This fall our Thanksgiving Basket and Christmas Gift projects will return.

In the meantime - meetings continue to return to the Betts Room, AA is back, the Boy Scouts are back, and praise be, our Craft Fair was a go this year, netting a wonderful profit for our church's ministry. Our preschool, the Wesley Learning Center, was open fully this fall.

Now in early November we look forward to a modified Coffee Hour returning, a more personal celebration of holy communion and in-person worship on Christmas Eve. It is a joy to be able to hang out in my office again and visit with people in their homes. Although the state of the pandemic is not entirely clear, I am cautiously optimistic that the face-to-face community that so powerfully underlines church life will continue.

But we know that things are different. Hybrid worship and hybrid small groups are here to stay, I believe, because we have learned how the simple devices of zoom or streaming extend our reach to folks well beyond our local community. The temporary loss of our building taught us both how it's the people who make a church *and* how we could offer our building to the community in new ways. I trust that the loss of face-to-face community has made it impossible for us to ever again take for granted that handshake or hug.

We are priceless to one another, folks.

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I would be remiss if I didn't say Thank You again to all of you for your perseverance in this unusual year. Many times, I've been overwhelmed by your caring for one another and your generosity to Christ's church. A special word of thanks to my colleagues, Music Director and Deacon Sue Klein and Office Administrator Rae Steare, who along with all of you, make ministry possible in a world that, ever more-challenging, stands in ever-greater need of God's grace.

God bless you

Pastor Lori

ADDENDUM A TO PASTOR'S REPORT

The United Methodist Book of Discipline tasks pastors with the maintenance of membership rolls. The following people are recorded as professing (official) members of NUMC but are no longer active--either knowingly moved from the community or inactive in participation.

Each of these individuals will be contacted in the coming months to ascertain their interest in remaining on NUMC's membership roll. We hope some will, and will re-engage. Some, no doubt, will let us know that they have transferred to another church or wish to withdraw. If, over the next couple of years, an individual does not respond after due diligence has been made to contact them, the charge conference of this church may remove them (Discipline paragraph 228 b. 4).

Tom Allen	Erica Bray	Christine Caruso
Jonathan Aragones	David Brookes	Constance Caruso
Dawn Bailey	Jan Brookes	Kevin Caruso
Linda Ballerini	Robert Brookes	Richard Caruso
Tony Barnett	Stephen Brookes	Michel Casey
Kendra Barrow	William Brookes	Mark Cassel
Laura Barrow	James Brown	Hector Chacon
Carl Baumann	Jason Brown	Kathy Chacon
Suzanne Baumann	Kathryn Brown	Glen Charland
Liduvina Bautista	Andrea Bryan	Janet Charland
David Baxter	Edward Bryan	Dr. Bernard Cieniawa
Iain Baxter	Dana Buck	Lynn Cieniawa
Kim Baxter	Paul Buck	Bill Clark
Michaela Beaudry	Ruth Burke	Ed Clark
Erika Behringer	Michael Burke, Jr	David Coates
Jim Behringer	Matthew Burns	Elaine Coates
Joe Beier	Mark W. Busse	Michael Coates
Sarah Beier	Katrina Buyers	Jose Colon
David Benore	John Cappelli	Lillian Colon
Joan Bianchi	Jeremy Cappiello	Kelly Coney
Tom Bianchi	Leigh Cappiello	Kyle Coney
Gail Bicking	Tyler Cappiello	Susan Coney
Henry Bicking	Cristin Carlin	Bruce Cooper
Triest Bicking	Croy Carlin	Jack Corbitt
Adam Bisson	Cassidy Carlson	Jane Corbitt
Cheri Bisson	Courtney Carlson	Allison Cordova
Courtney Bonjour	Craig Carlson	Andrew Cordova
Douglas Bonjour	Matthew Carlson	Jeremy Cordova
Douglas Sr. Bonjour	Megan Carlson	Jeremy Cordova
Melanie Bonjour	Stephen Carlson	Sharon Cordova
Christopher Bray	Rebecca Carnes	Patricia Corelli
Christopher Bray	Wilder Carnes	Michelle Cornelison

Kyle Corner
Marjorie Costa
Eric Craig
Ashleigh Crawford
Colin Crawford
Jill Crawford
Scott Crawford
Caroline Cregan
Shirley Crouch
Greg Cullen
Nancy Cullen
Margaret Daley
Kerry Daniels
Jay Degenhardt
Jenni Degenhardt
Lisa Delohry
Stephen Denette
Christopher Dennis
Diane Dennis
Howard Dennis
Kevin Dennis
Frances Dickerson
Marjorie Dilworth
Nancy Disbrow
Craig Doersch
Kenneth Doersch
Lisa Doersch
Molly Doersch
Katie Dorsey
Catherine Driscoll
Amy Drummond
Jeannie Drummond
Donna Edwards
Jessica Edwards
Robert Edwards
Sarah Edwards
Cameron Eiseman
Bunny Ekdhal
Don Emond
Andrew Engles
Chris Evans
Robert B Faller
Norma Fearn
Catherine M. Fedorchek
Linda Fiorey
Adam Fisher
Kari Fisher
Mary Sandra Fleet
Vickie Foy
Cindy Franzino
Camryn Frawley

Kristi Frawley
Luke Frawley
Tim Frawley
Hans Frey
Peter Fuchs
Carolyn Fullman
Hugh Fullman
Jamie Gardner
Jay Gardner
Marc Gardner
Kristie Genc
Tanner Genc
Shari Genest
Bill Gerundo
Jessica Gerundo
Alek Glasrud
Emma Glasrud
Hannah Glasrud
Laurie Glasrud
Tom Glasrud
Daniel Godejohn
Family Godfrey
Robert Goodwin
Marjorie Goss
Susan Gouveia
Charline Grafton
Lisa Grant
Maureen Graves
William Graves
George Greytak
Ileen Greytak
Frank Groody
Tracy Groody
Beverly Hall
Darric Hall
Alexandar Hamilton
Beth Hammel
Dylan Hanson
Scott Hardie
Joseph & Wendy Harrington
Thomas Harrison
James Hartigan
Christine Hatcher
Grunde and Beth Haugeto
Brent Hazzard
Melissa Hazzard
David Helms
Kristin Helms
Greg Hilgert
Patricia Hilgert
Deborah Hoffmann

Gretchen Hoffmann
Matthew Hoffmann
Paul Hoffmann
Jason Horn
Natalie Horn
Ryan Horn
Susan Horn
Judith Howes
Robert Hubbard
Jennifer Huertas
Margaret Hull
Roger Jahn
Jacey Johns
Jeff Johns
Lisa Johns
Taylor Johns
Arthur Johnson
Christine Johnson
Jeanne Johnson
Lauren Johnson
Neil Johnson
Spencer Johnson
Taylor Johnson
Martin Johnston
Nelson Jones
Jeffrey Jorgenson
Katie Jorgenson
Erica Joyce
Ruth Ann Jumper
Kathleen H Just
Su Katzenjammer
Jenna Kayfus
Chris Keane
Erica Keane
Haley Keane
Madeline Keane
Tiernan Keane
Kelley Keane-McAlexander
James Keegan
Abby Kelley
Deborah Kerkes
John Kerkes
Chuck Kinney
Anthony Klabonski
Jennifer Klapper
Matt Klapper
Steven Klepfer
Gregory Konneker
Judy Korol
Peter Korol
Brittany Kowalski

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Claudia Kraich
Cliff Kraich
Nicholas Kraich
T.B. Kramer
Dorothy Kramer-Kawakami
Lisa Krapf
Aspen Kraushaar
Betsy Kraushaar
Callie Kraushaar
Carl Kraushaar
Brian Kruger
Heidi Kruger
Kaley Kruger
Ann La Cava
James Labati
Michael Lapera
David Lapp
Joanne Latham
Heather Lavoie
Michael Lavoie
Brandon Leon-Gambetta
Carson Leon-Gambetta
Stefan Leon-Gambetta
Tessa Leon-Gambetta
Anthony Leuci
Christopher Lewis
Scarlet Lewis
Kayla Licursi
Catherine Lombard
Kerry A Lombard
David Loose
Emily Loose
Judith Loose
Diarmuid Lovett
Brian Lowry
Kate Lowry
Anthony Lucia
Daniel Lucia
David Lucia
Joan Lucia
James Lynch
James Lynch
Laurel Lynch
Stacie Lynch
Gretchen Macek
Robert J. Mainiero
Christopher Malloy
Jane Malloy
John Malloy
Lindsey Malloy

Thomas Malloy
Aaron and Nicholas Mambrino
Allison Mann
Maddison Mann
Mark Mann
Jennifer Mariani
Nicholas Mariani
Sandy Maroney
Robert Martin
Cheri Maschino
Kallie Maschino
Morgan Maschino
Steve Maschino
Lisa Masella
Pamela Masella
Peter Masella
Laurie Masloski
Stephen Masloski
Craig Matava
Brandon McCarthy
Steven McClay
Cameron McCleary
Jamie McCleary
Keaton McCleary
Timothy McCleary
Tisha McCoy
Fran McCutchan
Frank McDermott
Madeline McDermott
Megan McDermott
Susan McDermott
Mary McGee
Patrick McGrath
Romah McKenzie
Casey McManus
Katherine McManus
Kevin McManus
Jacob Meadows
Jessica Meadows
Gretchen Melita
Vincent Melita
Larry Merly
Lauren Merly
Lawrence Merly
Andy Millett
Nancy Mills
Richard Mills
Karla Minichiello
Richard Mitchell
John Modleski
Kelsea Morshuk

Scott Moss
Valerie Moss
John Mueller
Thomas Mulligan
Robert Nardozzi
Joan Nash
David Nelson
Sherrie Paisley
Michael Pale
Sara Ann Pale
Kirsten Palumbo
Vincent Palumbo
Dave Parrullo
Althea Paynter
Bradford Paynter
Elizabeth (Betsy) Paynter
Grenville Paynter
Jojo Pearce
David Perrillo
Christopher Perry
Rick Perry
Schuyler Perry
Shannon Perry
Timothy Perry
Lawrence Petershack
Eugenia Pidala
Karen K Pineman
Chris Plank
Kevin Plank
Shannon Plank Curioso
Alan Potter
Ruth Potter
Carol Powell
Robert Powell
Joshua Powers
Oliver Powers
Steve Praver
Allison Rambone
Michael Rambone
Justin Randall
Kimberly Randall
Lori Randall
Raymond Randall
Mack Ranmsay
Gregory Ray
Edward Raymond
Lindsay Raymond
Matthew Reilly
Rebecca Reisenberg
James Reppucci
Judy Reppucci

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Lucas Reppucci
Zach Richter
Zachary Richter
John Rigby
Lucia Riviere
Tiffany Robertson
Cathy Roche
Diane Rockwell
Kristen Rockwell
Megan Rockwell
Alex Rodriguez
Andalucia Rodriguez
Jackson Rodriguez
Beth Rolfe
Leslie Rouse
Raymond P Ruzek
Andrew Salamon
Anthony Salaris
Beth Salaris
George Salaris
Michael Salaris
Cindy Salerno
M.B. Sales
Douglas Salvas
Jennifer Samson
Rebecca Samson
Sylvia Sarver
Katherine Sault
Alice Saxton
Boyd Saxton
Barbara Schnuck
Donald Schoch
Laura Schroeder
Robert Schroeder
Sandra J. Schroeder
Cheri E. Schutt
Desiree Scott
John Scott
Lyndsay Scott
Melanie Scott
R. Scott
Kim Scriven
Scott Scriven
Wesley Scriven
Ashleigh Shaw
RJ Shaw
Robert Shaw
Susan Shaw
Bonnie Shepherd
Michael Shepherd
Gerald Sherman
Richard Sherwood
Patrick Shirley

Ann Siladi
Kevin Siladi
Michele Siladi
Bob Silkowski
Chris Simmons
Karen Skiba
Ron Slater
Janet Lucile Smith
Leigh Smith
Nicholas Smith
Rebecca H Smith
Susan Smith
Taylor Smith
Tracey Smith
Douglas Snow
Glenn Snow
Kimberly Snow
Leland Snow
Nancy Snow
Nicole Snow
Susan Snow
Joseph Somma
Craig Stenner
Claudio Stow
Betsy Streck
Derek Streck
Haley Streck
Mark Streck
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Eric Street
Mara Street
Rick Street
Matthew Stroever
Stephen Stuart
Alex Sullivan
Laura Sullivan
Macgregor Sullivan
Margaret Sullivan
Mark Sullivan
Cynthia Svenson
Sven Svenson
Verna Svenson
Dorothy Swanek
Nelson Tamakloe
Rhoda Tamakloe
Sylvia Tamakloe
Bradley Tefft
Caitlin Tefft
Ronalee Tefft
Ann Terrill
Ashley Thiery
David Thiery
Brandon Thomas

Kathlene Tobin
Lexi Tobin
Richard Tod
Victoria Tod
Sheila Torres
John and Joyce Toth
Kathleen Tramontozzi
Mary J Twohy
Barbara Vasquenza
Nyah Vasques
Vincent Venitelli
Tony Verlezza
Debbie Villa
John Villa
Joshua Villa
Samantha Villa
Stephanie Villa
Dori Wallace
Karen Ward
Beverly Watkins
Carole Wegner
Jim Wegner
Sheila Welch
Kirtis Westhaver
Stephen White
Nancy Whittemore
Kerri Williams
Nathan Williams
Rachel Williams
Amanda Wilson
Jack Wilson
Lynette Wilson
William Wilson
Tim Woycik
Nancy Wright
Kevin Yacko
Henry Young
Jennifer Young
Katelyn Zimmerman
Lauren Zimmerman
Mike Zimmerman
Sue Zimmerman
Rebecca True
Scott True

REPORT OF THE DEACON

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During a long period of challenging opportunities to respond to change, these last months have brought us to a new place where technology is as important as other things we thought we couldn't live without! By means of webinars and other online information, I was able to try and navigate the new way of doing worship, being in touch with our congregation and of course, producing music for worship, which is my primary task.

The more I learn, the more I know I need to learn! Nevertheless, it was helpful to start with some old-fashioned methods like phone calls, as we asked 12 of our leaders to call a list of our members regularly to keep in touch while we were not having in-person worship, and while everyone was not watching services online. Then our most important connection for all of our meetings became the 'Zoom call'. A Thursday evening fellowship was started on Zoom and became a popular hour for sharing with one another when we can't be in person. As we begin to move forward with in-person worship and meetings, we know our parish has come a long way into a new future. Prayer has been our most important sharing with one another. We have been blessed!

Rev. E. Sue Klein

LAY LEADER

LAY LEADER: *James Maurer 2021*

Remembering our mission statement: “We are called to be a welcoming community of loving servants of Jesus Christ”. This year has certainly been a unique challenge. Even those activities that we have done in the years past were held under different circumstances as the pandemic continued into its second calendar year. Our Pastor and the committee chairs did a great job overcoming the problem areas and initialing new skills.

I continued to participate in weekly Bible studies (Genesis and Exodus) held on Wednesdays via Zoom. Our Professor, Rev. Lori, used new talents such as “share the screen” and her favorite, “the White Board”. She similarly used these same zoom talents during the Adam Hamilton and Amy Jill Levine book studies. Her teaching skills and Bible knowledge enhanced the experiences.

We had to put our skits on hold during most of the year as we were either masked or remote. Recently, as the atmosphere allowed us to meet in person and unmasked, we have resumed this method of supplemental teaching. We really appreciate those brave souls who “volunteer” to add drama to our worship services.

One of the year’s highlights for me was being asked to mentor one of this year’s confirmands, Brian Sibley. It was quite an honor and very enjoyable. Our confirmation process is quite thorough.

The Monday Prayer group has continued all year via Zoom. It is open to anyone who has the hour from 12:30 to 1:30 PM available. Please let me or Lori know if you would like to join us.

I participated in: the Annual and District conferences; the Pastor and Lay Leaders Parish Monthly meetings; SPR and Worship Committees; Monthly Council Meetings; the Reopening Committee; and Thursday Social, Prayer and Theology Zoom call.

On Saturday November 6, I will attend, via Zoom, the Laity Convocation from 09:30 AM until 2:30 PM. The Bishop will address us and we were asked to read the book: “I’m Black, I’m Christian and I’m Methodist”.

LAY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The 222nd New York Annual Conference

On Jordan's Stormy Banks We Stand

June 10-12, 2021

Grace and peace to you my friends at Newtown United Methodist Church. I report to you as Newtown's Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.

This is the second annual conference that has been influenced by the pandemic. My attendance was entirely via Zoom. That said all the vital parts of the annual conference were accomplished.

Our session began with beautiful gather/centering music presented by various churches across the NYAC.

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton opened 2021 Annual Conference with the opening sermon "Get Off Your Ark" using scripture from Genesis 8 and 9. Imagine Noah in the ark with all the animals. Bishop B compared Noah being stuck in the ark to all of us being stuck in our homes during the Covid-19 quarantine. As the ark came to land, Noah disembarked. Bishop B. told the body to get out of the ark and thank God. In the midst of doubt we must get out of our ark and we must believe! We need restoration, reconciliation, and resurrection. Thank God for seeing us through. Go forth and multiply. Build an offering to God, bear fruit and multiply. Go forth in joy and peace.

Rev. Hector Burgos offered an excellent Bible study centering on the theme that we are in a wilderness experience focusing on renewal. Rev. Burgos said that God's best work emerges out of chaos. There we find hope and renewal. He underscored these points: we must come closer to God, we must stop blaming and start claiming (God's moment for us), act in faith not fear, we must be open to new learning and new ways of doing things and we must be willing and ready to take risks – playing it safe has never worked. He ended with the statement we must be a church that is first Christ focused. Rev. Burgos asked this question: What can you do starting today right now to come closer to God? What risks are you willing to take to be willing and ready to move forward in the mission of God? It was a wonderful Bible study.

The word has got to become flesh. We cannot be and in truth are not what we once were. So, we need to take stock, get out of the ark and get to work. Relationships are key to everything. Welcome to the way!

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The annual conference session closed with worship. The entire session is available for viewing on You Tube. It wasn't the in person, old timey annual conference that we know and love, but it is what we can do for now. Let us not lose heart.

May it be so.

Respectfully submitted,

Fern Blair Hart, Lay Representative to Annual Conference 2021

FINANCIAL AUDIT SUMMARY

NUMC Financial Audit

Summary

-Audit Completed- Spring/Summer 2021

-Audit Covered-Years- 2017-2020

-Audits completed:

-Wesley Learning Center, Craft Fair, Memorials, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Outreach/
Missions, Church, Section 8 (local church audit guide)

-Did not audit:

-Men's Group, Youth Group

Review Process-Items Required

-Fund Balance Report, Bank Statements, Checkbook, Deposit Slips, Invoices,
Questionnaire Form (WLC only)

Observations

-No major financial discrepancies were found as a result of these audits.

-Fund Balance Report correlations were accurate.

-Checkbook deposits and payments made were consistent.

-Some invoices were not available.

Recommendations

-Audits to be completed every two years

-Condensed audit procedure for Review Team member.

-Audit questionnaire should be utilized for each account.

-Policies/Procedure required for each account manager

John Schneider

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Staff/Parish Relations Committee 2021 Annual Report

With the pandemic continuing to impact our lives this year, SPRC, like all facets of NUMC, did its best to adapt to the challenges presented to us.

Our long time (47 years!) NUMC Administrative Assistant, Barb Carlson, retired at the end of 2020. This created an opportunity for us to tailor the duties & responsibilities of this position to better meet the current and future administrative needs of our church. And after a successful job search this spring, we were pleased to hire Rae Steare to fill this part-time position of Office Assistant. The NUMC office is currently open on Tuesday's & Friday's 9:30am-12:30pm.

Throughout the year, SPRC members met with their 'buddy' staff member to make sure that our staff was doing well and that there were no issues that needed to be addressed. We were also involved with the discussions about in-person worship & the safety of our staff members.

And ending 2021 on a good note, we will celebrate our long time Music Director & Deacon, Rev Sue Klein's, 90th Birthday in November!

Wishing everyone a blessed & healthy Christmas season!

SPRC

Suzanne Williams, Chair

Vikki Carlson

Susan Chung

Lynette Daria

Duane Jones

Jim Maurer

Dave Pinckney

Jeff Spies

Anna Wiedemann

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The year 2021 posed some challenges due to COVID 19 restrictions and regulations. The Mission and Outreach team tried to be flexible and to employ out of the box thinking. Here is a summary of our service to our “neighbors” both near and far:

1. A food drive was held to benefit Faith Food Pantry in Newtown
2. Thanksgiving meal ingredients, as well as cleaning supplies and personal items, were provided to families in our church community along with families in the Interfaith AIDS Ministry
3. Christmas gifts were provided to families in our church community as well as those associated with the Interfaith AIDS ministry. Monetary donations were made to Faith Food Pantry, Newtown Social Services, New American Dream, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, and Walnut Hill Church in Bethel, CT.
4. Cards and candy were sent to our armed forces through the Soldiers Angels organization to show we recognize and support all that they do for our country.
5. A monetary donation was given to the Period Project, so that menstrual sanitary packets could be disbursed to students at Danbury High School.
6. Mission and Outreach partnered with Interfaith Project on Refugee Resettlement and was able to donate a car to the new family (thanks to one of our congregant).
7. Donations of coffee and donuts were given to Newtown’s Police Dept. to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.
8. Donations were made to the United Methodist City Society - Camp fund (NY) so that 4 children could attend summer camp for 2 weeks.
9. Donations were made to UMCOR to provide 10 Health Kits, 6 School Kits, and 1 Cleaning Kit, to be disbursed to those who experienced natural disasters.
10. Mission and Outreach created “ business cards” for the purpose of showing our support to individuals who are in need in our community and wherever we come across those in distress.
11. Mission and Outreach supported small businesses in Sandy Hook by handing out candy during the Halloween Walk for SHOP.
12. Last but not least we provide hospitality support and community presence by working with Families United Newtown whose family programs help fund services to families with special needs.

Respectfully,

Lynette Daria

Chair 2021

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

2021 Worship Committee Annual Report

Liturgists

In 2021, thanks to technology and the volunteer spirit, the liturgists have continued to participate in Sunday worship services. Early in the year, they read scripture via Zoom at both services. As Covid restrictions were reduced, the liturgists continued to read via Zoom at the 8:00am service and resumed reading the scripture in person at the 10:00am service. Our church is fortunate to have a core group of volunteers to serve as liturgists, but additional volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Pastor Lori or Debbie Stakel if you would like to participate.

-Debbie Stakel

Acolytes

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, NUMC did not have in-person worship until Palm Sunday, March 28. Acolytes began serving in June. Only two acolytes participated and alternated Sundays in June and July. In July, Acolyte training was provided to a new young volunteer. By August, four Acolytes were serving. This September saw the full complement of seven Acolytes. In 2020 we began with nine. We are very fortunate to have these young and dedicated Acolytes.

-Sandra Venitelli

Drama

Due to the pandemic we had to curtail live skits for the majority of the year. Since we have recently been granted the right to meet without masks, our skits and the necessary rehearsals can go forward. We are looking forward to enriching future church services by bringing the scriptures to life through dramatic readings and skits.

-Jim Maurer

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild worked very hard this year with reduced volunteers. This past Advent and Easter were opportunities to decorate and make sure the sanctuary visually represented the season for our congregation viewing church services virtually. Weekly altar flowers continue to decorate the sanctuary as well. The Altar Guild is looking forward to preparing once again for Advent and Christmas. Advent provides the opportunity for additional volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary and ultimately contributes to building a sense of community and building excitement around preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

-SuZanne Williams and Lisa Marlin

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Marlin - Committee Chair

CHURCH SCHOOL

Charge Conference Report | NUMC Church School | October 2021

The 2021 NUMC Church School Program remained virtual for the first half of the year. We continued the consolidated program with two classes – elementary through 5th grade, and 6th grade through 12. Zoom classes ran through the end of June, when we went on summer break. Because of the ease of scheduling with Zoom we were able to continue to have the younger class at 10 and the older class at 11:30.

We suspended classes for the summer as typical. When classes resumed after Labor Day conditions had changed enough that we could meet in person again going back to the traditional schedule of meeting downstairs immediately after the Children’s Conversation in the service. Unfortunately John Holbrook and Justin Birtwell were not able to continue as teachers. At this time we are meeting as one class for all ages, with a laptop available for anyone who wants or needs to Zoom in.

To help support the change to a one room class we have switched to a new curriculum. Previously we had been using Cokesbury’s Rotation Station which is geared more toward a younger audience with a more irregular attendance. Now we have more middle schoolers and high schoolers than students in elementary school. Additionally, most of the children attend fairly regularly and were getting bored exploring the same bible story for 4 or 5 weeks. We are now using Cokesbury’s Grow Proclaim Serve series which focusses on one bible story/ lesson each week. It has components for both large and small groups and had different activities for age level.

We have only two bibles to present this year- both to fourth graders who could not receive their bibles last year. We are coordinating a presentation date that will be convenient for both families.

As always, Great Thanks are due to the teachers who have blessed us with their gifts over the past year: David Budd,, Justin Birtwell, and John Holbrook.

Looking to the New Year, we will continue to provide virtual and in person classes until with God’s grace we can all meet in person again.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hammel

NUMC Church School Program Leader

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2021

Because the pandemic pushed the 2020 class into the fall, our 2021 program did not start until the first weekend in January, and on zoom.

However, we moved through the curriculum “Confirm” and six youth learned about God, Jesus, the Bible, the church and what it means to be a disciple. By April we were meeting in person outdoors, and it was good to see one another face to face!

Our confirmands were also able to do community service and were blessed to be supported by mentors who met with them regularly and encouraged that discipleship.

On June 13 these six teens confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ and were received as full members of our church.

In a year where nothing went as expected, I am so grateful for the help and support this program received. Great thanks are due first to the adults who accompanied the youth in class sessions: *Kim Pearlman, Sandy Venitelli and Dan Poole* Big, big thanks also to our mentors: *Susan Kalbaugh, Justin Birtwell, Duane Jones, Jim Maurer, Yunkee Chung and Judy Hammel*. A huge shout-out to the parents who, without exception, encouraged their kids to power on.

And most of all, my thanks and love go to the confirmands themselves I am always so impressed by the depth of thought that young teens put into God, including the doubts and struggles, and always so glad when they choose to join themselves to us. So, thanks to *Grace, Kenny, Oliver, Stephen, Brian and Jakob*.

Pastor Lori

MUSIC MINISTRY

This has been a difficult year and a half since closing our church for worship in March 2020. Our ability to produce online worship has been a great blessing. However, we miss being able to sing. Jennifer Clark, Karan Goodhue, Amber Harris, Rob Sibley, Justin Birtwell, and Mary Wynings have offered 'special music' each Sunday, and Arthur Samuelson serves as pianist for the 8 a.m. services. Lindsey Jones also blessed our worship with her wonderful gifts on the violin! Many hours were spent on webinars and other online information which was helpful to me in terms of how to keep our worship music meaningful and how to use what we have learned in the future.

We are now able to sing without masks and will be preparing Advent and Christmas music in a more normal fashion, of course praying not to be shut down again!

'Soli Deo Gloria' - 'To God alone be the glory!' J. S. Bach

Rev E. Sue Klein

Deacon & Minister of Music

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

With grateful thanks, donations were received to cover the cost of replacing church roofs. This job was completed in June with thanks to Mark Edwards Roofing. The outside door near the furnace room will be replaced before year end.

Thanks to volunteer help, our pews were cleaned, touch-up painting done, and hymnals were put back in the pew racks, during the summer.

The floor in the narthex was also replaced by church members.

All doors of the church were rekeyed and a limited number of non-duplicatable keys issued. All routine maintenance contracts have been reinstated.

An IT tech has been hired to review our computers and handle updates.

The iron railing along the parsonage driveway was removed after an Eagle Scout installed a new wooden one on the other side. A remediation unit was installed for the parsonage well water to eliminate radon and uranium in the water. Kitchen appliances were replaced as were sliding door blinds. The chimney was cleaned, the deck sealed, and thermostats adjusted.

Many thanks to the Trustees and others who have helped during the year.

Elaine Landau

Chair

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Memorials Committee is to honor and memorialize our loved ones. The Committee strives to do this by incorporating the ideas and wishes of the congregation with our efforts to beautify the sanctuary, enhance the church grounds, enrich church life, and reach out to the community. Memorial Fund Brochures will soon be available in the narthex and the church office offering guidance in decision making, suggestions for giving, and examples of how previous gifts have been used. This information will soon be posted on the church website: <http://numc.us> under Memorials Committee.

The Memorials Committee worked to strengthen church life by enhancing our worship services and donating ten thousand dollars toward the church roof project. The Memorials Committee purchased a retractable, drop-down screen, a camera and an upgraded projector for the sanctuary. These enabled those worshipping in the church to view Zoom presentations from participants joining from home. These presentations include special music selections, skits, and dramatic readings. The screen was installed in the front of the church within the framework that surrounds the cross. It can be lowered for special presentations and then retracted. The projector delivers a stronger image as well as providing the capability of showing a Zoom presentation from a participant not in the sanctuary. The committee continued to provide funds for the Confirmand breakfast and on going chancel needs such as candles, candle oil and Mother's Day flowers.

The Memorials Committee continued its effort to reach out to the community by providing a scholarship to Wesley Learning Center. Donations to the committee, channeled to education, made this scholarship possible.

The Memorials Committee continued its work to beautify the church grounds. The Ruth Watkins Memorial Garden continued to flourish even through the pandemic. There are designated funds for garden maintenance and new plantings. Volunteers to help with the general upkeep are always welcome. The brick walkway, in front of our church, provides a way for parishioners to honor and memorialize those we love and to acknowledge special events. The new Memorial Fund Brochures will soon be available providing information for the purchase and engraving of bricks. The Memorials Committee section on the church website will also provide this information.

The Memorials Committee welcomes suggestions and thanks the congregation for its support. Thank you to our committee members for their work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Stakel - Chairperson

CURBSIDE DINNERS

We would like to introduce ourselves; we are Candice and Lori Rothe. We have been providing ministry to the church through Curbside Dinners.

It was a sad and difficult time with the pandemic among us. Something needed to be done to bring a little joy back to the people of Newtown. We decided to offer Curbside Dinners, we were the first in the state to start this program. Since we started the program, everyone looks forward to the meals and the added benefit is the income to the church. In the course of doing the meals, we became more affiliated with the community of Newtown, and more connected with the Church and our wonderful Pastor and members.

We have built a great rapport with the Newtown Health Department, so impressed they recommended surrounding churches to visit our kitchen to replicate our methods. This hasn't only been about the meals, it is about seeing people unite, talking, sharing their joys, all happening in our Church parking lot.

In the coming future, we hope to continue to serve our meals, Church, and our Community. Have a safe and blessed path. We will see you in 2022.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Treasurer's Report

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Newtown Savings Bank:

Starting Balance	2358.09
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	.00
Interest	0.00
Ending Balance 9/30/2021	2358.09

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane Jones

Treasurer

WESLEY LEARNING CENTER - WLC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Wesley had a successful school year in 2020-2021 despite the COVID pandemic. We started the year with an enrollment of 58 students, but as parents became more comfortable with our enhanced policies and procedures, we added additional students and ended the year with 70 children ages two through five. As the year progressed, we were able to start our lunch bunch program and add back our art enrichment program which added much needed revenue into our budget. We were also able to secure \$6,300 in grant money from the State of Connecticut through the CTCares for Child Care Businesses grant. This grant money was awarded to us to be used for COVID supplies and expenses.

This September we started off the 2021-2022 school year strong. In mid-August we had 77 students enrolled, but today that number has increased to 82 students in our twos, threes and fours programs. We have started lunch bunch in our fours program and hope to add it into our threes program along with enrichment as children adjust to their new routines and schedules. Our budget this year will be helped tremendously with the assistance of another significant grant from the federal government called the Childcare Stabilization Fund. We will be using these proceeds to make much needed upgrades to our classroom furniture and supplies, our playground and some other building upkeep such as floor replacement and painting.

I would like to thank the Wesley Learning Center Board of Directors for their continued support of Wesley Learning Center. With their guidance and our dedicated staff, Wesley is able to provide a supportive and nurturing environment for the children of our community to grow, learn and have fun!

Diane Fuchs

WLC Director

- WLC P&L BUDGET

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Account Details

Wesley Learning Center Profit & Loss Budget Performance July 2021

WESLEY LEARNING CENTER

INDIVIDUAL BUDGET

Ordinary Income/Expense	Aug '20 - Jul '21	Annual Budget	2021 - 2022
Income			
4000 Revenue			
4001 Tuition			
4110 - Tuition	240,823.57	210,023.00 \$	330,358.00
4115 - Tuition Refund	-773.00		
4001 - Tuition - Other	0.00		
Total 4001 - Tuition	240,050.57	210,023.00	
4201 - Registration & Application			
4210 Registration	1,100.00	5,410.00 \$	1,775.00
4220 Application Fee	2,025.00	1,750.00 \$	2,865.00
Total 4201 - Registration & Application	3,125.00	7,160.00	
4301 - Other Program Fees			
4310 - LWU'S PROGRAM	29,278.80	22,740.00	
4330 Lunch Bunch	6,954.25	0.00 \$	10,200.00
4337 - ENRICHMENT CLASSES	2,342.00	0.00 \$	7,860.00
4340 - Summer Camp			
4348 - Camp Expense	80.80		
4348 - Summer Camp - Other	0,945.00	3,000.00	
Total 4340 - Summer Camp	0,975.20	3,000.00	
4345 - Summer Camp - Toddler's	4,765.00	2,000.00	
Total 4301 - Other Program Fees	42,365.20	27,740.00	
4401 - Fundraising			
4410 - Fundraising			
4420 - Room Supply	719.80		
4418 - Fundraising - Other	821.70	2,000.00	
Total 4410 - Fundraising	1,541.50	2,000.00 \$	2,000.00
4425 - Fundraising Expense	-100.00		
4401 - Fundraising - Other	80.00		
Total 4401 - Fundraising	1,521.50	2,000.00	
4501 - Other Income			
4510 - Interest Income	23.77		
4520 - Grant Money	6,037.51		
4560 - Finance Charges	35.00		
Total 4501 - Other Income	6,096.28		
Total Income	310,765.74	250,123.00	300,008.00
Expense			
5000 Program Expenses			
5100 - Salaries and Wages			
5110 - Payroll	170,795.67	189,247.00	222,074.83
5120 - Pay - Substitute	2,000.00		
5127 - Wages - Nurse Consultant	1,027.00	1,000.00 \$	1,000.00
5129 - Wages - Custodial Services	7,000.00	7,100.00 \$	7,180.00
5140 - Payroll Taxes	15,703.21	15,070.00 \$	18,047.81
5150 - Payroll - Summer	200.00	4,240.00 \$	5,075.00
5160 - Wages - Enrichment Program	780.00	0.00	
5164 - Wages Lunch Bunch Program	2,785.00	0.00	
5158 - Wages - Two's Program	13,405.00	10,441.00	
Total 5100 - Salaries and Wages	210,285.88	210,087.00	
5305 - Special Programs			
5320 - Meals	0.00	0.00 \$	5,400.00
5390 - Program Children	1,495.81	1,000.00 \$	2,000.00
5305 - Special Programs - Other	18.42		
Total 5305 - Special Programs	1,514.23	1,000.00	
5405 - Program Staff			
5410 - Workshops	1,250.00	2,000.00 \$	2,260.00
5420 - Staff Programs	2,730.9	1,000.00 \$	2,000.00
5405 - Program Staff - Other	1,105.44		
Total 5405 - Program Staff	5,116.47	3,000.00	
Total 5000 - Program Expenses	216,916.58	217,087.00	
6000 - Classroom Supplies and Books			
6100 - Classroom Supplies	1,983.72	2,000.00 \$	2,000.00
6120 - Books, Pkts	14.27	200.00 \$	200.00
6180 - Classroom Equipment	159.82	000.00 \$	600.00
6140 - Photos	783.45	700.00 \$	600.00
Total 6000 - Classroom Supplies and Books	2,941.26	2,700.00	

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Accrual Basis

Wesley Learning Center
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
July 2021

WESLEY LEARNING CENTER			PROPOSED BUDGET	
	Aug 20	Jul 21	Annual Budget	2021 2022
0200 - Maintenance and Cleaning				
0210 - Cleaning Supplies	2,550.00		2,000.00 \$	2,000.00
0220 - Bathroom Paper Supplies	1,784.47		3,000.00	3,000.00
0240 - Maintenance & Repairs	8,896.10		1,000.00 \$	500.00
0260 - Playground	010.12		800.00 \$	800.00
0280 - refuse Collection	330.00		804.00 \$	884.00
0270 - Snow Plowing	500.00		700.00 \$	880.00
Total 0200 - Maintenance and Cleaning	14,020.69		8,384.00	
0600 - Utilities				
0610 - Electric	2,578.08		4,300.00	4,300.00
0620 - Heating Oil	1,593.12		2,000.00	1,500.00
0680 - Water & Sewage Use	1,368.01		1,000.00	1,300.00
Total 0600 - Utilities	5,539.21		7,300.00	
7000 - Administrative Expenses				
7110 - Insurance - Workman's Comp.	1,383.00		1,500.00 \$	1,500.00
7120 - Postage	94.15		200.00 \$	100.00
7130 - Office Supplies	1,472.04		1,500.00 \$	1,500.00
7150 - Security / FOB System	010.52		\$	500.00
7140 - Advertising	500.00		1,000.00 \$	1,000.00
7150 - Telephone	479.88		480.00 \$	480.00
7180 - Railcard Expense	354.43			
7180 - Copier	3,380.16		3,300.00 \$	3,300.00
7210 - Office Equipment	1,770.18		2,000.00 \$	400.00
7260 - Taxes, Fees, Consulting	1,124.88		1,400.00 \$	1,300.00
7000 - Administrative Expenses - Other	00.00			
Total 7000 - Administrative Expenses	11,991.64		11,000.00	
7280 - Mortgage payments - NUMC	7,413.72		7,413.72 \$	7,413.72
8100 - Spec Transfer - NIMC Operations	7,500.00		7,500.00 \$	7,500.00
Total Expense	367,738.56		242,634.72	300,504.26
Net Income	49,038.18		-8,096.72	93.74
Expense in June - Mark Edwards Roofing				
Account #1290 Transfer to NIMC Operations (Equity Acct)	570,000.00			
ADJUSTED FIGURES July 31, 2021	529,038.48			