



We are called to be a welcoming community of loving servants of Jesus Christ.

The Evangel

Prayer Concerns

Please lift in prayer...

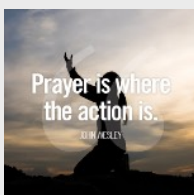
Pam Lewis whose dear friend passed away & Gene Verrell, still hospitalized;

Nicole, Dan Wiedemann; the Hensel family; Christine and her family; Judy Beth, Marty & Martha; Dave Brown; Kathy Thornton & Kellen;

All those dealing with unemployment, food insecurity and all those struggling with Covid or its aftereffects

All those dealing with racial injustice or violence, especially the victims of the shootings in Atlanta; all those who have known loss.

Prayers of thanks and celebration that Bill VanGieson begins his new job April 1st!



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28

8am Worship is remote only via zoom & livestream

10am In person worship as well as zoom & livestream



Holy Thursday, April 1

7pm In person worship as well as zoom & livestream

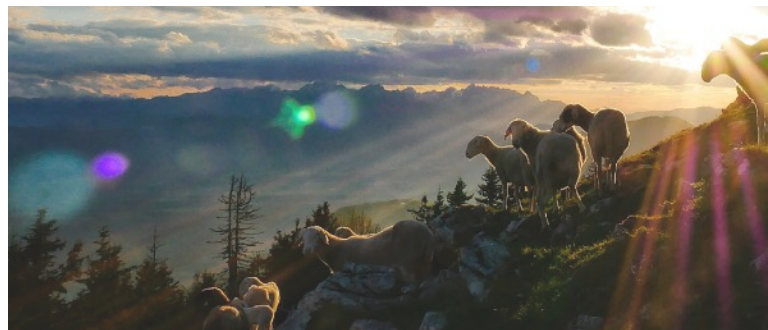
Good Friday, April 2

12 Noon *Please note the change in time*
In person worship as well as zoom & livestream. The church will also remain open for prayer until 3pm.

Easter Sunday, April 4

8am Worship is remote only via zoom & livestream.

10am In-person worship by advance registration only. Zoom & livestream options are available as well. To reserve a spot, email churchoffice@newtown-umc.org no later than Friday, April 1st by noon. Be sure to include the number of people in your group and a phone number.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

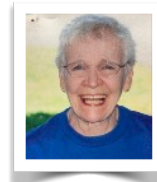
- 4/1 William Peck
Debbie Stakel
- 4/2 Victoria Chacon
- 4/3 Kenny Malin
- 4/4 John Schneider
- 4/5 Sylvia Tamakloe
- 4/6 Dominique Clancy
Jackson Keane
- 4/7 David Budd
- 4/9 Schuyler Perry
- 4/10 Stephen Stuart
- 4/11 Jeff Klein
Jesse Meadows, III
Dave Baxter
- 4/13 Brandon Leon-
Gambetta
- 4/15 Adam Trompetta
- 4/17 Caitlin Fitz Gerald
- 4/19 Rebecca Samson
- 4/27 Lauren Milligan

If we missed your special moment, it means your profile information is incomplete. Please email the church office so that we may fill in the missing details!



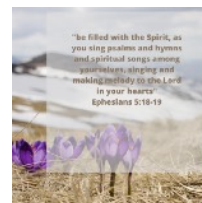
FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

As we move into the Easter season, we will be worshipping in-person again, but still not singing! With the help of a new screen in the chancel we will be able to project musical offerings which will also be seen virtually. The possibility of singing in church will depend on the vaccination rate and other safety factors. Hopefully, our choir will be able to meet again in the fall.



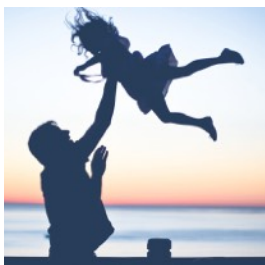
Meanwhile, we are grateful for the musicians who are sharing their gifts each week: Rich Blewett, Justin Birtwell, Jennifer Clark, Karan Goodhue, Amber Harris, Lindsey Jones and Mary Wynings.

"Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing."



We are Easter people, even when we aren't allowed to sing!

Sue Klein



New York Conference Camps Kingswood and Quinipet will be open this summer!!

They are the lights at the end of the tunnel we're going through! YOU can ensure these lights shine brightly for all. Give the gift of camp by supporting a child or family's experience this summer. Strengthen the Camping Ministry's commitment to operating safely, and for years to come, with a donation towards new, critical safety and health equipment.

To make a Life-Changing Gift:

- Designate an offering to the Camping & Retreat Ministry
- Visit our website, nyaccamps.com, to donate through PayPal
- Mail a check to:

Quinipet
P.O. Box 549
Shelter Island Heights, NY 11965

Church School News

Greetings Church School Families!

Now that Spring is finally here it's time to look forward to Holy Week and Easter. Since we will still be celebrating separately together, we'll be sending out some devotionals and activities for Holy Week. Look for that in your emails.



Please let me know if you don't have a printer at home as we will be able to mail out a limited number. My email is Jhammel7@gmail.com.

Judy

Spring Clean-up!

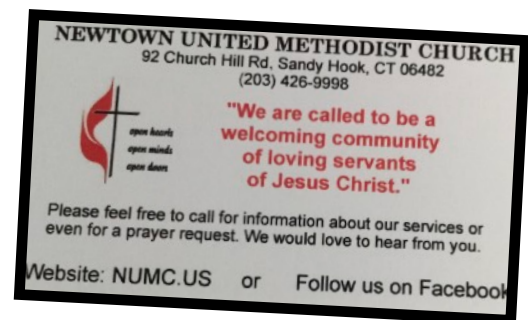
The Trustees are hosting a Spring Clean-up on March 27, 10am - noon. Please bring a rake, broom, wheelbarrow, shovel, leaf blower, etc. to help prepare for Easter and the eventual reopening of the church. If dry, we will also be painting lines on the parking lot, paint supplied. Your Board of Trustees thanks you.

Mission & Outreach has some wonderful news to share. The call for a donated car for the family we are supporting through the Interfaith Project for Refugee Resettlement has been heard. One of our own church families (who ask to be anonymous) has donated a car. This will have a far reaching positive impact in their lives. A big United Methodist thank you to our church family.

Mission and Outreach has also done some brainstorming on how to be more involved and more visible to those in our community. We have developed our church "business card". Barbara Bloom fashioned a lovely card with our cross and fire symbol, along with our mission statement and contact information. The purpose is to hand out the card to those people you come across in your life that may be looking for spiritual guidance, or need someone to talk to, or have questions, or are looking for a church to attend, or need prayers.

The card can also serve as a means to let the community know that we are an active church. For example, if you make a donation to Faith Food Pantry, you could include a card with the donation, or if you make a donation to Social Services, you could include a card there as well.

The cards will be in the narthex beginning in April. We ask that you take 2 cards and keep them in your wallet/purse and use them as needed.



Thank you for being a loving servant of Jesus Christ!

Lynette Daria

Pastor Lori's Schedule in April

From Tuesday, April 6 thru Tuesday, April 13, Pastor Lori will be out of the office and out of town for several days. In her absence, Pastors John Parille of Bethel and John Thomason of Woodbury will provide help in an emergency - their contact info will be on office voicemail and available through SPR Chair SuZanne Williams. On Sunday, April 11, Fern Blair Hart, who is a Certified Lay Minister, will preach and lead worship. In case of a dire emergency, SuZanne will have contact information for the pastor.

Fellowship Hour

JOIN US!
Every Thursday at 7:30pm

A wonderful opportunity to be together on zoom to stay in touch with one another. Justin Birtwell is our host. Look for the link on Pastor Lori's "Checking In" eblasts.

The April 1st Fellowship Hour is replaced with the Holy Thursday Service at 7pm

District Conference To Be Remote Again This Year

Our annual meeting as the Connecticut District will be held via zoom on Saturday, May 1, time TBA. At this meeting we recognize new lay servants, elect district officers and hear from our DS Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester. This year, each of the Cooperative Parishes will also name a Lay Person and a Pastor of Excellence as we celebrate the ministry of all of us in this challenging year. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this meeting; and zoom information will be published when available.



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This self-directed walk can be done on your own time, at your own pace, on the woodland trail in Fairfield Hills over the 10-day period.

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Bulletin Board Posts

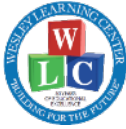
The next
“Spaghetti Supper”
won’t be until May
1st. More information
coming soon!

Keep spreading the
word about this year’s
Craft Fair, scheduled
for Saturday,
10/16/2021 at Reed
Intermediate School.
If you know any
talented crafters who
might be interested
in being a vendor,
please contact Barb
Sibley at 203.30.1171
or
barbsib@gmail.com.

Evangel Deadline
April 23rd

A friendly reminder to
check those church
mailboxes! The Church
is accessible on Tuesdays
& Fridays from 10am to
12pm and Sundays from
7:30am to 11am.

FROM YOUR PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR



Hello Spring! The children and I are
so happy that spring is here, and
we can spend even more time
outdoors enjoying the sunshine!



During the month of March we had two successful fundraisers - one at My Place Restaurant and one through our online Scholastic Book Fair. We look forward to getting some new classroom materials through Scholastic. We have also started registrations for the fall and have had a very good response so far. If you know anyone looking for a quality preschool program, send them our way. I would be happy to do a private tour of our facility.

We will end the month with a visit from the Easter bunny and some classroom egg hunts. *Happy Easter to all!*

Diane Fuchs

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a **NAEYC** accredited program for children ages 2 through 6.

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