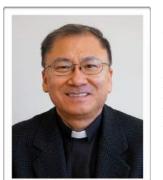
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First & Wesley
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April 2022



In the United Methodist Church, the bishop makes appointments annually. Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton and his cabinet gave notice that all the pastors should be opened to move on this year, because there are so many clear openings as some pastors are retiring, and others are requesting a change of appointment. The process moved quickly in March. I was informed last month that the bishop and his cabinet had decided to appoint me to Memorial United Methodist Church in Avon, CT, effective on July 1, 2022.

Our church was preparing to apply for an endowment clergy renewal program during the past two months, but we cannot continue the process, in that I will move on this year. My wife, Hyeonjin, and I were happy and thankful when we prepared for the grant application because we realized again how much we were loved by you: Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and Church Council had approved unanimously the 4-month spiritual leave, and our grant applying team had spent a lot of time and energy completing the application, including the 10-page Proposal Narrative.

God has blessed our church that you and I have had precious experiences during the past eight years, including special services (Easter, Lent, Christmas, Advent), Bible Study, Sunday School, Monday Adult School, Choir, Virtual Choir, Bell Choir, Prayer Vigil, Prayer Shawls Ministry, UMARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth), Vacation Bible School, Thursday Koinonia Café, Saturday Agape Meal, Men's Breakfast, Christmas Nativity, Christmas Music Night Concert, Community Breakfast with Santa/Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Cook-out, Food Distribution at the church parking lot, Backpack Drive, the Lord's Supper, Baptism, Confirmation, Weddings, Funerals, and much more.

Because of our openness and understanding, we have done ministry harmoniously, sharing a lot of valuable experiences: joy, sorrow, faith, hope, love, and friendship in Jesus Christ. Hyeonjin and I sincerely thank you for your support and dedication. God bless you and your family with love, peace, and happiness!

Please pray for me and Hyeonjin, for one another, and for the future ministry with a new pastor at our church.

Sungmu Lee

Lectionary Readings for April 2022

April 3, 2022

- Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 •
- Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

April 10, 2022

- <u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u> <u>Psalm 31:9-16</u> •
- Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Apr. 17, 2022

- Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 •
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

April 24, 2022

- Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 •
- Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31



Prayer Shawl Ministry First and Wesley United Methodist

Our Prayer Shawl group will be meeting Thursday April 14 - 1:00 pm at Linda Kopec house.

All are welcome.

Our shawls are in the Church Office. Please contact Linda Kopec or Edith Mulligan if you would like to pick one up. Anyone wishing to join is more than welcome to come. The more the merrier. If you can't knit and want to contribute money for yarn please get in touch with Linda Kopec 203-804-2522.

Native American Ministries Sunday

On Sunday, May 1, 2022 First & Wesley United Methodist Church will be honored to celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday. We will be fortunate to have our own Shadow Walker (Walter Clinton) and his lovely wife Fire Fly (Myrna Clinton) leading the worship. We will celebrate the day with a special selection of Native American Hymns.







First & Wesley United Methodist Church

April

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
All Worship Services are held both in-person and online (via Zoom).									
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					1 7-7:30p Lenten Prayer Vigil (Testimony: Jacki McKim)	2 10 Worship Committee Meeting			
3 10:30 Worship & Communion Birthday/Anniversary Celebration 1p Children's Sunday School *"UMCOR Hygiene Kits" Drive	4	5	6 7p Lenten Group Study	7 10:30-11:30 Koinonia Café 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 7-7:30p Lenten Prayer Vigil (Testimony: Peggy Jerrell)	9 11 Children's Easter Craft & Egg Hunt (Church Parking Lot)			
10 Palm Sunday 10:30 Family Worship Service 1p Children's Sunday School *"UMCOR Hygiene Kits" Drive	11 ← HOLY WEEK 7p Monday Adult School	7p Finance Meeting	13	14 Maundy Thursday 10:30-11:30 Koinonia Café 1p Prayer Shawl Meeting 124 Bluff Ave, West Haven 7p Maundy Thursday Service with Communion	15 Good Friday 7p Good Friday Service	16 →			
17 Easter Sunday 6:30 Easter Sunrise Service at Bradley Point 10:30 Family Worship Service *"UMCOR Hygiene Kits" Drive	18 7p Monday Adult School	7p Reopening Committee Meeting	7p Easter Group Study *Messenger Articles Due *Grab & Go "Baked Potato Luncheon" Pre-order Due	21 10:30-11:30 Koinonia Café 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Adult Choir Rehearsal	22	23 12-1p Ordered "Baked Potato Luncheon" Pick-up (Kendall Hall) 1p "UMCOR Hygiene Kits" Assembly			
24 10:30 Family Worship Service Blessing of UMCOR Hygiene Kits 1p Children's Sunday School	25 7p Monday Adult School	26 7p Trustees Meeting	27 7p Group Study	28 10:30-11:30 Koinonia Café 6p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7p Adult Choir Rehearsal	29	30			

For further updates, visit www.firstwesleyumc.org/calendar.



CHILDREN'S EASTER CRAFT & EGG HUNT

with the EASTER BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 11:00 AM

FIRST & WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

89 Center St., West Haven, CT | 203.933.8795

*Free photos with the Easter Bunny (Please bring your own camera)



*We'll gather at the Church Parking Lot off 2nd Ave.



April Birthdays

- 8 Lori Franson
- 9 Mary Levy
- 11 Cecilia Dondorful-Amos Tom Hollister
- 15 Alexia Medina
- 16 Wendy Memmott
- 17 Holli Skipper
- 18 Lena Carbone
 - Holli Skipper Dapp
- 20 Tyler Moscato
- 21 Raymond Memmott
- 22 Joseph Dzikas Joseph Maltese
- 24 Peggy Jerrell Sheri Hulse Myrna Clinton
- 25 Nathaniel Dondorful-Amos
- 26 Phyllis Hunt

April Anniversaries

7 - Tim and Kimberly Geiger

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please let the church office know so we can update our list and make sure you are not missed.

If you would like to include someone for birthdays or anniversaries, please see below. Example- name change, address change, marriage, birth, death, etc. Email: firstwesleyumc@gmail.com or send to church office.

Native American Pennies Collection

We continue to collect pennies for the Native American Ministries even though the Pandemic has slowed things down. We would like to send many thanks to our Church Family for helping us to continue with this Ministry.

Native American Ministries Sunday is on May 1st. Join us for our 10:30 worship service as we lift up and celebrate our Native American sisters and brothers through worship and music.



Celebrate Wonder

Please join us to learn about God's love. In the month of April we will continue to learn about stories from Jesus' life. We listen to stories, make art projects, peek into a Wonder Box, sing songs, and spend time together on Zoom. Materials will be ready for you to pick up each Saturday.

*** Change of time for March 27 - 4:00

- Sunday School starts at 1:00 on Zoom.
- E-mail or call Gail Bartozzi
 (gbartozzi@yahoo.com or text (203)747-6039) for questions about Sunday School.
- Register at <u>http://www.firstwesleyumc.org/Children &</u> Youth

The Craft Corner



We have some Get Well and Thinking of You cards. Contact Gail Bartozzi if you would like a card sent to someone or have questions about the group. You can call the church office or email Gail at gbartozzi@yahoo.com

Happiness is not a state to arrive at, but a manner of traveling.

Margaret Lee Runbeck

Ways to support the Church with no cost to you!

Amazon Smíle

The church is now registered on

Amazon Smile. Amazon Smile is a way for customers to support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon. For the church to get the .5% from Amazon, make sure you start your shopping using

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0681807. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Smith.

Stop & Shop Fundraiser (Gift cards)

If you shop at Stop & Shop, please consider getting gift cards from Dave Smith (203-415-6092). Our church receives 5% of the value of the cards sold as a donation from Stop & Shop. Checks are made out to "Dave Smith".

ShopRite Fundraiser (Gift cards)



This program is the same as our Stop & Shop program. The church receives 4% for each card sold. If interested, call Helen Smith at 203-444-2362. Checks made payable to "FWUMC".

We appreciate your continued support!

Remember you would be spending money at these stores anyway and now the church can receive a percentage. Share with your family and friends this opportunity.

Average Weekly Church Attendance

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
November	59	65
December	59.5	67
January	2021 : 60	2022: 64
Christmas Eve, 6:00	78	71
Christmas Day, 6:30 a.m.	25	24

Note: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day numbers are the actual totals, not average. Also recall that we became "virtual" again from December 24 onward.

Pastors Discretionary Fund:

Please consider giving a "Love Offering" to Pastor's discretionary fund. You may place your gift in the container on the back table of the sanctuary. If you wish to write a check to the church, please write "Pastor's Discretionary Fund" in the memo section.

Tell us if you have a member information change: example-name change, address change, marriage, birth, death, etc. Email: firstwesleyumc@gmail.com or send to the Church office.

Being Alone in the Church

For those of you who need to go into the church, do not forget to sign in each time you enter the church. Trustees have implemented a new policy and a sign in sheet.

2022 contact numbers

Helen Smith 203-444-2362 Layleader Jim Stuhlman 203-435-1790 Trustee Chair Peggy Jerrell 203-641-0929 Church Council Chair Sungmu Lee 631-456-1713 Pastor

Adult Monday School Class

Class meets via Zoom each Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. (Check the church web site or e-mail announcements for the link.) We have enthusiastic, energetic, and enlightening discussions on topics designed to help us use our Christian faith in dealing with the challenges daily life brings. We are currently studying a four-part series on the parables of Jesus by the renowned pastor and author James W. Moore. We are currently studying the fourth book in the series Jesus' Parables About Making Choices. The topics studied in this book are "Choosing to Grow Up", "Choosing to be Humble", "Choosing to Listen", "Choosing to Help", "Choosing to Try" and "Choosing to Prepare". The class is open to anyone over the age of 0 and under the age of 275 that would like to join us. If you would like a copy of our study book or would like more information, please contact Thurmon Whitley. We look forward to seeing you..

FWUMC'S "GRAB & GO" FUNDRAISER

BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON



Call/text order: (203) 641-0929 | Email order: fundraiser@firstwesleyumc.org
Online order: www.firstwesleyumc.org/potatofundraiser
or return the order form to the church

Preorder by: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Pickup: Saturday, April 23, 12 - 1 pm @ Kendall Hall

BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON

with choice of 3 toppings

COST: **\$10** Adults; **\$5** Kids (Ages: 5-10)

Name:	Phone:	Email:
Bacon Broco	Choose 3 f	toppings: eddar Cheese
	Adult - Qty	Kid - Qty
	Total:	
Open Heart	ts. Open Minds. Open Doors.	cash or check C" with "potatofundraiser" in the memo line).

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday Group Study

Our Wednesday Group continues April 6th and April 20th at 7:00pm via zoom with Chapters 6 & 7 of **24 Hours** *that Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. There will be no group study during Holy Week. Pastor Cynthia Dodd will lead the last two chapters. Adam Hamilton combines biblical story, historical detail, theological analysis, spiritual insight, and pastoral warmth to retell the narrative of Jesus' last and greatest hours

Chapter 6 - The Crucifixion:

Chapter 7 - Christ the Victor

April 27th our study returns with Chapter 17 of "**BELIEVE**" by Randy Frazee. We continue study of ten key beliefs, ten key practices and ten key virtues of Christianity grounded in artfully selected scripture passages. Everyone is welcome to be a part of great discussion and fellowship.

MISSIONS UPDATE

UMCOR Hygiene Kits

United Methodist Committee on Relief provides hygiene kits - basic necessities - to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Hygiene kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

From March 6th through April 17th, we will begin collecting the following items to try to put together as many kits as possible to send to UMCOR for when there is an emergency need.

Donations may be brought to church on Sundays. Also, monetary donations put in the offering plate, sent to the church or can be made on our website – firstwesleyumc.org/give. Please make sure that you indicate exactly where the money is intended

Items needed:

Hand towels (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

Washcloth - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels

Comb - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth

- No pocket combs or picks

- Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth

Toenail or fingernail clipper - No emery boards or metal nail files •

Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) - No Ivory or Jergen's soap - Do not remove from packaging

Adult toothbrush - Do not remove from packaging - Personal advertising not acceptable

Adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches) - Common household bandages acceptable

LENTEN PRAYER VIGILS

We have two more virtual prayer vigils on April 1st and April 8th from 7:00 - 7:30 pm. This is a good time for focusing after a busy week on God and how He is at work in our Lenten Journey. We did this last year and it was a great start to the weekend!

Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/147691027

Call-in: 1-646-876-9923 Meeting ID: 147691027#

STAY CONNECTED

Small Group studies:

Every Sunday - Children's Sunday School, 1 pm

Every Monday – Adult Sunday School, 7 pm (please note: not meeting on April 4th)

Every Wednesday – Bible Study, 7:30 pm

Meeting reminders:

Finance committee – Tuesday, April 12, 7pm Reopening Committee – Tuesday, April 19, 7pm Trustees meeting - Tuesday, April 26, 7pm

Fellowship:

Every Thursday - Koinonia Café, 10:30-11:30 am

Musical talents!

Every Thursday – Bell Choir, 6 pm Adult choir, 7 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You've heard it said the many hands make light work. If we have several people commit to doing the following jobs, this would help make sure that no one person is relied on for each job.

The A/V team needs people

- 1. to operate camera during our worship service
- 2. to operate sound during our worship service
- 3. to create PPT for each Sunday service templates are provided

There will be more opportunities listed in next month's newsletter to share your talents. If you have a talent that you would like to share, please let us know! Thank you!



Here is another way to support First & Wesley UMC. This is another way to support the church purchasing gift cards.

To make use of this fundraising tool, follow the directions below.

1. Join the program

First, download the RaiseRight mobile app from the app store using your smartphone or tablet.

- 2. Tap on "Join a Program". Then, enter the enrollment code to join: L69BE9A369839
- 3. Set up your account
- 4. Buy gift cards and earn for your organization

- 5. Browse bonuses, search for a specific brand, shop categories, and more.
- 6. When you're ready to check out, sign up for secure online payments. You can link a bank account, add a credit card, or both. Do not select "Pay Coordinator directly"
- 7. The brand gives back to your organization the moment you buy a gift card
- 8. Get and use your gift cards
- eGift cards are delivered to the app within minutes view them in your Wallet of the RaiseRight App
- Physical gift cards can be mailed directly to you (Extra fee for shipping)

Many are reloadable so you can keep earning with the ones you have.

Pros to using this:

You get e-cards for use immediately You can get physical gift cards sent directly to you.

*Please note – there is a fee associated with using this app

For e-cards

- If you link the account you set up to your bank account, there is a \$.15 charge per transaction
- If you use a credit card, there is a 2.6% charge per transaction

For physical cards

- Same fees as for e-cards plus a shipping charge to send to your address

Contact Helen Smith, 203-444-2362, if you have any questions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Mayor Nancy R. Rossi, third from left, dedicates West Haven's first **Purple Pantry Box** at the First Congregational Church on Tuesday, Jan. 4, with, from left, volunteer Michelle Caprio, church community outreach Chairman Phil Liscio, the Rev. E. Carl Howard, the senior minister who oversees the church's outreach projects, and pantry coordinator Nicole Randolph. The pantry provides nonperishable food items for residents in need at the Campbell Avenue entrance to the church.

(City Photo/Michael P. Walsh)

Finance Corner

We would like to thank all who participated in our March Corned Beef and Cabbage and Shamrock Cookies sales! We made \$296 on the cookies and the ingredients and supplies were all donated. Thanks to the great cookie frost volunteers as well! We made \$692 on the corned beef and over 50% of the food and supplies were donated. We really appreciate all the work from the kitchen crew that day! Thank you all for the donations as they increase our profit from these fundraisers.



Upcoming Fund-Raising April and May 2022

• April – Pick Up Potato luncheon – Pick up will be between 12 noon and 1pm on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Cost and details are on the flyer included in this newsletter and at Firstwesleyumc.org to order online. Contact Peggy Jerrell with any questions and to volunteer to help with the fundraiser.

• May – Mother's Day plants/books/baked goods Sale

o AND Pancake Breakfast – currently in person!

Since the May fund raiser is on Saturday, May 7th, from 8 am to noon, we need to get this information out this month as it will be too late for the May Newsletter. Here are the details:

Pancake Breakfast – 8 am to noon – cost \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 4-10, \$30 per family – includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, fixings, coffee, tea, juice, and water.

There is a flyer to order your flowers and vegetables in this newsletter. The orders need to be returned to Helen Smith (or entered online) no later than noon on May 2nd. We will be picking up the orders on May 4th. We will also have a small variety of additional plants, and books, and baked goods for sale during the Pancake Breakfast. If there are some plants that you would like that are not on our order form, please contact us and we will see if we can get them for you.

Everyone is looking forward to getting out and enjoying Spring! We can't wait to help you get started on your planting!

Someone said that God gave us memories so that we might have roses in December. J M Barrie

Flower Fundraiser order form

(subject to availability)

ORDERS DUE BY MAY 1st, 12PM PICKUP ORDER ON MAY 7th, 8AM – 12PM (during Pancake Day)

Name:				
Phone num	nber	e-mail		
	(Flat = 8 packs)	#	COST	\$
Tomatoes:	Easy Girl	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
	Big Boy	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
	Beefsteak	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
	Cherry	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
	Roma	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
Peppers:	Green Bell	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
	Red Bull	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
	Jalapeno	\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
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Col		\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Cos		\$3 a pack(3 plants)	\$20 flat(24 plants)	
Dal	hlias	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Dia	anthus	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Du	sty Miller	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Imp	patiens	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Lol	belia	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Ma	rigolds	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Nic		\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Pet	unias	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Por	tulaca	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Sal	via	\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
Vei	rbena	\$\\$3 a pack(4 plants)	\$20 flat(32 plants)	
4" - Ger	raniums		20 ½ doz	
Ne	w Guinea Impatiens		20 ½ doz	
	nca Vine		20 ½ doz	
Spi	kes (if available)	\$4 each\$	20 ½ doz	
			GRAND TOTAL	\$

Contact Mary Rolfe at 203-530-9858 (call or text) or crazycrafts.mary@gmail.com you have any questions no later than **May 1st at 12 PM**.



PANCAKE DAY!

@ FIRST & WESLEY UMC

Sat., May 7, 2022 | 8 - 12 noon

Come for breakfast, brunch, or lunch

UNLIMITED PANCAKES!

(sausage, fixings, beverages included)

Donation - Adult: \$10; Kid (4-10): \$5

Family of 4+: \$30

Featuring: spring plants vegetable plants hanging plants baked goods & books

Pre-order your plants by Sunday, May 1, 12pm

Call/text order: (203) 444-2362

Email order: fundraiser@firstwesleyumc.org Online order: www.firstwesleyumc.org/plantsale

or return the order form to the church



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Reverend Sungmu Lee

"Sunday Worship Time: 10:30am"

The April Newsletter

