

# *The Messenger*

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***June 2022***



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your support during the past eight years of my ministry. As announced before, I will be appointed as pastor of The Memorial United Methodist Church in Avon, Connecticut. Once my new appointment is effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, I cannot play a role of your pastor. Yet, I will be your friend forever.

In March, when I was choked with tears in making an announcement of the new appointment, I realized how much I had loved you and how much I had poured myself out on our church ministry. When I saw you shedding tears, I was able to know how much I had been loved by you. I knew it would be tough to say goodbye to you, but I did not know it would be this tough. It is heartbreaking, but it is a time to move on. “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

My wife Hyeonjin and I have had precious experiences with you. You and I have different cultural backgrounds. Yet, we have become one in Jesus Christ. This presents the power of the Holy Spirit. You and I have not been *like* the family but the family itself, the church family. Because of our openness and understanding, we have done ministry harmoniously, sharing a lot of valuable experiences.

I pray that you will continue to mature and grow through the spiritual journey with your new pastor, Jinha Choi. (I have heard of many positive comments about him: humble, sincere, smart, and so on!) Although we are separated, we will communicate with one another through the Holy Spirit and by prayer (or e-mail, text, and telephone). For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to say goodbye and a time to meet again.

Thank you for your love and friendship as we have done ministry together for eight years. God bless you, your family, and your future ministry!

Sincerely,

Sungmu Lee

# *Lectioary Readings for June 2022*



## **June 5, 2022**

- [Acts 2:1-21](#) or [Genesis 11:1-9](#) • [Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#) •
- [Romans 8:14-17](#) or [Acts 2:1-21](#) • [John 14:8-17, \(25-27\)](#)

## **June 12, 2022**

- [Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31](#) and [Psalm 8](#) • [Romans 5:1-5](#) • [John 16:12-15](#)

## **June 19, 2022**

- [1 Kings 19:1-4, \(5-7\), 8-15a](#) and [Psalm 42 and 43](#) • [Isaiah 65:1-9](#) and [Psalm 22:19-28](#) •
- [Galatians 3:23-29](#) • [Luke 8:26-39](#)

## **June 26, 2022**

- [2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14](#) and [Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20](#) • [1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21](#) and [Psalm 16](#) •
- [Galatians 5:1, 13-25](#) • [Luke 9:51-62](#)



## **Prayer Shawl Ministry First and Wesley United Methodist**

Our Prayer Shawl group will be meeting Thursday June 9th at Linda Kopec's house. 124 Bluff Ave. (203)804-2522. All are welcome to join us.

If you cannot come to a meeting you can do what some do called "Knitting on the Go". Your prayers are no less effective if you're knitting in your dentist's waiting room than a designated knitting place. Being in a quiet or meditative space is not always practical or conducive to completing a shawl, especially when a knitter has little spare time. Are prayers or intentions any less effective if they are offered on the run? Absolutely not! Prayer shawl making can be taken along with you anywhere. In fact, it may add a bit of spirit to an otherwise ordinary setting. We have one member who knits in church. God is listening to your prayers no matter where you are.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been a success thanks to these women: Shelby Poe, Susan Hackett, Amy and Joan Sablon, Linda Kopec, Edith Mulligan, and Sharon Ewen. We miss our pass members Founder Chris McGregor, Maryann Hawkes and Sue McMillian.

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>All Worship Services will be held both in-person and online (via Zoom).</b>  <b>All Worship Services and meetings</b> – Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/147691027">https://zoom.us/j/147691027</a> / Call-in: <b>1-646-876-9923</b> *Meeting ID: <b>147691027#</b>  <b>Koinonia Café is now in person.</b></p>						
			<b>1</b> <b>7p</b> Group Study	<b>2</b> <b>10 – 12p</b> Koinonia Café <b>6p - Bells</b> <b>7p- Adult Choir</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>10</b> Worship Committee Meeting
<b>5 Pentecost</b> <b>10:30</b> Worship, Memorial Dedications & Communion Birthday/Anniversary Celebration 12p “Thank you for Your Service”	<b>6</b> <b>7p</b> Monday Adult School	<b>7</b> <b>7p</b> Finance Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>10 – 12p</b> Koinonia Café <b>1p</b> In-person Prayer Shawl at Linda Kopec’s home (124 Bluff Ave, West Haven) <b>6p - Bells</b> <b>7p- Adult Choir</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Trinity Sunday</b> <b>10:30</b> Family Worship Service	<b>13</b> <b>7p</b> Monday Adult School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>10 – 12p</b> Koinonia Café <b>6p - Bells</b> <b>7p- Adult Choir</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Father’s Day</b> <b>10:30</b> Family Worship Service	<b>20</b> <b>7p</b> Monday Adult School <i>*Articles Due for the July/August Messenger</i>	<b>21</b> <b>7p</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>22</b> New York Annual Conference 2022	<b>23</b> New York Annual Conference 2022  <b>10 – 12p</b> Koinonia Café  <b>6p - Bells</b> <b>7p- Adult Choir</b>	<b>24</b> New York Annual Conference 2022	<b>25</b> New York Annual Conference 2022 <b>11:30 – 2p</b> Summer Cookout Fundraiser
<b>26 Summer Worship Hour Begins</b> <b>9:30</b> Family Worship Service New York Annual Conference 2022	<b>27</b> <b>7p</b> Monday Adult School	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10 – 12p</b> Koinonia Café <b>6p - Bells</b> <b>7p- Adult Choir</b>		

## Reminder:

Summer Hours resume beginning June 26th through Labor Day.  
Worship service will begin at 9:30 am.

### *Adult Monday School Class*

**Adult Monday School 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 beginning a new book, *Good Enough*, by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. From the flyleaf of the book the authors “offer fortyish short spiritual reflections on how we can make sense of life not as a pursuit of endless progress but as a chronic condition. This book is a companion for when you want to stop feeling guilty that you’re not living your best life now.” The book “grants permission to all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix – and some things you can’t.” Our 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**

### *Wednesday Study Group*

We will meet on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm when we will discuss “The Bible and Homosexuality” led by Pastor Lee. This will conclude our Group Study until September when future studies will be determined. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy great discussion and fellowship. Thank you to Pastor Dodd, Pastor Lee, and Pastor Yost for your shared leadership.



## June Birthdays

- 1 - Jian Chan
- 2 - Jenny Santamauro  
Arlyn Memmott
- 8 - Shirley Pyrdol
- 9 - Courtney Skipper
- 14 - Greg Hulse  
Phoenix Chan
- 16 - James McGregor
- 17 - David Smith
- 18 - Lauren Heafy
- 20 - Edward Gertsch
- 21 - Joshua Braacker  
Julianna Rapuano
- 23 - Kelli Jackson
- 24 - Anthony Sablone
- 25 - Richard Reid
- 27 - Christine Chan
- 28 - Helen Amos
- 29 - Mary Kiesinger  
Ama Amos

## June Anniversaries

- 1 - Susan and Mark Cascio
- 4 - Jim and Sharon Ewen
- 17 - Cynthia Dodd and Joseph Maltese
- 27 - Jen & Kevin Werle

**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](mailto: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 just sent the a check for \$100 which we know they will put to good use.

We would like to send many thanks to our Church Family for helping us to continue with this Ministry.



## Celebrate Wonder

We are taking a break during the months of June, July, and August. Please join us beginning in September to learn about God's love. We listen to stories, make art projects, peek into a Wonder Box, sing songs, and spend time together.

- E-mail or call Gail Bartozzi  
([gbartozzi@yahoo.com](mailto:gbartozzi@yahoo.com) or text (203)747-6039) for questions about Sunday School.

## 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 e-mail Gail at [gbartozzi@yahoo.com](mailto:gbartozzi@yahoo.com)



## Ways to support the Church with no cost to you!

### Amazon Smile

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.**

**Have you visited our Church Website lately? It is truly beautiful and informative. The Church calendar is updated as needed and you can check on dates and times of meetings and events. Website is [firstwesleyumc.org](http://firstwesleyumc.org) Check it out!**

## 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](mailto: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

## Church Attendance

	2021	2022
April (Wkly Ave.)	65	73
Palm Sunday	71	73
Maundy Thurs.	28	39
Good Friday	49	48
Easter Sunday	71	100



## FROM THE LAYLEADER

First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Sungmu and Hyeonjin for eight years of shared ministry. It has been a joy to be layleader (even during a pandemic). I will miss them very much.

Having said that, I am looking forward to continuing our ministry at First & Wesley United Methodist Church with Pastor Jinha Choi, his wife and two children. He will be the pastor at our church as well as at St. Andrew's church in New Haven. This is called a two-point charge. Pastor Choi is coming to us from a four-point charge (4 churches) As of this writing, we do not have any more details about how this works but I am sure that Pastor Choi and the District Superintendent will be able to help guide us through this process.

Please continue to keep Sungmu and Hyeonjin in your prayers as they go to Avon, CT and pray for Pastor Choi and his family as they move here.

We need to remember the scripture from Romans 8:28 *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*

## MISSIONS UPDATE

### *Partnership With Native Americans*

Thank you to everyone who donated to our May mission project, "Breakfast in a Bag" program that is one of the programs offered by Partnership With Native Americans. This program supplies breakfast items which may include products such as eggs, sausage, bread, cereal, milk, and fruit to elders in need of food assistance.

### *Stay Connected*

#### **Zoom Link for all Worship Services and meetings**

(exceptions – SPR, CNLD, Children's Sunday School)

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

Call-in: [1-646-876-9923](tel:1-646-876-9923) Meeting ID: [147691027#](https://zoom.us/j/147691027)

#### Small Group studies:

Every Sunday – Children's Sunday School, 1 pm (on-line only)

Every Monday – Adult Sunday School, 7 pm (on-line only)

Every Wednesday – Bible Study, 7:30 pm (on-line only)

#### Meeting reminders:

Finance committee – Tuesday, June 14, 7pm (on-line only)

Trustees meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 7 pm (on-line only)

#### Fellowship:

Every Thursday – Koinonia Café, 10am-12pm (**in-person only**)

Please note: If you would like to help Myrna Clinton with this, please contact her.

Fundraiser: COOK-OUT on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-2:00pm in the church parking lot.

See the flyer in this newsletter for more information



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!

Congratulations 2022 Graduates

Table with 3 columns: STUDENT, FROM, TO. Lists graduates and their respective schools and colleges.





## *Koinonia Café*

Recently, Railroad Bill played his guitar and sang to us.

We had an enjoyable morning visiting.

Please join us any Thursday morning from 10:00am to 12:00pm.



### THANK YOU LUNCHEON for Sungmu & Hyeonjin

Sunday, June 5th after church @12:00pm

We are planning a luncheon to thank Sungmu and Hyeonjin for all they have done to strengthen and minister to our church. We will have a free catered luncheon after church on June 5th to thank them and wish them well at Memorial United Methodist Church in Avon, CT. More information will be forthcoming, but please set aside the date if you are able!

### *Dedication Of Memorials*

June 5, 2022

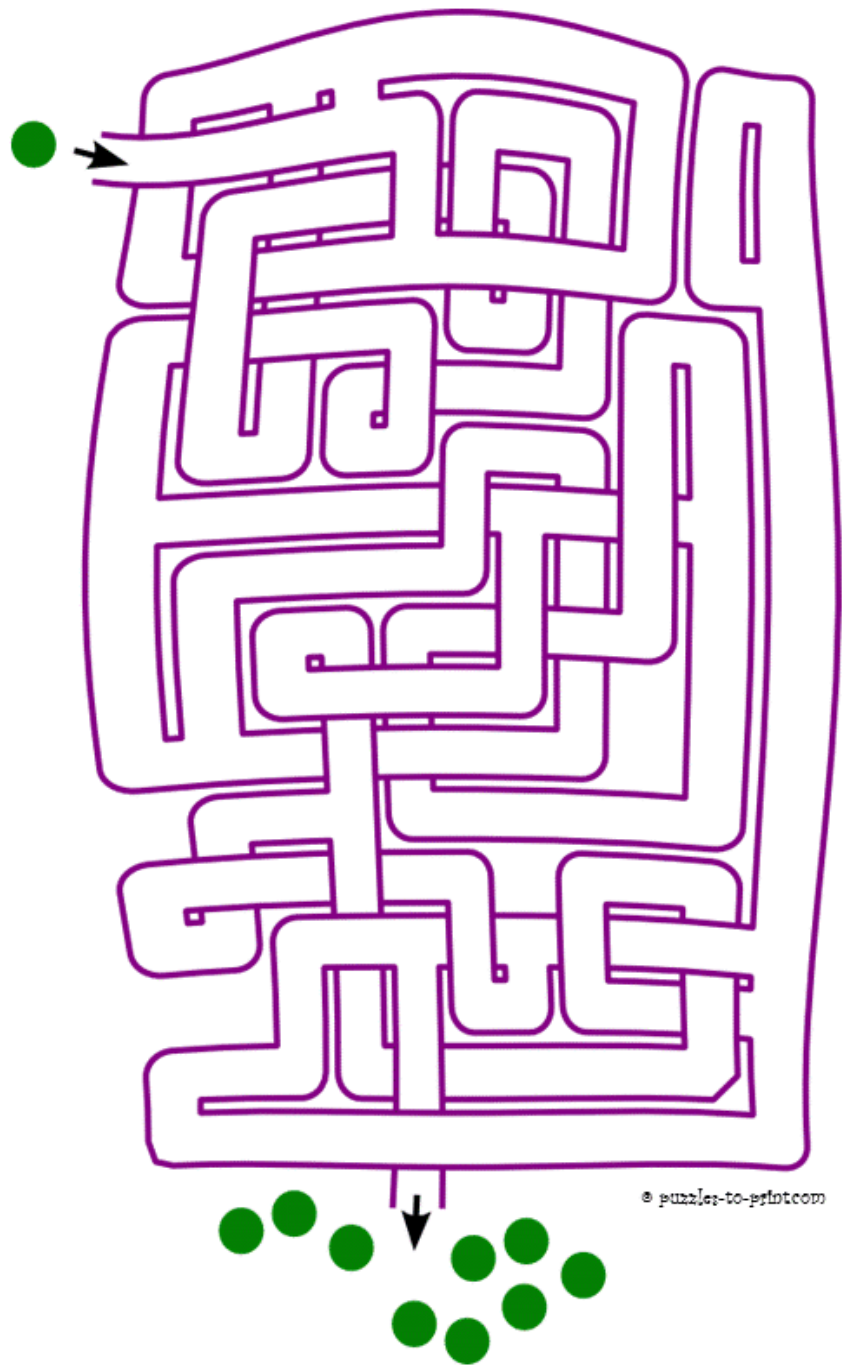
Two Bodypack Transmitters for Receiver in memory of:

Kathy Pyrdol  
Faith Rudnicki (sister of Shirley Pyrdol)  
Audrey Sundermann

A Bible Stand and Bible for the altar in memory of:

Thelma Reid

# Green Marbles Maze



Find the shortest path through the maze for the green marble to join the others on the bottom.

# SUMMER COOK-OUT FUNDRAISER



Saturday, June 25th  
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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Located in the Church Parking Lot  
Take-out or Outdoor Tables

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**\$10** *ONE BURGER OR HOT DOG, BAG OF CHIPS,  
SODA OR WATER, AND DESSERT SNACK*

**\$4** *ADDITIONAL HOT DOG OR BURGER*

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Reverend Sungmu Lee

“Sunday Worship Time: 10:30am”

The June Newsletter



# STRONGER TOGETHER

“We can do all things  
through Christ who strengthens us.”  
(Philippians 4:13)

**IN-PERSON & ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM**

**COME JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

**FOR MORE INFO, VISIT: [WWW.FIRSTWESLEYUMC.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTWESLEYUMC.ORG)**