

The Messenger

First & Wesley
United Methodist Church
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July & August 2022



Last year, I started gardening in my back yard. I planted seeds for some vegetables in my tiny garden. In the spring, everything looked okay. Sun light was good. I also regularly fertilized them. They started to grow, so that I expected a plentiful harvest in the fall. But the situation changed soon. In the summer, some of the tree branches around my garden produced a lot of leaves. They made a wide area of shade on the spot of my garden. Because of the shade, my plants couldn't get enough sun light even in the summertime and then they couldn't bear their fruits as much as I had expected. My first gardening had failed because of my ignorance and carelessness about the sun light in the summer.

In this experience, I was aware of the importance of the summer and its productivity. Generally speaking, the summer is one of unwelcome seasons for some people because of its hot and humid weather conditions. Due to this reason, we may have a long vacation in schools and workplaces during summer. However, for farmers, summer is not an unwelcome season. It is a most important season for their farming. The hot temperature and the strong sun light of the summer, which we don't like, are very necessary and essential for the growth of their plants. Of course, for farmers, it is also not easy to work in the hot and humid weather under the strong sun light. But they endure those difficulties because they know that the strong sun light of the summer makes the vegetables and fruits of their plants more bountiful. They know that the hardship of the summer makes plenty for the fall.

Nowadays, we are also living in many difficulties. The Pandemic in which we struggled against Covid-19 for our lives, is not perfectly ended yet. Some people in another part of the world are suffering from the unjustifiable war led by a strongman. We also have a hard time with a high inflation rate that we can feel from higher gas prices and at the market. What can we do in these difficulties? As the farmers endure the summer, waiting for the fall, we also have to endure the hard times in our faith in God. As the plants grow up well in the strong sun light, if we endure the suffering well through our faith, we can have a faithfully plentiful life. This is because we can know that God loves us in spite of those difficulties. I hope all of us here at First & Wesley United Methodist Church will endure this time of difficulties well in our faith and cooperation with our faithful church family together. We can experience the grace of God in suffering.

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us...” Romans 5:3-5 NLT

- Pastor Jinha Choi

Lectionary Readings for July 2022



July 3, 2022

- [2 Kings 5:1-14](#) and [Psalm 30](#) • [Isaiah 66:10-14](#) and [Psalm 66:1-9](#) •
 - [Galatians 6:\(1-6\), 7-16](#) • [Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

July 10, 2022

- [Amos 7:7-17](#) and [Psalm 82](#) • [Deuteronomy 30:9-14](#) and [Psalm 25:1-10](#) •
 - [Colossians 1:1-14](#) • [Luke 10:25-37](#)

July 17, 2022

- [Amos 8:1-12](#) and [Psalm 52](#) • [Genesis 18:1-10a](#) and [Psalm 15](#) •
 - [Colossians 1:15-28](#) • [Luke 10:38-42](#)

July 24, 2022

- [Hosea 1:2-10](#) and [Psalm 85](#) • [Genesis 18:20-32](#) and [Psalm 138](#) •
 - [Colossians 2:6-15, \(16-19\)](#) • [Luke 11:1-13](#)

July 31, 2022

- [Hosea 11:1-11](#) and [Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#) • [Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23](#) and [Psalm 49:1-12](#) •
 - [Colossians 3:1-11](#) • [Luke 12:13-21](#)

Lectionary Readings for August 2022



August 7, 2022

- [Isaiah 1:1, 10-20](#) and [Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23](#) • [Genesis 15:1-6](#) and [Psalm 33:12-22](#) •
 - [Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#) • [Luke 12:32-40](#)

August 14, 2022

- [Isaiah 5:1-7](#) and [Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19](#) • [Jeremiah 23:23-29](#) and [Psalm 82](#) •
 - [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#) • [Luke 12:49-56](#)

August 21, 2022

- [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#) and [Psalm 71:1-6](#) • [Isaiah 58:9b-14](#) and [Psalm 103:1-8](#) •
 - [Hebrews 12:18-29](#) • [Luke 13:10-17](#)

August 28, 2022

- [Jeremiah 2:4-13](#) and [Psalm 81:1, 10-16](#) • [Sirach 10:12-18](#) or [Proverbs 25:6-7](#) and [Psalm 112](#) •
 - [Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#) • [Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

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3 11:00 Worship & Communion Birthday/Anniversary Celebration Welcome to Pastor Choi & family	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 10 – 12p Koinonia Café	8	9
10 11:00 Family Worship Service	11	12 7p Finance Meeting	13	14 10 – 12p Koinonia Café 1p In-person Prayer Shawl at Linda Kopec's home (124 Bluff Ave, West Haven)	15	16
17 11:00 Family Worship Service	18	19	20	21 10 – 12p Koinonia Café	22	23 2- 3p Free Community Ice Cream Social – Meet the Pastor
24 11:00 Family Worship Service	25	26 7p Trustees Meeting	27	28 10 – 12p Koinonia Café 7p -SPPR	29	30
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FROM THE LAYLEADER

On behalf of First & Wesley United Methodist Church, I would like to welcome Pastor Choi, his wife, Jeeyeon and their two daughters, Serene and Eileen. Their first Sunday at our church is July 3rd and we will have a special coffee hour after our worship service. **One reminder – our church service is now 11:00 am all year round.**

I'd like to thank everyone as we go through this time of change and learn how to work in the Cooperative Parish Model. Because of the pastor shortage, pastors are being asked to do more **as well** as the laity. Pastors cannot do this alone.

We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us and this bible verse came to mind – **“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17**

Zoom Link for all Worship Services and meetings

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

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

Call-in: 1-646876-9923 Meeting ID: 147691027#

Small Group Studies (September – June)

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.



Let us embrace this change and see where God is leading us!

Helen

MISSIONS

BACKPACKS

During the month of July and the first week of August, The Missions and Outreach Committee is asking for donations for school backpacks. These will be a great help to low-income families as they struggle with the high inflation rate and trying to make ends meet.

You may drop off school supplies in the Fellowship Hall after Sunday Service, on Thursday morning between 10am-Noon. If you wish to make a monetary donation please clearly mark the donation in an envelope and place in, send it by mail, or go to our website at firstwesleyumc.org/give

For more information on School Supplies donations – Contact Chris Latham (203-623-4370)

Please see the flyer in this newsletter - Thank you, First & Wesley for all you do!

FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL/MEET OUR NEW PASTOR

This is a fun time for the church and the community on July 23rd from 2-3 pm. Please come and enjoy some free ice cream and fellowship! See poster elsewhere in this newsletter.



Prayer Shawl Ministry First and Wesley United Methodist

Our Prayer Shawl group will be meeting 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 are 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 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 contact Linda Kopec 203-804-2522.





MISSIONS PROJECT
all supplies due by August 7th



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Packages of #2 pencils with erasers

Erasers

Pencil sharpeners with reservoirs

Red, blue, and black pens

Boxes of 24 crayons (Crayola)

Boxes of 8-12 colored pencils

Student scissors

Boxes of 8-12 markers

Glue sticks

Rulers with inches and centimeters

Small bottles of white glue

Spiral notebooks Folders

Individual tissue packets

Small bottles hand sanitizer

Packaged snacks (no nuts/peanuts please)

Money is always welcome as well.

Any questions, please call the church office.

203-933-8795



Thank you,!



A large graphic of a pink ice cream scoop on a yellow wafer cone, set against a teal background with scattered confetti. The text is centered within the pink scoop.

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW
PASTOR - PASTOR CHOI AND HIS
FAMILY TO OUR COMMUNITY!

FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 2-3pm
On church grounds
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WWW.FIRSTWESLEYUMC.ORG



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July Birthdays

- 1 - Sam Werle
- 4 - Leah Burbridge
Melissa Simone
Robert Hunter IV
- 7 - Elaine Smith Schrag
- 9 - Art Yost
Laura Skipper Hindermeyer
- 10 - Verna Marshall
Dominic Moscato
Judy Jennette
- 12 - Jim Ammon
Joe DelFranco
- 14 - Richard Pyrdol
- 15 - Kim (Lentini) Moscato
Jacki McKim
- 16 - Edith Warner
- 17 - Vicki Soule
- 18 - Peggy Spagone
- 20 - Demari Foster
- 27 - Josephine Dondorful-Amos
Dorothy Codner
- 29 - Cynthia Dodd
- 30 - Richard Wetmore

July Anniversaries

- 7 - Edith and David Warner
- 15 - Gail and Al Bartozzi
- 20 - Raymond and Jodi Memmott
- 24 - Bill and Phyllis Hunt
- 26 - Chris and Jian Chan

August Birthdays

- 2 - Lisa Kiesinger
Evan Corbin
- 3 - Joan Sablone
- 8 - Kimberly Geiger
- 11 - Geoffrey Danz
- 13 - Derek Baker
Michele Gertsch
- 14 - Tricia Spagone
Ryan Abekah
- 15 - Tara Rapuano (Lentini)
Laura Marshall
Richard Memmott
- 16 - Marcelyn Danz
- 22 - Jim Stuhlman

August Birthdays ... continued

- 24 - Gail Bartozzi
- 25 - Michele Caron
- 26 - Edith Mulligan
- 28 - Helen Smith
- 31 - Robert Skipper
Brooke Moscato

August Anniversaries

- 2 - Amador & Emily Maldonado
- 8 - Dorothy & Gord Codner

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.

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

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 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 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

Church Attendance

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
May (Wkly Ave.)	64	72

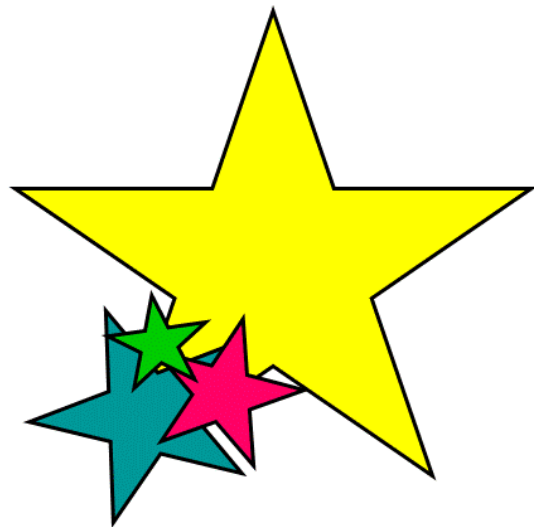


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The July & August Newsletter

STRONGER TOGETHER



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

IN-PERSON & ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 11:00 AM

COME JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY!