

The Messenger

First & Wesley
United Methodist Church
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October 2022



Have you ever heard of ‘connectionalism’ in the United Methodist Church? It stems from John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, who formed an organization by connecting the groups of people who followed his movement. Wesley called this ‘connexion’ and tried to maintain a close network between the Class, Society, and Annual Conference. UMC has inherited and developed the tradition of Connectionalism. Thus, it became the most important word to characterize the United Methodist Church. David F. Watson of United Theological Seminary in Ohio said, “... and without connectionalism, there is no Methodism.”*

Connectionalism is clearly stated in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. “Connectionalism is an important part of our identity as United Methodists. It is a vital web of interactive relationships ... with the purpose of equipping local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry throughout the world, all to the glory of God. It provides us with wonderful opportunities to carry out our mission in unity and strength.”** In other words, all the local churches of UMC are connected to each other through the mutual solidarity network, and by working together in ministry and mission, the synergistic effect is exerted. So, our church is also actively working in the connection with other churches in the Shoreline and Haven Cooperative parish, the Connecticut District, and the New York Annual Conference.

The reason why I mentioned about connectionalism is because it is surely effective not only in the network between churches, but also in the relationship between all believers in our church. That is, all of our church members are connected to each other in our ministry and mission. So, we worship together, pray together, serve together, and gather together. We share our joy together and also share our sadness and pains together. Finally, we transform this world as the Kingdom of God together. Therefore, I hope all our church family will become one in our faithful journey through our church. Sisters and brothers let’s go together in the love of God, as the one body of Jesus Christ, with the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” - Ephesians 4:2-6

Pastor Jinha Choi

* David F. Watson, “Methodism Means Connectionalism,” *Ministry Matters*, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/9576/methodism-means-connectionalism>.

** The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2016, ¶701

Lectionary Readings for October 2022



October 2, 2022

- [Lamentations 1:1-6](#) and [Lamentations 3:19-26](#) or [Psalm 137](#) • [Habakkuk 1:1-4](#); [2:1-4](#) and [Psalm 37:1-9](#) •
 - [2 Timothy 1:1-14](#) • [Luke 17:5-10](#)

October 9, 2022

- [Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7](#) and [Psalm 66:1-12](#) • [2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c](#) and [Psalm 111](#) •
 - [2 Timothy 2:8-15](#) • [Luke 17:11-19](#)

October 16, 2022

- [Jeremiah 31:27-34](#) and [Psalm 119:97-104](#) • [Genesis 32:22-31](#) and [Psalm 121](#) •
 - [2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#) • [Luke 18:1-8](#)

October 23, 2022

- [Joel 2:23-32](#) and [Psalm 65](#) • [Sirach 35:12-17](#) or [Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22](#) and [Psalm 84:1-7](#) •
 - [2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#) • [Luke 18:9-14](#)
 - [Joel 2:23-32](#) and [Psalm 65](#) •

October 30, 2022

- [Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4](#) and [Psalm 119:137-144](#) • [Isaiah 1:10-18](#) and [Psalm 32:1-7](#) •
 - [2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12](#) • [Luke 19:1-10](#)

All Saints Sunday:

We will observe All Saints Day during our November 6th church service this year. We will be honoring those who have passed since last year (starting from November 1st, 2021) with reading their names aloud and a bell toll. Please submit any names you would like to be read during this time to Helen Smith at drsmith@snet.net.

Native American Pennies Collection

We continue to collect pennies for the Native American Ministries. We are sending approximately \$100 to them this week.

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



First & Wesley United Methodist Church **October 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All Worship Services will be held both in-person and online (via Zoom). Worship Service begins at 11:00 am. All Worship Services and meetings – Link: https://zoom.us/j/147691027 / Call-in: 1-646-876-9923 *Meeting ID: 147691027# Koinonia Café is now in person.						
						1 Spaghetti Fundraiser 4 p Pick up 5 p Sit down dinner
2 10:45am Cooperative Parish Worship for World Communion Sunday at Hamden Plains church and via Zoom	3 7p Adult Monday School	4	5 7p Adult Group Study	6 10a-12p Koinonia Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir	7	8
9 11:00a Family Worship & Birthday/Anniversary Celebration	10 7p Adult Monday School	11 7p Finance	12 7p Adult Group Study	13 10a-12p Koinonia Café Prayer Shawl at Linda Kopec's home, (124 Bluff Ave, West Haven) 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir	14	15 10a Worship Meeting
16 Laity Sunday 11:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School 2-4p Joint Charge Conference at Westville United Methodist Church	17 7p Adult Monday School	18 6:30p Mission & Outreach	19 7p Adult Group Study	20 *Articles Due for the October Messenger 1p In-person 10a-12p Koinonia Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir	21	22
23 11:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School	24 7p Adult Monday School	25 7p Trustees	26 7p Adult Group Study	27 10a-12p Koinonia Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir	28	29
30 11:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School	31 6-8p Halloween Program for Community 7p Adult Monday School					

* For further updates, visit www.firstwesleyumc.org/events

November 5th 8a – 3p Harvest Fair

The Charge Conference



It will be Jointly together with our Cooperative Parish Churches.

When: Oct. 16, 2022, 2pm – 4pm

Where: Westville UMC (34 Harrison St. New Haven, CT 06515)

If you have any question about our Charge Conference, please contact Pastor Jinha Choi.

From The Layleader

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. – I Corinthians 12:4-6

The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development will be meeting on October 4th. You may receive a call asking if you would be willing to help out in some way to help our church run smoothly. I would ask that you carefully consider saying “yes”. If what is presented to you is not something of interest, then is there another area that you would enjoy using your talents?

Please let us know.

Below are areas that I know of right now where “many hands would make light work”.

*Flower Guild – Mary Anne Hawkes 203-933-1958

*Sunday School – Gail Bartozzi 203-747-6039

*Children’s Sermon – Christine Chan 203-927-4679

*Sound or camera operation for Worship & PPT creation – Helen Smith 203-444-2362

*Halloween program - Christine Chan 203-927-4679

*Harvest Fair – Mary Rolfe 203-530-9858



Thank you to Jayden Abekah who has volunteered and is doing the camera streaming during our Sunday morning worship as well as Mary Rolfe and Helen Smith.

Again, thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Upcoming Events

- October 1st, 5pm Homemade *Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner* (see flyer on next page)
- October 2nd, 10:45 am Cooperative Parish World Communion Sunday joint worship
-In-person and streaming at/from Hamden Plains UMC
Go to <https://zoom.us/join>, enter Meeting ID: 837 2734 8500, enter Meeting Password: 385763
One tap:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83727348500?pwd=cFpxWURRZGFVNm9hYXN0dktiZGtWQT09>
Call in: +1 646-558-8656, enter Meeting ID: 837 2734 8500#, enter Meeting Password: 385763#
- October 16th, 2-4pm Laity Sunday
Joint Charge Conference – Westville United Methodist Church
- October 31st, 6-8pm Halloween program for community children
- November 5th, 8am-3pm Harvest Fair

College Students

Our nurture ministry would like the addresses of all our college students so we may send cards and care packages to them periodically. Please send this info to Helen Smith either by e-mail, drsmith@snet.net or text at 203-444-2362. Thank you!



Prayer Shawl Ministry First and Wesley United Methodist

Our Prayer Shawl group will be meeting on Thursday October 13th at 1pm in person.
Home of Linda Kopec, 124 Bluff Ave., West Haven, CT 203-804-2522.

All are welcome to join us.

We have shawls in the Church Office. You can also contact Edith Mulligan or Linda Kopec if you would like to pick one up. On Sunday November 13th we will have a prayer shawl blessing with Pastor Choi during morning worship.

Halloween Trick-Or-Treat!

This year on Halloween (October 31st) we will invite trick-or-treaters to come walk through our church from 6:00-8:00pm on a decorated, guided path, where they will receive candy, play short games, win prizes, and enjoy fall treats! We could use some volunteers to help decorate, and we also need at least 8 safe sanctuary trained greeters, guides, and game hosts. If you would like to donate Halloween candy (small fun size), you may bring them in on Sunday mornings or on Thursday mornings between 10am-12pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Christine Chan either by text or phone call (203)927-4679, or e-mail zeochica@yahoo.com.

October Birthdays

- 1 - Joshua Jerrell
Eulalee Miller
- 8 - Dennis Kopec
David Hawkes
- 15 - Sharon Ewen
- 18 - Beth Ammon
David Warner
- 24 - Thurmon Whitley
- 27 - Eula Wilson
- 30 - Marisa Jerrell

October Anniversaries

- 3 - Catherine & Giovanni Gigola
- 3 - Kelvin & Bettina Young
- 14 - Cindy & Raymond Geissler

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.

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!



Ways to support the Church with no cost to you!

Amazon Smile



The church is 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.

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
Jinha Choi	973-590-7525	Pastor



Celebrate Wonder

Children will attend Sunday school during part of the service. They will go to their classrooms with their Sunday School teachers following the Children's Moment. Please join us 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 or text (203)747-6039) for questions about Sunday School
- Register for Sunday School <https://www.firstwesleyumc.org/ministries/childrens-ministry/>

The Craft Corner



We have 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

Mark your calendars!

Harvest Fair is Back!!!

November 5, 2022, from 9am-3pm

Come one, come all to our annual Harvest Fair.

Enjoy food, shopping, and meeting up with friends.

There will be 3 floors of tables, a kid's area, and food from our kitchen.

Volunteers are needed to work at tables, tag sale, kids' fun station, and food.

Come help and have fun for an hour or all day!

Hope to see you there.

Adult Group Study



Every Wednesday 7pm via Zoom continues in October.

Our Bible lessons follow the theme of “Freedom.” The lessons explore the concept of salvation and God’s gracious acts in redeeming us. They challenge we who have experienced God’s gracious salvation to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others. They acknowledge that as we do, we will encounter those whose beliefs and values are different from our own, so they encourage us to remain faithful to our beliefs while we act as neighbors to others.

Youth Group



Every Sunday 5pm at church (in-person,):

- Praising Time
- Bible Study
- Game, Movie, Talking, Craft, Snack and more!

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United Women In Faith (formerly United Methodist Women)

All women are invited to Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, 168-176 Broad Street, Milford, CT. in Dodd Hall on Saturday morning, October 15th at 8:30am – 10:30am for a Prayer Breakfast led by Beth O'Brien. If you would like to attend please let Rev. Cynthia Dodd know. We hope to carpool from our church.

Historical Notes of First and Wesley

by Edith M.

Did you know –

- In 1852 the George Street Methodist Church in New Haven began. By the 1900's a new church was erected on Howard Avenue and Portsea Street in New Haven.
- In 1868 the First Methodist Episcopal Church was formed in Thomson's Hall (the Altschuler Building on Main and Campbell) second floor.
- Our first building was a white wooden church with a steeple. In 1915 our current building was built.
- First United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church merged in 2006 becoming First and Wesley United Methodist Church.
- When traveling Jones Hill Road, you see Mackrille School. Edith Mackrille was the principal of Washington School. She was also a member of our church and a past historian, keeping our history in order for many years. A sweet lady who loved our church.

KOINONIA CAFÉ
& FIRST & WESLEY UMC

Free Coffee & Refreshments

OPEN TO COMMUNITY!

THURSDAYS, 10 AM - 12 PM

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“Sunday Worship Time: 11:00am”

The October 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!