

The Messenger

First & Wesley
United Methodist Church
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November 2022



Coca-Cola and Thanksgiving Day

One day, about 12 years ago, when I was a theological school student in New Jersey, I visited a diner with my friends. When we were choosing foods from the menu, one of my friends told us something curious. According to him, there is no American food on the menu. We replied, “Are you kidding?” But soon, we noticed that most of the food on the menu originally came from other countries. Pizza, lasagna, Pasta etc. came from Italy. Hamburger, sandwich, and sausage came from Germany. Many other foods came from Europe, Mediterranean regions, or Central and South America. And then we agreed together that America is the country which is built up by many immigrant people having their cultural heritages, so that the menu in the diner symbolically shows the mixture of cultures and traditions. At that moment, another friend suddenly put in, “Here is the original American food! I will order it.” We all turned to him. He answered, “Coca-Cola please.” Yes, Coca-Cola is the American beverage originated in USA and it is enjoyed by so many people all around the world, not only in America, but also globally.

There is another thing that our country originated. It’s a very well known national holiday that is Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day is deeply rooted in our heritage of the very first settler groups from various countries of Europe. It was very hard to settle in this land the first time because they needed to make everything from nothing. In spite of many difficulties, with the great help of the Native Americans, they finally could harvest their first crops from the land. In this moment, what they did for this first harvest was to express their gratitude toward God. They gave thanks to God for their very first harvest. This is the first story of Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day shows us the tradition to give thanks to God. And I strongly believe that it is the faithful tradition that we must keep and follow from generation to generation. I hope all of us would spend Thanksgiving Day this year with real thanksgiving to God who is with us always and who takes care of us in this world. Amen.

Pastor Jinha Choi



November 6, 2022

- [Haggai 1:15b-2:9](#) and [Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21](#) or [Psalm 98](#) • [Job 19:23-27a](#) and [Psalm 17:1-9](#) •
• [2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17](#) • [Luke 20:27-38](#)

November 13, 2022

- [Isaiah 65:17-25](#) and [Isaiah 12](#) • [Malachi 4:1-2a](#) and [Psalm 98](#) •
• [2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#) • [Luke 21:5-19](#)

November 20, 2022

- [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#) and [Luke 1:68-79](#) • [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#) and [Psalm 46](#) •
• [Colossians 1:11-20](#) • [Luke 23:33-43](#)

November 27, 2022

- [Isaiah 2:1-5](#) • [Psalm 122](#) • [Romans 13:11-14](#) • [Matthew 24:36-44](#)

From the Worship Committee:

1. We will celebrate Veteran's Day on Sunday, Nov 13th. If you know of any active service members you would like to honor by having them listed in the bulletin on that Sunday, please call Kathy Hulse in the church office.
2. Thanksgiving Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov 20th. We would like to invite people to bring an extra canned good or donation on that Sunday to help with the extra Thanksgiving needs at WHEAT.

Native American Pennies Collection

**We continue to collect pennies for the Native American Ministries.
We would like to send many thanks to our Church Family for helping us to continue with this Ministry.**

Harvest Fair -

All you can eat pancake breakfast from 8am until 10:30am

Snack at with Dave's famous chili from 11:30 until 2pm

Visit all our tables to not miss out on all the goodies. We have an elevator for those who need a lift. ☺

Still looking for volunteers to bake cookies for our Baked goodies table.

We are also in need of raffle prizes/baskets. Please let Mary know if you can help us out. (203) 530-9858 or mary.kate527@icloud.com - Thank you!

We could use volunteers in the following areas:

*Baking pies/breads on Friday, November 4th, from 9am until we finish. Come spend a little, or a lot of time and enjoy some baking, great aromas, and friendship.

*Kitchen help - mixers, 1 flipper, window, dish washer for both breakfast and snack bar

*Dining area monitors to keep tables clean and supplied with necessities

*Raffles sales volunteers

*Money collection - all areas and for breaks

*Kids area helpers - face painting, games, etc

*Free coffee/tea/water stations monitors

*Also - volunteers needed in various areas to assist our visitors.

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#						
		1	2	3	4 8a Baking Day	5 Harvest Fair 8a-3p Set Clocks back 1 hr.
6 11:00a Family Worship with Communion & Birthday/Anniversary Celebration	7 7p Adult Monday School	8 7p Finance	9 7p Adult Group Study	10 10a–12p Koinonia Café Prayer Shawl Ministry at Linda Kopec’s home 6p Bell 7p Adult Choir	11 Veteran’s Day Take time to thank a Vet!	12
13 11:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School (In-person Sunday School begins after Children’s Sermon) Blessing of Gift Cards & Prayer Shawls	14 7p Adult Monday school 7p Cooperative Parish Council	15 6:30p Mission & Outreach	16 7p Adult Group Study	17 10a–12p Koinonia Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir	18 Thanksgiving Pie orders due	19 10a Worship Meeting via Zoom
20 *Articles Due for the December Messenger 11:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School(In-person Sunday School begins after Children’s Sermon)	21 7p Adult Monday School	22 4p Pick up Pie orders	23 No Adult Group Study	24 Thanksgiving Remember to give thanks to God for all God has given us.	25	26 11a Nativity Set up
27 Beginning of Advent 11:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School(In-person Sunday School begins after Children’s Sermon) Flower orders & Gift card orders due for Christmas	28 7p Adult Monday School	29 7p Trustees	30 7p Adult Group Study			

For more information go to the church website at www.firstwesleyumc.org

From The Layleader

In November this is what we have going on. We have several things going on. In bold are our missions and ministry. For the other dates, those are fundraisers to help us continue and expand the mission and ministry of the church. If you can help out with any of these, please let Mary Rolfe (203-530-9858), Peggy Jerrell (203-641-0929), or Helen Smith (203-444-2362) know.

Friday, Nov. 4th – baking day at the church

Saturday, Nov. 5th – Harvest Fair 8am-3pm

Sunday, Nov. 6th – All Saints Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 13th – Blessing of the prayer shawls and S&S Gift cards for 48 families

Sunday, Nov. 20th – Thanksgiving worship and bring a non-perishable item to give to WHEAT

Thursday, Nov. 17th – Pie and Bread fundraiser orders due (order form in newsletter)

Monday, Nov. 21st – Baking Day

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd – Baking Day continued and pie & bread order pick up 5-6pm

Saturday, Nov. 26th – 11 am Nativity set-up

Sunday, Nov. 27th – Gift Card fundraiser order (order form in newsletter) and Christmas Flower orders due.

After writing this list I thought of this poem by Rachel Marie Martin that I saw on Facebook. Please feel free to substitute the pronoun 'he' or 'they' as this applies to all of us at one time or another.

She was tired.

No one could see the level of tired

They saw the outside.

The one giving, smiling, showing up.

And yet inside, she felt the fatigue.

The tired of trying to keep up.

The tired of agendas.

The tired of worries.

But she kept on.

She kept on giving and loving.

She kept on hoping.

She kept on showing up.

She knew her giving mattered.

She pushed forward.

Out of love.

Even in the tired.

When we knit prayer shawls, give food to those in need, do the many unseen jobs at the church, raise money for our mission and ministry, we do it because it does matter. We do it because we are disciples of Christ and Christ calls us to care for not only each other but those outside of the walls of the church.

Thank you for all you do!



Prayer Shawl Ministry First and Wesley United Methodist

Our Prayer Shawl group will be meeting on Thursday November 10 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.

Mission Opportunities

Prayer Shawl ministry – We will be blessing prayer shawls on Nov. 13th

Thanksgiving S&S gift certificates - We will be blessing forty-eight \$25 gift cards on November 13th.
Covenant to Care Christmas gifts – Christine Latham will be coordinating this as we have done in past years.

Outreach Opportunities

Nativity - We will be setting up our wooden Nativity display on November 26th at 11am. We need several people to bring out all the figures and help with the set up.

Breakfast with Santa – The last time we had this was 3 years ago. This will be on Dec. 10 from 9-11am. We will have a breakfast, a craft children can make, free mittens and hats for those who need them, and Santa who will give the children a toy. We will need people to help with this. If you see mittens and hats on sale at a store and wish to donate some, that would be great. Let Helen Smith know if you can help.

Halloween Outreach Program

Thank you to all who helped out decorating, being greeters, setting up food, games, monitoring the games to reach out to the community on October 31st.



Average Weekly Attendance

	2021	2022	
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62.5	70.5	June
66	63	July
60	60	August
63	66	September

From Finance

The 2023 budget has been put together and reviewed by our church council and at the Charge Conference.

There are minor tweaks to be made and the final budget will be complete. We will begin our Stewardship Campaign on Sunday October 30th and end on Sunday December 4th when we bless our pledges for 2023. If anyone is interested in doing a Stewardship moment, a few minutes on what this ministry of ours means to you or how it impacts you, let us know. We would love to hear from you!

Christmas Altar Flowers

Order Your Poinsettias

I (We) wish to order _____ Poinsettia(s) Plant(s) for the Altar at a suggested donation of \$10.00 each. Please make check out to the First & Wesley United Methodist Church and write "flower fund" in the memo section on the check.

PLEASE PRINT

In Memory of: _____ and/or

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Telephone # _____

Taking Plant(s) home: Yes _____ Plant(s) give to Shut-in: _____

Orders are to be received by **Sunday, November 27th**. Please leave the completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser

This gift card fundraiser is going to provide a way for you to contribute to First & Wesley while spending what you normally spend on gift cards at Christmas. The way it works is very similar to the Stop & Shop and ShopRite gift card fundraisers we already do (if you would like to make use of this ongoing gift card fund raiser, please contact Dave or Helen Smith). You purchase the gift card and the church receives a percentage of the face value of what you bought.

The way it is slightly different is:

1. You fill an order form to order the gift cards in advance.
2. On the order forms, there are 39 different retailers or restaurant choices: (Amazon.com, Apple.com, Buffalo Wild Wings, Barnes & Noble, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Boscov's, Bob Evans, Carter's, Chili's, CineMark Theaters, Cracker Barrel, CVS, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dunkin Donuts, Game Stop, Home Depot, JoAnn Fabrics, iTunes, Kohl's, Lowe's, Mobil, Michael's, Olive Garden, On the Border, Outback Steakhouse, Panera Bread, Pet Smart, Shell, Staples, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, Target, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Friday's, Walmart).
3. On the order form is the % amount of the face value that the church will receive.
4. You would order and pay for the gift cards ahead of time.
5. **Orders need to be submitted by November 27th. (Order form is on next page)**
6. Ordered gift cards would be available on December 4th.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

We are providing First & Wesley members and friends of the church an opportunity to buy gift cards for Christmas gifts and at the same time support the church financially. Simply fill out the form below & send form to First & Wesley Methodist Church, 89 Center Street, West Haven, CT 06516 or give to Helen Smith
ALL ORDERS need to be received by 11-27-2022

RAISERIGHT
ORDER FORM



Name _____
 Phone # _____
 E-mail (for confirmation) _____

cards ordered _____ Amount enclosed _____

Submit the order form to the church or Helen Smith by November 27th.

Email order: fundraiser@firstwesleyumc.org

order: www.firstwesleyumc.org/giftcardfundraiser

Ordered gift cards will be available for pickup starting on Sun. 12/4(after church)

All checks make payable to FWUMC - please put "gift card fundraiser" in memo line

#	Store/Business	Amount	% earned	Subtotal	#	Restaurant/Food	Amount	% earned	Subtotal
	Amazon.com	\$25	1.70%			Applebee's	\$25	8.00%	
	Amazon.com	\$100	1.70%			Applebee's	\$50	8.00%	
	Apple Store,Apple.com	\$25	5.00%			Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10	8.00%	
	Barnes & Noble	\$10	8.00%			Buffalo Wild Wings	\$25	8.00%	
	Barnes & Noble	\$25	8.00%						
	Bed, Bath & Beyond	\$25	7.00%			Bob Evans	\$25	10.00%	
	Best Buy	\$25	4.00%			Chili's	\$25	11.00%	
	Best Buy	\$100	4.00%			Chili's	\$50	11.00%	
	Bosco's	\$25	8.00%			Cracker Barrel	\$25	8.00%	
	Carter's	\$25	10.00%			Dunkin Donuts	\$10	3.00%	
	CVS	\$25	6.00%			Dunkin Donuts	\$25	3.00%	
	CineMark Theaters	\$25	4.00%			Olive Garden	\$25	8.00%	
	Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8.00%			Olive Garden	\$100	8.00%	
	Dick's Sporting Goods	\$100	8.00%			On the Border	\$25	11.00%	
	Game Stop	\$25	5.00%			On the Border	\$50	11.00%	
	Home Depot	\$25	4.00%			Outback Steakhouse	\$25	10.00%	
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	JoAnn Fabrics	\$25	6.00%			Panera Bread	\$25	8.00%	
	iTunes	\$25	5.00%			Starbucks	\$10	4.50%	
	Kohl's	\$25	4.00%			Starbucks	\$25	4.50%	
	Lowe's	\$25	4.00%			Subway	\$10	4.50%	
	Lowe's	\$100	4.00%			Subway	\$50	4.50%	
	Mobil	\$50	1.50%			Taco Bell	\$10	5.00%	
	Michael's	\$25	4.00%			Texas Roadhouse	\$25	8.00%	
	Pet Smart	\$25	5.00%			TGI Friday's	\$25	9.00%	
	Shell	\$25	1.50%			Walmart	\$25	2.50%	
	Staples	\$25	5.00%			Walmart	\$50	2.50%	
	Target	\$25	2.50%						
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November Birthdays

1 - Jacob Jerrell
2 - Sarah Santamauro
3 - Dolores Danz
4 - Sue McMillian
6 - Jim Jerrell
 Kelly Stuhlman Roaslet
8 - Renee Bobko
13 - Emily Kopec
 Jennifer Kopec
16 - Eric Dzikas
18 - Beth Ammon
19 - Abe McKim
21 - Ann Yost
22 - Becky Baker
25 - John Poe IV
 Jocelyn Moscato

November Anniversaries

1 - Shelby and Louis Argentino
2 - Ann and Art Yost
11 - Audie and Tom Hollister
13 - Beth and Jim Ammon
25 - Sharon and Jim Stuhlman

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.

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

Sunday School

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

Adult Group Study

Every Wednesday 7pm via Zoom.

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 us 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.

At First & Wesley UMC

Delicious Homemade Pie & Bread Fundraiser

Pre-Order by November 17, 2022

Pick-up: Tue, Nov. 22, 5 - 6pm @ Church Parking Lot

All Proceeds Benefit FWUMC & its Many Ministries



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Pre-order Your Thanksgiving Pie & Bread!

\$15 per pie

Call order: (203) 641-0929 / Email order: fundraiser@firstwesleyumc.org

Online order: www.firstwesleyumc.org/piefundraiser

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Pumpkin Pie - Qty _____ Sweet Potato Pie - Qty _____

Apple Pie - Qty _____ Cherry Pie - Qty _____

White Bread (\$5) Qty _____ Cinnamon/Raisin Bread (\$6) Qty _____

Total Cost: _____



HARVEST FAIR

@ FIRST & WESLEY UMC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 8AM - 3PM

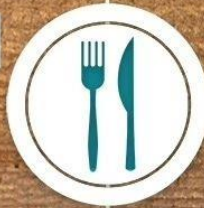
BREAKFAST

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

ADULT: \$8.00

KID (5-11): \$4.00



LUNCH

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

DAVE'S FAMOUS CHILI & MORE

BOWL OF CHILI: \$5.00

MEATBALL SUB: \$4.00



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“Sunday Worship Time: 11:00am”

The November 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!