

June 2021 Birthdays

5 – Laura Tabak

5 – Jennifer Gannon

8 – Rev. Lin McGee

11 – Barbara Osborn

12 – George Manchester

12 – George Vincent

13 – Beverly Brentnall

18 – Evelyn Burnham

18 – Sue Bessette

21 – Elizabeth Ellsworth

25 – Dennis Brown



Mark your calendars for June!

6/2 Bible Study 10 am at the church and via
Teleconference 1-978-990-5000 access code 576543#

6/3 Food Pantry 9am to noon

6/4 FFFF – Friday Fire Fun and Fellowship 6:30pm at
the parsonage

6/5 Food Pantry 9am to noon

6/6 Worship and Communion 10 am
Scrip orders Due

6/7 AA 7pm

6/9 Bible Study 10 am at the church and via
Teleconference 1-978-990-5000 access code 576543#

6/10 Food Pantry 9am to noon

6/11 FFFF – Friday Fire Fun and Fellowship 6:30pm at
the parsonage

6/12 Food Pantry 9am to noon

- Church Council Meeting Saturday 11:30 am in
person and via Teleconference 1-978-990-5000
access code 576543#
- Upstairs AA 7pm

6/13 Worship 10 am

6/14 Women's AA 7 pm

6/16 Bible Study 10 am at the church and via
Teleconference 1-978-990-5000 access code 576543#

6/17 Food Pantry 9am to noon

6/18 Fire, fun and fellowship 6:30 at the Parsonage

6/19 Food Pantry 9am to noon

- Upstairs AA 7pm
- Pastor on Vacation 6/19 through 6/26

6/20 Worship 10am John Lundy Preaching

6/21 Women's AA 7 pm

6/23 NO Bible Study 10 am in person and via
Teleconference 1-978-990-5000 access code 576543#

6/24 Food Pantry 9am to noon

6/25 n NO Friday Fire Fun and Fellowship

6/26 Food Pantry 9am to noon

- Upstairs Aa 7pm

6/27 Worship Service 10am Mary Brevigleiri

6/28 AA 7am

6/30 Bible Study 10 am at the church and via
Teleconference 1-978-990-5000 access code 576543#

Our Daily Prayers

For our daily prayers, Lorraine Tacinelli; and her daughter Stacy, Steven Medical tests, Marian Taylor; – Sammy (Jo Elin's grandson); Gail Eller Karen Vasquenza-Steinberg; Loretta Nardi (back problems); Nelson (John's Stepfather tumors); John L (tumor).; John's mother Mary Horwath, kidney failure. Stacy (Gail's daughter); 3 children that have been abused; Sheila and Mike (Gail's daughter) struggling with new home situation. ; The residents at Chestnut Grove; Jill Jacobs, JoElin prayers of thanksgiving for good healing her return home, The Geezer Brothers. Archie Perez, Tim Hall Lesions, Sam and Sarah Jacobs, Charlene and Dan displaced from their home. Rich Cser, Shirley Szekeres AA members, WUMC and UM Churches around the world. World Peace. Pastors transitioning to new appointments.

Remember to pray daily for your fellow church member.

If you have not received a name of a church member to pray for daily, please call the office and Pastor Adeline will provide you with a name.

**Kathy Beyer has graciously
accepts phone calls to take your
prayer concerns for our faithful
prayer chain.**

**So please call her with your
prayer needs. 860-921-7722**

Thank you, Kathy !

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council this month was a productive meeting and had some new faces! After reviewing Cindy Infantino's report and accepting it, we went directly to the challenge of paying bills. I have been working on getting the Financial records ready for an audit and have found \$4,000.00 plus that hadn't been recorded in the check book. With that extra, we were able to pay all the bills we had on hand, with the exception of our oil bill. Hopefully we will get caught up on that soon. Pastor Adeline said that questions have been floating around about her status as a minister. She explained that she is not an ordained minister, but what is called a Licensed Local Pastor. A Licensed Local Pastor has sacramental rights for Communion, Baptisms, Funerals, Marriages, and anointing of the sick. These rights are granted to all Licensed Local Pastors who have been Commissioned by the Bishop and assigned to a Church. The sacramental rights do not go beyond the local church to which the Pastor is assigned. Pastor Adeline also announced that she will be on vacation from June 19th to June 26th. John Lundy will be leading the first Sunday Service which will be June 20, Father's Day and Mary Brevigleiri. Will be taking charge the second Sunday June 27. With that all behind us, we started talking about making money to save our church. The quickest and easiest way, we decided, was to set up a tag sale downstairs and leave it up and have it open two days a week, or more if we get volunteers to come and be at the church if shoppers show. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we can't open the church and let people in without the okay of the District Superintendent. Pastor Adeline will call the D.S. once the audit is complete and ask for consent for the tag sale. Before the meeting I did some searching on the internet for grants that can be used for work on the church ie: the kitchen, the narthex, etc. or there are a few that do give grants for paying bills. The great thing about grants, you don't have to pay them back, but you do have to do a lot of reading and if you are accepted you have to adhere to their requirements. I found five grants that sounded pretty good and hand them over to Peg Palmer who has offered to do the exciting job of reading all the ins and outs. Many thanks to Peg. As I write this, the audit is in progress. The District Superintendent wanted five years to be audited, thanks to Barbara Hawley and Kim Hazzard who did some searching through boxes, we managed to get 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 to a CPA who now gets to check it all. And last but not least, I will be trying to get Home Depot and Lowe's here to give us a quote on getting a hood install and get the kitchen up and running. We have a couple more ideas, but like the tag sale, we need permission to do them. My thanks to all who came to the Council meeting and hope to see more of you in the future. The next meeting will be June 12th at 11:30 a.m. at the church and over teleconference. The meeting is normally the third weekend, but it was moved so Pastor Adeline would be in attendance.

Issy Skilton

Received in a Recent Memo from the Bishop

May 28, 2021

MEMORANDUM

RE: Re-Opening Update
Dear Friends & Colleagues,

In my last correspondence with you, I shared that the best course of action for any of our churches is to work creatively and tirelessly to get your people vaccinated. Beyond that, I shared with you that certain protocols would remain in place until May 19th. In both Connecticut and New York, the state governments have embraced the latest CDC guidance which states the following:

1. Wearing masks outdoors is no longer required.
2. If you are fully vaccinated you are not required to wear a mask indoors. If you are not, you must continue to wear a mask.

Beyond that, it is at the discretion of businesses how and to what degree certain protocols remain in place.

As I have shared with the Cabinet, issuing conference-wide directives was far easier a year ago than it is today. The varied contexts in which our churches are located are dictating an individualized response in the patterns and protocols for re-opening. Some of our churches remain closed and are not contemplating re-opening until the fall. Some of our churches have re-opened with strict protocols regarding masks, social distancing, as well as such things as singing and interaction. Some of our churches have fully re-opened with careful but very lenient guidelines. I am and will remain very supportive of these carefully determined, yet very diverse, timelines and protocols.

What all of this means is that decisions related to when, how, and to what degree our congregations re-open have now been placed in the hands of our local churches. If you have not already, you should convene your leadership team to carefully examine your plan and, as always, share that plan with your District Superintendent. If there are conflicts that arise regarding those plans, please consult your District Superintendent. It is our intent to be supportive of our pastors as well as our lay leaders as we find our way into some new form of normalcy. We understand completely that some will want to be more cautious than others. However, at this point, those decisions must arise from within each congregation based on clear and intentional conversation and discernment between the pastor and the lay leadership.

The journey to a post-Covid life will remain uncertain and, at times, uncomfortable. We have been through quite a lot and finding our way back into new norms, routines, schedules and understandings will take some time. My only plea is that you are respectful, patient, and understanding with one another as you discern. Be careful and deliberate as you plan. And most of all, be Christ-like in the manner in which you engage in

ministries that care for the spiritual, mental, and physical well-being of everyone.

If you have questions, concerns, or needs in relationship to your ongoing discernment regarding re-opening your church's life and ministry, please contact your District Superintendent.

With this letter, I send along my sincere and heartfelt prayers for each of you.
The Journey Continues, . . .

Thomas J. Bickerton

THE BAT

The Bat is feeling so good - the sun is shining, the air is warm, everything is green, flowers are in blossom and the bugs are everywhere - what more could you ask for? It feels lighter in the church, people seem to be happier and more at ease. It sounds like you humans are going to be getting busy. Peg Palmer made the mistake of telling Issy she would help out anyway she could and she got stuck with a lot of reading. Speaking of Peg, she was here one day to see Issy, who was late as usual, and while Peg was waiting, I watched her pull down some vines and pull weeds in the Memorial Garden. John came in on a Saturday and changed the sign out front and Corky was here putting out the sign, that Patty had made, for the meatloaf dinner and Sandy came in and changed the bulletin board and welcoming table in the foray to honor Memorial Day.

I heard Issy telling Joe that the meatloaf dinner will be the first Sat. Of June (the 5th) and that the meal will be take out only. Mmmh the church always smells good when a dinner is being put on. After everyone left on Saturday, Kim was still here and cleaning. I love the smell of the church when she is finished. I heard that there is going to be a parade. Hooray - God Bless America - and a big thank you to all the veterans that belong to the church. I think I have them all - George Manchester, Roger Jones, Jerry Hamilton, Barbara Hawley, John Lundy, and Ron Bessette. Thank you all for giving your service to our country.

The Bat

SCRIP

Now is the time for all good Methodists to come to the aid of their building through Scrip. Come on you guys, get out your checkbooks and order some cards and get those profits coming in to the church. I have talked to Barbara Vasquenza from Simsbury and she has offered to help us out in our time of need. I am getting together all the information that she needs to explain the process of Scrip to the Simsbury folks and she will be taking orders from them and giving them to me to raise money for us. I'd challenge them to a sell off, but I think we would lose hands down. At this stage of the game, every penny counts even buying one \$10.00 or \$25.00 Card helps. Hand your orders in anytime you want to and as soon as I have enough to cover postage and make a profit I will send orders in.,

OTHER WAYS TO HELP!

Fund Raisers

Metal

I'm still stripping cords and winding up copper. I don't want to mention any names, but someone (Roger Jones) brought in industrial extension cords that reach from here to Timbuktu, had three coated wires inside and what a load of copper I got from them. Thanks Roger - you sure know how to keep a gal busy! I still have a couple more bags full of cords - keep bringing in anything you might find.

Internet Sales

Nothing new here, but Peggy Lynn brought in some nice pewter pieces that I'm going to put on line. Matter of fact, I have a bag full of items that I have set aside to get pictures of, write descriptions and get them on line. If anyone wants to help with getting items on line for sale - the volunteer line starts in the office. No pushing or shoving, I'll find something for everyone to do!

If you can help with any of these fundraisers, please let Issy know as she is coordinating efforts to raise funds.

1. Set up an ongoing tag sale in the dining room with everything, no matter what it is, on sale for a dollar. With the Thrift Shop not being opened for a year now and donations coming in for a year, we have a large selection of items to put out. People could come in the side door and downstairs without any contact to the upstairs. It could be open on Thursday and Saturdays and any other days if we get people to volunteer to work.
2. Suggestion was made to get a definite estimate for installing the hood in the kitchen and then divide that by the number of members and see if everyone would donate that amount of money. Kim Hazzard's son (who is a licensed chef) and Candy Williams (who is a self-taught chef) have both volunteered their time to do dinners.
3. Look into grants for churches and/or historical churches.
4. Once the kitchen is up and running doing lunches and/or dinners that would be take outs until we can eat in.
5. Send out a letter to the people that donated to the Raise the Roof Fund to see if they will donate again.
6. Selling food during Parades and having a booth at the Fall Festival if the town puts it on this year.
7. Selling some of the smaller stained-glass windows.

Pretty good suggestions - these will be brought up at Church Council and then voted on doing then. It will also be helpful if we form a committee to get these things started and follow through with them. All this will be discussed at Church Council this month, if you are interested and want to help out, come to the meeting on Saturday June 12th at 11:30 a.m. at the church, and through teleconference.

From the Pastor's Desk

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

New Revised Standard Version

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

At the heart of Paul's letters, is the affirmation that "Jesus is Lord" (Rom. 10:9; 1Cor 12:3; Phil 2:11). Along with that affirmation is that we are the Lord's servants, by the way Lordship implies servanthood. So when Paul defends his ministry to the Corinthians, he defends himself, not as a minister with superior gifts and spiritual empowerment, rather as a servant, a servant of the servants of the Lord.

While it is one thing to say that we are under the lordship of Christ, servants of the Lord, it is another thing to put the matter so starkly as Paul does in Verse 6. Paul says we are "your slaves for Jesus; sake."

Yet Paul dares to use such a word to describe his relationship to the Corinthians. He is not a slave to them because he needs their adulation and praise. He is slave "for Jesus' sake. But he is still a slave.

It is a difficult word, slave and in this day and age we are more sensitive to the word. It invokes drudgery, injustice and an unprovided for servitude. However, when we are slaves for Christ there are benefits beyond our ability to comprehend. A mercy that defies our understanding of a grateful life. A grace beyond comprehension and beyond our own abilities to be graceful. Being slaves for Christ presents a unique nature of discipleship under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

When Paul talks about clay jars we need to examine what is in our "clay jars." The body is fragile like a clay jar, but what is the work of a slave within that fragile vessel? It might be more comfortable to call us servants rather than slaves. Maybe if we look at our servanthood as slavery; slavery implies one master, one set of directives, a singlemindedness of purpose.

It might seem offensive to a Christian to consider themselves slave to serve Jesus Christ, as we live in an autonomous society, individual freedoms and the liberation of the self.

We might do better to remember that we are claimed by God, and ought to surrender to His will.

Jesus, serves us on the cross, provides a model for life as he means it to be lived. Ourselves and our needs are not Lord. Jesus is Lord and his Lordship encourages us to serve others.

As we strive to finance our church needs, we are called to serve those who do not yet know Jesus, his mercy and Grace. We must keep our clay jars full of the Holy Spirit and serve the one who showed us how to be the ultimate slave to serve.

Pastor Adeline Hazzard

Submissions for June 2021 WUMC Newsletter:

Historical Committee:

We are in the process of organizing, updating and purging the membership list for the church. Pastor Adeline, Patty Stark, and I met on 18 May 2021 to begin this process. If you are interested in helping with this huge undertaking, give one of us a call. Pastor: 203-736-4450 (cell), 860-238-7850 (parsonage); Patty: 860-379-0531; Barb: 860-379-8705. You can always leave a message. Thanks.

Our corporate knowledge of our present and past membership will help in streamlining our membership. Be aware that our apportionments paid to the New York Annual Conference are based on our membership numbers. Carrying deceased people and those who have affiliated with other church communities on our rolls without informing the local church, means that we are paying Conference more than we need to.

As we work through the process and through no fault of our own, we are finding a lot of holes in the upkeep of the registers, as well as duplicate or incomplete information.

My desire is to completely consolidate and digitize the records we hold to give a more complete history of our membership rolls. This includes all members who have officially joined our local church (Winsted United Methodist Church) through confirmation, transfer or confession of faith; all baptisms; all marriages; and all deaths covered by funerals or memorial services.

Information we need regarding members include: full name of member, including all married names and maiden names; birthdates; marriage dates; name of spouse (even if not a member); date received; how received (i.e., confirmation, transfer from another Christian community and its name, profession of faith); date removed and why (i.e., death, transfer to another Christian community and where, request of individual); and officiating pastor.

Information requested for baptisms: full name of individual; birth date; place of birth (i.e., city and state); date of baptism; and officiating pastor.

Thank you all for any information you can give us,

Barb Hawley, Chair, Church Historian

Board of Trustees:

At this point in our church life, there is little we can do to discharge our duties as trustees. Until the church financial books are completely audited, we cannot know what funds we have available to complete projects. The biggest concern is to get the new stoves installed in the main kitchen AFTER we have new ductwork and fans determined and contracted for. We are not going to pursue this until the books are audited.

Also, the narthex renovations need to be completed, again, determined by our finances.

Our next meeting will be on July 11, 2021 at the church at 11:30 am.

Barb Hawley, Chair, Board of Trustees