



Yalesville United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor

As I write this Memorial Day is past and the summer is upon us...

A few exciting things coming up in June! Confirmation Day on June 5th will be a highlight. Braden, Alayna, Mark Jamie, Sarah and Dianna all worked together to learn about membership and being part of a community of faith. They are already such a vibrant part of this congregation, serving as lay readers, helping in many aspects of the life of the church that I am sure they will continue on their faith journey.

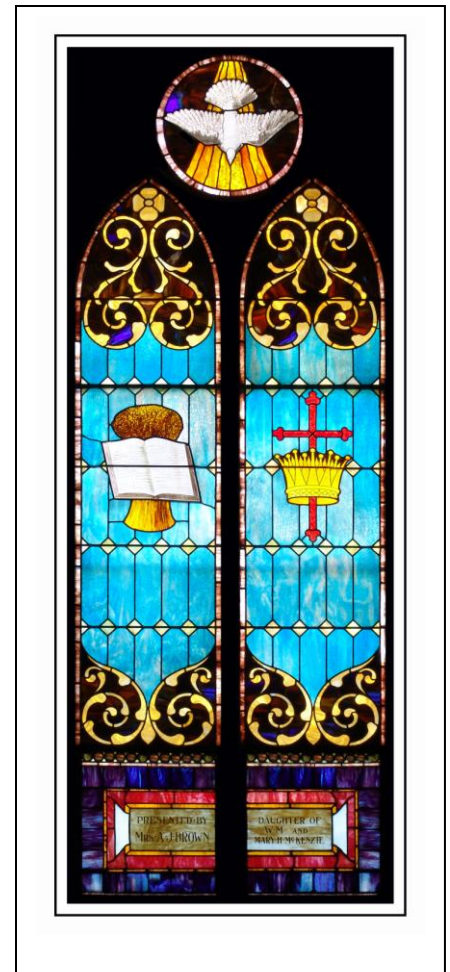
In the afternoon of the 5th the Disciple Classes will celebrate their final class together. It has been quite the journey for them! But what a wonderful year it has been. A lot of dedication and commitment has gone into these classes.

The choir Sunday will also be a wonderful event. A great morning of glorious worship as we celebrate through music with the vocal choir and the handbell choir.

Sunday School Sunday on the 12th will be an exciting day filled with all kinds of special things. The children and youth will showcase what they have learned, Bibles will be handed out and graduates will be celebrated. Also we will celebrate a baptism! What a wonderful day that will be!

Yours in Christ

Pastor Anne



"How Is it with Your Soul?"

These words from John Wesley, the founding father of Methodism, were used to greet one another in the early small cluster meetings held by those who were inspired to follow Wesley's path. On June 5th three classes will celebrate the "end" of study in Disciple I.

I use the term "end" because our study and faith journey has only been sparked by this first in the Disciple series. Our church family must have been hungering for this intense study of the Bible. There is no other way to explain three separate classes focusing on reading and discussing the Bible in depth.

As we went through the Books, Chapters and Verses, the early roots of John Wesley's ministry were very apparent. Certainly, as our study was a Methodist study, I believe every class grew closer in spirit to one another - as we were knit together class by class. How often was the "answer" to a question "What did the Monday class say - or how did the Sunday or Wednesday class react to this?" It has been a very enriching experience - one that goes far beyond the weekly homework, questions, daily writing, videos and study discussions.

We have had those chances to ask and to know "how is it with your soul" as we developed our prayer list for each week. Faith and intimacy were woven together in an inextricable pattern as we studied and researched and discussed our individual responses to the writings and teachings in the amazing cornerstone of our faith - the Bible.

On a lighter side, we surely enjoyed our Advent gathering complete with the tempting treats of the season and a rousing session of Bible Jeopardy. Thank you, Pastor Anne and Helen Albert for creating such a challenging and sometimes hilarious event.

As we approach Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday and Disciple I Celebration, I am moved by the myriad and mysterious ways the Holy Spirit is working in our midst. I look forward to the time when we will take on Disciple II; but will celebrate the lessons, learning and personal enrichment received through the study over the past nine months.

We have heard over and over those words that bring us to be Disciples in a world seeking a deeper relationship with God, the Risen Savior and the Holy Spirit. We have learned how vitally important it is not only to inquire, "How is it With Your Soul?" but to listen both intently and with intention to the answer; and to be a loving presence every moment.

As the calendar moves us toward the summer season, may we all enjoy the beauty and bounty of God's creation. May God's blessings be upon us from Sunday to Sunday or until we meet again in September.

In His Service,

Gail Powell

Lay Leader

Coming in September: The Love Dare 8-Week Bible Study for Couples

This 8-week marriage-centered Bible study is a great way for you and your spouse to build (or rebuild) and strengthen your relationship. Study the Biblical concepts of unconditional love, freedom from temptation and the God-Designed differences between men and women. Examine the difference between the world's design for marriage and God's original intention. Practice choosing love when it isn't your instinctive response. Talk about real life in real marriage, explore and apply God's Word, and participate in this challenging but redemptive journey!

"In a world that attacks, devalues, and redefines relationships every day, learn how to rescue and protect your marriage from the firestorm. Take The Love Dare and 'Fireproof' your marriage."

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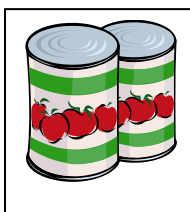


Nursery News Please sign-up to work in the nursery for June, July and August! Even if your "little ones" are grown up this is a great way to spend an hour remembering how great 2 year olds can be, or holding a baby in your arms!

NURTURE NEWS The Nurture Committee met in May to discuss and plan future events. June activities include providing refreshments for Confirmation Sunday on June 5th and sponsoring the "Ice Cream Social" on June 12th immediately following the Sunday School program. The church picnic is scheduled for September 18, 2011, and is to be held at Lufberry Park on Cheshire Road in Wallingford. Special activities are being planned for "all" who wish to participate. Sign-up sheets will be available starting "mid" August. The committee will need to know how many people are planning to attend and what "side dish" you would like to contribute to share. The committee is also looking into the possibility of hosting a softball game to be played with the North Haven Methodist Church in October. Even if you can't play, you are invited to bring your chair and support your local team.

Needed Food Pantry items are:

June-toiletries and toilet paper



Rummage Sale

The rummage sale was a success! We raised over \$3400. Thanks to so many who helped in a variety of ways! Donating, sorting, cleaning, selling, cooking, baking, clean-up! And of course those who came and bought the goodies!

Follow Glenn Caffery
Dolores' son, Glenn, has started on a coast to coast run for Alzheimer's Disease. You can follow his journey as well as support his cause by going online at <http://alzrun.org/> Our local newspaper has had some coverage and you can connect with worried mother, Dolores, for the latest news about high terrain, curious coyotes and great support.



UMCOR UPDATE

May 26, 2011—The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is keeping its promise to stand with tornado, storm, and flood survivors, who this spring have experienced historic challenges.

In less than eight weeks, UMCOR has disbursed about a quarter-of-a-million dollars in emergency grants to 15 United Methodist annual conferences across the United States; most are in the South and Midwest, where many of the storms have struck and survivors seek to piece their lives back together.

In that same period, more than 9,300 cleaning buckets have been shipped to devastated areas from depots of the UMCOR Relief-Supply Network, including from Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana, which, like other communities along the Mississippi River this spring, is itself still at risk of floods.

Rev. Tom Hazelwood, UMCOR's US Disaster Response executive, reiterated today that UMCOR remains firm in its "absolute commitment to walk alongside these annual conferences, these local churches and communities" that have been affected by this spring's severe weather.

"We absolutely will be there with them," he said, even as he noted that funding for US Disaster Response, specifically the 2011 Spring Storms Emergency Advance, remains very low.

"It's part of UMCOR's mandate, as an organization, to be the relief and development arm of the church, and we want to be present," Hazelwood said of Joplin and other areas where UMCOR staff have been, such as North Carolina and Alabama, in the immediate aftermath of devastating storms this spring.

From Joplin, Hazelwood will travel this afternoon to Sedalia, Missouri, where another tornado touched down last night and damaged or destroyed homes and injured at least 15 people.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

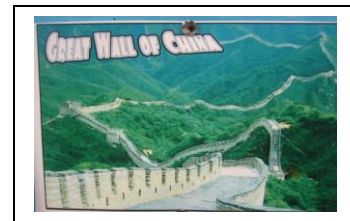
The Confirmation Class, Braden Disbrow, Alayna Lausier, Amanda Staski, Mark Sumner, Jamie Chace, Dianna Bloom and Sarah Heslin will be confirmed on Sunday June 5th at the 10 a.m. service.

The Nurture Committee is in the process of putting together an informational binder concerning annual/repetitive activities that take place in the church. This binder is to contain data that pertains to the planning and execution of these activities so that when the responsibility for "running" an event changes hands, the "new" person in charge will have a "place to start". We are fortunate in having so many people who are willing to help that new person when the occasion arises, but there are times, and sometimes even emergencies, when it would be helpful to have a written guide for reference. This informational binder would be stored in a place that is easily accessible for everyone to use when needed. If you have some written material that you can share, or knowledge that you would be willing to write down and share, please pass it along to Vickie Gerace, chairman of the Nurture Committee.

Sunday School closing date of June 12, the 10am service will be led by the children. Hoping all, especially volunteers for SS and nursery can attend.

Summer Sunday School will be starting June 26 for Grade school children - Preschool to 5th grade. Lessons will focus on ministry around the globe. Volunteers are needed. Each lesson will be preplanned and all needed materials will be ready for the lesson. Please see Michele, Crissy or Janet if you are interested in volunteering for summer Sunday school.

AND we need postcards! Wherever you travel this summer, on business, with family, for vacation-send the children a postcard. We will be keeping track of postcards and learning more about the world and how we can be disciples around the globe. Your postcard sent to the church "ATTENTION CHILDREN" would be greatly appreciated!!! See Michele for more information.



Outreach news!

Church World Service - Blanket Sunday

On Sunday May 1st and May 8th we accepted donations to the Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org) for Blanket Sunday. We collected a total of \$305. Thank you for your generous giving!

Heifer Field Trip:

The field trip to the Heifer Farm and Learning Center scheduled for June 11th has been canceled. We will try to reschedule the trip for later this year.

Church World Service is supplying Emergency Clean-Up Buckets containing supplies to help people begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado or other disaster here in the United States. Each of the clean-up buckets contain the following items:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen cleaning towels (reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- One pair work gloves
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon)
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol)

A minimum of a \$3 donation will help with the cost associated with sorting, packing and shipping the kits to their final destination.

We will be collecting donations for Emergency Clean-Buckets following both services on Sunday June 12th and June 19th . We will also be scheduling a date for putting the buckets together!

With so many tornados and flooding these clean-up buckets are extremely important. Please help in any way you are able.



Upcoming Events:

June 1 First Wednesday Lunch : Noon

June 2 Bell Rehearsal 6:30

**June 5 Confirmation during 10 a.m. worship, 4-6 p.m.
celebration of Disciple**

**June 8-11 Pastor Anne, Gail Powell, and Kim Childs at Annual
Conference**

June 11 and 12 Clean up at the parsonage

June 12 Ice Cream Social

June 19 Choir Sunday

June 20-26 Pastor Anne on vacation

United Methodist Women

UMW June 13 meeting at 5:30!!!

The theme of this meeting is "I Am Not Quite Myself Tonight". When you sign up to attend, you will select (or be assigned) a new personality for the evening. You could be Ada who is very quiet and shy except when talking about her cats, especially Maurice her favorite coon cat. Ada has a habit of rubbing her hand over her nose and cheek. Perhaps you'll be changed into Ivette who thinks she is really glamorous with all her makeup, coiffed hair and modern clothes although she comes off a bit sleazy and loud. The rule is you cannot be yourself. Perhaps you'll like your new personality so much you'll never change back. And there's Trudy, Maud, Chloe, Taylor, Brook, Annabel and Juliana coming, too. This is also a dinner meeting. Chef Julia is cooking up something. She was considering chicken Marsala, rice, veggies, and a strange dessert. There will be soup, salads, bread and beverages. It will be served in our Old Social Hall and the cost will probably be \$6.00. Julia is sometimes capricious so the menu might be changed although she says not.

If you have questions, see Nancy Lindsay before she changes into someone else.

