



## Yalesville United Methodist Church

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### From the Pastor

Easter was a wonderful celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord! The choir sang, the bell choir played, the children were ready to be captivated by the butterflies and we all shouted our alleluias!

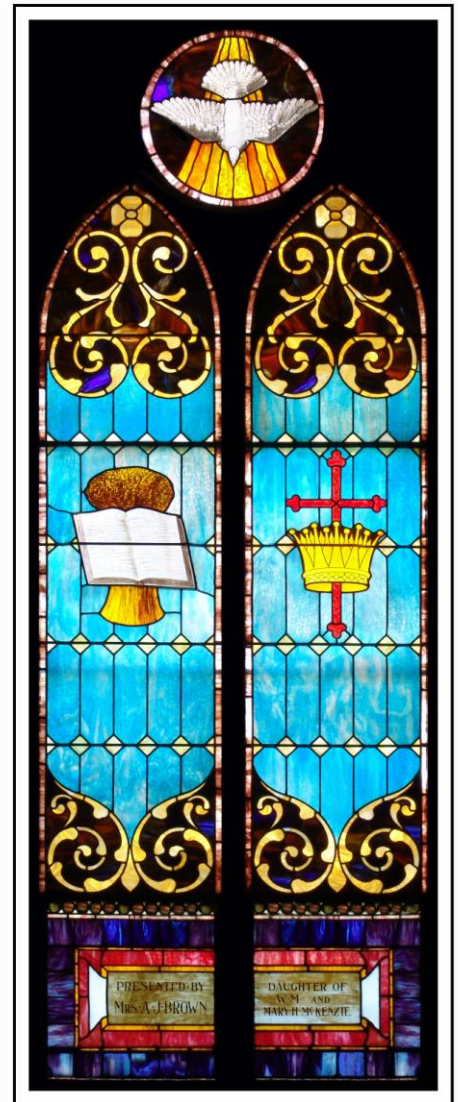
As we move through Eastertide and on to Pentecost, we continue to grow in our faith and witness of Jesus. We are busy here at Yalesville UMC with our mission and ministry.

The Outreach, Nurture, and Witness Teams have so much enthusiasm that it is just bursting forth! Make sure to read the newsletter carefully so you don't miss all the things we are doing here in the Name of Jesus to reach to others. There are opportunities to visit, serve, worship, and give in so many ways.

Of course the Nurture Team will make sure we have Christian Fellowship to laugh and share and care for one as we grow together in faith.

By the end of May all three Disciple classes will have finished the study. This has been a huge commitment of time and energy, but the growth in spirituality and knowledge of the Bible has been well worth it. We will finish on June 5<sup>th</sup> with a closing celebration and Holy Communion with all three classes gathered together. During this time they will examine their gifts for ministry. Together they will discern where they are called to serve as disciples.

Perhaps some will be called to teach another class of disciples?



# DISCIPLE

## Lay Leader

The sounds and sights of Easter are teaming through my mind as this newsletter goes to press. What a memorable Holy Week we experienced - from the joys of movie night with *Godspell* - to the solemn silence of the Good Friday Prayer Vigil - all culminating with the joyous celebration of the Resurrection with special Chancel Choir and Bell Choir music filling the sanctuary - and a sermon "In the Garden" as the Pastor stood among the garden of spring plants denoting memorials and celebrations. The Easter season provides us with a very powerful message to ponder.

As we move forward to the end of our program year, we look to employ those things we learned about ourselves through the Easter season. Outreach, Witness and Nurture will all be very busy through May and June and looking to us for support.

Also we have a Confirmation Class that will join us in full membership in June as they complete their studies with Pastor Anne. I hope they will be not just welcomed; but encouraged to join into full fellowship in all areas of our congregation. This is an important time in their lives - when they accept their roles and responsibilities in the Christian Community. Let's get behind them, in front of them and on either side of them - for guidance, support and affirming their relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ - our Risen Savior.

In Christian love,

Gail Powell, Lay Leader

### **Think ahead to the 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.

Women can sign up at the May meeting as well as Sundays at the end of May. If you have questions, see Nancy Lindsay before she changes in to someone else.

# TRUSTEES

Thanks to all who helped with the spring clean-up! The Trustees are working on several items, including replacing the furnace. The Trustees meet on May 4<sup>th</sup> so more information will be coming!

Don't forget to check us out online at [yalesvilleumc.org](http://yalesvilleumc.org).

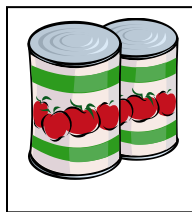
You will find more pictures of Big Daddy's Birthday and other events that have been happening here at YUMC.



# WITNESS NEWS

These past two months, the team has visited many who are homebound and those who are ill or in the hospital. This coming Monday, we will continue to work on our list of those who need visits. If you know of someone who needs a visit, elderly or otherwise, please contact Pastor Anne.

A project close to our hearts is a Life Review and Celebration for our members 90 and over. We want to celebrate their lives as Children of God and as members of our congregation. We already have eleven names, but if you know someone over 90, please contact the church secretary.



## Needed Food Pantry items are:

May -Peanut Butter and Jelly

June-toiletries and toilet paper

## United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet Monday, May 9, with the business meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Laura Clementsen will present a program on Octagonal houses. She is a thorough researcher, so you can expect a very good program.



## Rummage Sale

The rummage sale is upon us!! Please bring in your gently used items. We need help with set up, clean up and the night and day of the sale.

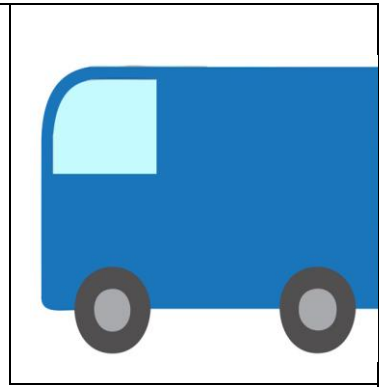
It is a great time and we welcome all to join in the fun! May 20<sup>th</sup> , 21<sup>st</sup>

## OUTREACH NEWS

### Third Annual Community Cereal Drive - May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>

We will be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Cereal Drive on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm - 7:00pm, and Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Our goal is to beat our first year's collection of 475 boxes. Spread the word... we need to fill up the "blue van." Boxes of cereal collected will be donated to Masters Manna. We are looking for volunteers to help with accepting donations, so please sign-up (You do not need to sign-up for the entire time. If you can help out for 1 hour that would be greatly appreciated.) Please see Ray Heald or Maria Joy if you have any questions.



Church World Service - Blanket Sunday - May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> In support of Church World Service "Blanket Sunday," you will be able to make a donation on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> following both services. Funds raised will be used to provide warm blankets (and much more) to those who have experienced earthquakes, tsunamis and other disasters. To learn more, please visit [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

# outreach reminders

**UMARMY:** This year the group will be going to attend a camp in the Greater Hartford Area during the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>. The youth are: The adults are: Sue Heald and Ray Classen.

The Wallingford Shelter is always in need of the following items: Juice - large bottles, not concentrate, Coffee, Cereal, and Sugar

Dates Coming UP Blanket Sunday -May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> May 6th & 7th 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cereal Drive  
Tool Sunday -June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>

## Field Trip to Heifer Learning Center at Overlook Farm

All in the congregation are invited for a field trip to Heifer's Learning Center at Overlook Farm, located in Rutland, MA. The programs offer the extraordinary opportunity for people to **experience some of the challenges of global hunger and poverty** - and come away with a re-energized determination to be part of the solution.

**Heifer Learning Center at Overlook Farm** is one opportunity to experience Heifer's educational efforts. Education opportunities include Overlook Farm tours, Global Village immersion experiences, Service-Learning programs and more! Experiential, hands-on, interactive and fun, Overlook is also a working example of the sustainable agriculture Heifer supports around the world.

The trip is planned for Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from the Church early morning. We should arrive at the farm around 10:30 am. Upon our arrival, we will have a guided tour of the farm and view a presentation. Please plan on packing a brown bag lunch. Also plan on wearing the proper foot ware for walking around (it may be muddy).

If you would like more detailed information about the Heifer initiatives you can go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). A sign-up sheet for the field trip will be located in the gathering area.

# Shopping Card Program

On the first year anniversary of this program, I wish to express my gratitude to all the families who have participated in this fundraiser. Thanks to their generosity, and the dedication of numerous church members we were able to give the church a substantial amount of money to help defray the expenses of the running of the church. The goal for this coming year is to reach 15,000. SO, continue to help and if you haven't started yet, **THIS IS THE TIME.....Celebrate Mother's Day** by using the Card Program for your purchases to honor all the MOMS and all the great women that you know!

Have a blessed day.

Helen Albert

**CT DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011  
2 P.M. --- 4 P.M.  
AT  
PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
99 SUMMER STREET  
BRISTOL, CT 06010**

**GUEST PREACHER  
THE REVEREND RICHARD HAWKE  
(Dr. William Petit's Father-in-Law)**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR OUR DISTRICT  
RECOGNITION OF OUR NEWEST CLASS OF LAYSPEAKERS  
RECOGNITION OF OUR CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS  
MUSICAL PRESENTATION BY  
UNION BROTHER SINGERS  
(FROM HAITI)  
CHORAL MUSIC BY PROSPECT UMC CHOIR**

**Upcoming Events:**

Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:15 Trustees, 7:30 Outreach and Witness Team

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> First Wednesday Lunch at Noon

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> Cereal Drive

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> Blanket Sunday (Church World Service)

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> United Methodist Women 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Nurture Team

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> District Conference----No Disciple Class

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Church Council 7:30

Friday, May 20 and Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> Rummage Sale



On April 9, 2011, Big Daddy Sugarbaker met his demise...or so it was thought by his family and close friends. In reality, Big Daddy, with the help of his loyal nurse, Bobbie Jo, actually fooled his family into thinking he was dead to see how they would react to his death and the distribution of his assets. When Big Daddy returned from "the dead", he was pleasantly surprised to see that his former wife, Savannah, had made things even easier for him by having poisoned the rest of his family members and a close friend, Dr. Chivago Kildaire. Of course, he then had to "do away with" Savannah so that she couldn't claim any of his estate. Big Daddy and Bobbie Jo were left to enjoy the Sugarbaker fortune together. Well....almost all of the fortune, that is. There was a monetary award of \$1000 to the Yalesville Methodist Church Choir for "aiding and abetting" Big Daddy in this diabolical scheme. Be careful, Big Daddy. Bobbie Jo is now the sole heir to your fortune and may not want to wait too long to spend it!

## **NURSERY NEWS**

**The Nursery has been bustling with new families and new little faces. We are excited for lots more fun and play in the months ahead!**

**We want to thank everyone who has helped out in the Nursery over the long winter. We will be doing another sign up board which will cover the weeks through the end of the school year. Robert and I will continue to cover the Nursery on Sunday mornings when there are no other volunteers.**

**With this said, Robert and I will be taking a break from running the nursery over the summer in order to be together in service on a regular basis with Atticus. We will make a volunteer summer sign up board and post it in front of Mrs. Chace's classroom for parents and volunteers to use. Robert and I look forward to overseeing nursery again in the 2011-2012 year.**

**Blessings, Rachel Boccio and Robert Deleon**

