



## Yalesville United Methodist Church

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### From the Pastor

As I continue looking at our beautiful stained glass windows I have been reflecting with the Gospel of John class on the symbol of the "Lamb of God". In this window, surrounded by palm branches is a small lamb, looking toward the Cross.

When Jesus is called the Lamb of God in John 1:29 and 1:36, it is as the perfect and ultimate sacrifice for sin, the perfect sacrifice.

In 1 Peter: we read "For you know that it was not with perishable things that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

In one of our hymns we sing: "Just as I am without one plea, but that thy Blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come". Just as I Am #357 UMC HYMNAL

Amazing isn't it? What thought went into these windows so that as we sit and pray when we first enter the sanctuary on a Sunday, these same windows may inspire us with their symbols of our faith as they have inspired so many through the centuries.

Pastor Anne



#### NEW CONSECRATION SUNDAY:

November 13<sup>th</sup> we will have one service as we celebrate together our stewardship campaign.

Following worship we will have a luncheon for the entire church. This lunch will be catered, with soup and sandwiches and salad.

You will be contacted to make a reservation so we know how many to plan on for lunch.

Last year this was a wonderful Sunday of celebration of our gifts and also a time of fellowship as we all gathered together to break bread and be together as one congregation on this special Sunday.

## OUTREACH

The Outreach Team has a very exciting schedule of events planned for November and December.

### Adopt-A-Family

We will be participating in "Adopt-A-Family" for Christmas. The Christmas tree will be up by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please take an ornament from the tree. There will be a gift item on the back. Return the wrapped item with the ornament attached. Please have your item under the tree by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, so the gifts can be delivered that week. (Don't forget....purchase a gift card to do your shopping...Walmart, Target, Kohl's, Best Buy are cards that are usually on hand.)

### December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> - Heifer Gift Cards

Do you have a family member or friend that is impossible to buy a gift for? They have everything? We have the perfect gift...a donation to Heifer in their name. You can then send them a card (an E-card or printed card).

An Outreach Team member will be manning a table following the services on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will be announcements / postings with details as we get closer to the events. If you have any questions or would like to help out with any of the events, please see Maria Joy.

## TRUSTEES

Because of our change to a more efficient and environmentally friendly heating system, we were eligible for two possible grants. The Wallingford Electric Division belongs to a consortium of similar providers and we received a check for \$3000 from that group. This is great news as we have expenses from repairs to the Stevens Room and bathrooms as well as painting and other restoration done after the ducts were installed. We also have evidence of a roof leak that has damaged the ceiling over the chancel. As yet we do not know the source of the leak nor the estimate of repair. The other possible grant would be through the parent company of Yankee Gas, Northeast Utilities.

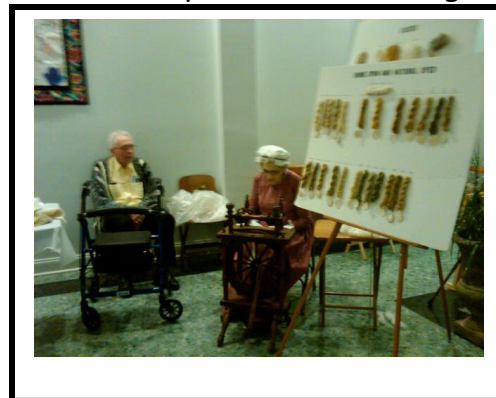
A protective awning over the New Place Street door to Fellowship Hall will be installed soon. Our carpets have been cleaned and the one in the Nursery repaired. Several dead or damaged trees will be removed from the Parsonage back yard by Lavigne Tree Service.

**Special thanks** to Ken Creed for all his volunteer work. When not drinking coffee and chatting with Al, he helps with moving tables and chairs, filled in vacuuming when All was ill, pushed a mower around the big lawn because the ride-on is still under repair and helps when he sees something needs attention. He is a great example for us. We could use some other volunteers to rake leaves, clean gutters, paint the green over the entrance, trim some branches, and SOON, assist in removing snow and ice. Don't hesitate to offer your services. And again, thanks Ken.

## United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on Monday, November 14. Nancy Lindsay will present an auction - be prepared to keep an eye on her when you bid - and even if you don't! Anyone who has attended her past auctions knows what a humorous and productive evening she provides.

Our October meeting was a spiritually moving time as our guests The Rev. Ben Benten and his wife Florence shared a devotional on Psalm 23 using a 200 year old spinning wheel.



### UMW HOLIDAY FAIR HELP NEEDED!

Crafts are needed so please share your talents.

Goods are needed for the **Bake Table**. **Some of our usual contributors forgot for the Rummage sale.**

**Cookies are needed for the Cookie Walk.** That is always a popular and fun feature.

Assistance is needed to "woman" the kitchen. Male help welcome, too!

And **food items** and **soups** needed to serve at our lunch. There will be a sign up list in the Gathering area early in November. However, if you know you will make a soup, please advise Nancy Lindsay a.s.a.p.

Thank you!!

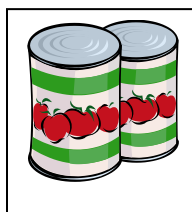
**P.S. The fair is NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>!!**



**November: cereal**

**December: tomato sauce and pasta**

**Food pantry items!**



### DIRECTORY

On November 6<sup>th</sup> Cole Jackson has agreed to take pictures once again. He has the pictures he took last year and can use those for the directory or you may have them retaken. Please sign-up in the Gathering Area. He has already started the process to finish the directory so it should be done fairly quickly once the retakes are done! If you didn't have your photo taken last year now is your chance!

**RUMMAGE SALE** The Rummage Sale was a great success due to all the hard work of so many people. Those who came day after day for several weeks, those who donated, those who helped on Friday and Saturday, those who shopped! A big **THANKS** to the huge crew who helped clean up! What a blessing! So far we have earned approximately \$4600.

On Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated those in our congregation who had reached the age of 90 or more! We had 11 faithful nonagenarians. We told stories of their faithful witness, sang their favorite songs of faith and gave thanks for their witness among us!



Those we celebrated: Lillian Abel, Wallis Battles, Mildred Becroft, Laurel Blood, Charles Bell, Charles Credit, Eileen Dickinson, Melvin Hatfield, Harvey Naeser, Verna Nedovich, Muriel Toczko.

There are more pictures on the kiosk in the Gathering Area!



## Sunday School

**A few highlights:** After worship on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> the Sunday School and youth will gather for a potluck lunch and a Halloween party. Pageant rehearsals begin on November 13<sup>th</sup>! On November 20<sup>th</sup> a special day as Cheryl Bedore from Master's Manna speaks about "Those in need in my Neighborhood". And following worship we head to Master's Manna for a potluck luncheon and to help with Thanksgiving preparations! **Many exciting things are happening in Sunday School, make sure to check the calendar posted in the Sunday School office.**

# Quilts for Children

at YUMC meets every Tuesday at 9:30. Please join us! Fellowship as well as doing something meaningful for children. Quilts will be donated once they are finished to children in crises. Here are a few pictures of the quilters at work:



## Shopping Cards

The Shopping Card program is really picking up speed! Don't forget to pick up your cards! We have many on hand and you can special order any we don't have.

Don't forget presents as holidays and birthdays come around! Also, the regular grocery and day to day cards for Walmart, Target, CVS, etc. really make a difference.

If you dine out, pick up a card for The 99, Wendy's, Burger King, Dunkin' Donuts and many others!!

The Pet Blessing on October 1<sup>st</sup> was a wonderful time for 2 cats and 13 dogs and their owners! We also donated blankets, food, treats, collars and \$92.00 to the Wallingford Animal Shelter! The sun came out just long enough so that the animals could be blessed outside. It was a blessing all around!!



## November Notes From your Lay Leader

The verse on my computer calendar for October has been, "*The Earth is full of the goodness of the Lord*" Psalm 33:5. As I face this reality throughout the day, I have the opportunity to acknowledge the blessings bestowed upon me and my family and to acknowledge that "giving back" to my church and community has always been an important factor in my life. It is here, with this verse, that my thoughts center this month on two messages for the November Newsletter which happen to revolve around a central theme - giving.

As we anticipate Consecration Sunday and our special luncheon as a church family, we have certainly been made aware of the financial needs of our Church. We have been encouraged to take time through contemplation and prayer assessing what our individual financial contribution to the Yalesville UMC budget will be. During economically difficult times, these conversations with God are challenging. We pray for God's guidance as we make this decision for the upcoming budget / program year.

At times the commitment we make is all we can do on a fixed income or within the constraints of our family budget because of financial pressures at home or on the job. This is how I discovered that our gift card program provides a welcome second avenue to donate to the life of our church. Purchasing groceries, going out to eat, and local shopping for family and home happens anyway; but by purchasing gift cards for these activities, I realized that not only have I done those things that are necessary and that we enjoy as a family; but we have made a donation to the financial need of the church at the same time. This fall a gift card for each of our grandchildren afforded them the ability to participate in doing their own "back-to-school" shopping. We have also used the gift card program to celebrate the birthdays and special occasions of family and friends. As more members use this program the "load" we bear as a Church family is made lighter.

AND then there is the gift of our time - we need YOU, all of YOU, in all areas of the church life. Our hope is to see everyone actively involved in the life of our church. We realize there are times people want / need to step back and "take five", but we look for the assurance that when you have a desire to be involved - you will be. I encourage you to talk with any member of the Lay Leadership committee about your ideas and your interests. They will be pleased to inform you more specifically about the functions of individual ministry teams, administrative committees and other areas that will welcome your participation. See me or Pastor Anne for a list of the members who currently serve on the "Lay Leadership" committee.

We are also eager to hear if you would like to serve during Sunday Worship as a greeter, an usher, an acolyte, or a lay reader. Your service in these areas not only enhances the worship experience for others; it feeds you as you grow in your faith journey.

We welcome your questions, either as they relate to the finances of the church or how you can be involved in the myriad of opportunities to serve and grow in your relationship with Christ as a member of the "family" of the Yalesville United Methodist Church.

May we all be about His work with abounding joy!

Your friend in Christ, Gail Powell, Lay Leader

## Upcoming Events:

October 30, Sunday after worship potluck lunch and Halloween Party 4 p.m. Love Dare Bible Study

October 31, Monday @ 10 Bible Study@ Masonic

November 1, Tuesday SPRC @ 7:30

November 2, Wednesday First Wednesday Lunch @ noon

November 5, Saturday Youth Group 7 p.m.

November 6 All Saints Sunday (Please let Pastor Anne know if you have a loved one who has passed away in the past year and you would like their names read in the service.) Write the names for spelling in bulletin....thanks!

November 12, Saturday, Advent Bible Study begins @ 11 a.m.

November 13, Consecration Sunday One Service and Luncheon for All!!

November 14, United Methodist Women 7 p.m.

November 14, Monday, Advent Study begins at Masonic @ 10 a.m.

November 16, Wednesday, Advent Study @ 7:30

November 19, Saturday, UMW Holiday Fair (no Advent Study this Saturday)

November 20, Sunday, Canned Goods parade in worship for Food Bank

December 5 Trustees 7:15

## Advent Study

Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. As he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Hamilton once again approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. We will offer the Advent Study:

Mondays at Masonic beginning November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. with Pastor Anne

Wednesdays beginning November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p. m. with Pastor Anne

Saturdays beginning November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11 a.m. with Gail Powell

Please sign up in the Gathering Area for the time you will be attending.

Cost of the book is \$12.50



