



Yalesville United Methodist Church

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## From the Pastor

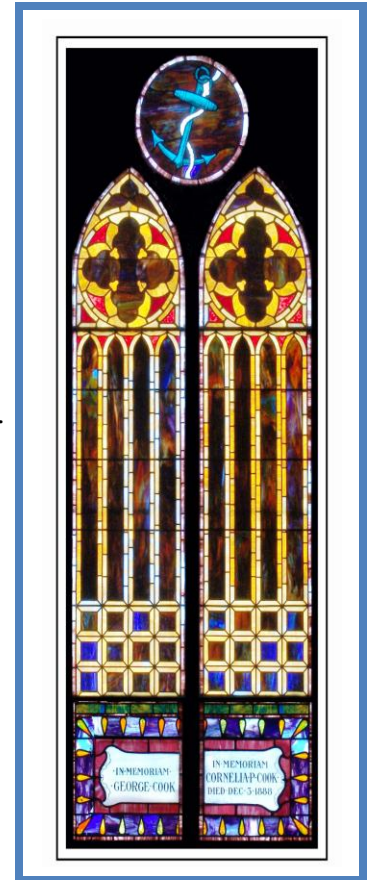
I have been enjoying the beautiful windows we have in our sanctuary as I spend time in the sanctuary. The colors change with the time of day, each hour has its own beauty.

I mentioned during a sermon this summer some of the symbols in the windows that symbolize Christ. This particular window that is pictured here is one of my favorites. The anchor is a symbol that may not be as familiar as some Christian symbols.

The anchor is an image in the Bible in the book of Hebrews 6:19: "We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul..." This is Jesus Christ, the anchor for our souls!

What a wonderful image to have in our sanctuary. Our stained glass windows are picture sermons that we can enjoy and reflect on as we settle our souls each Sunday morning.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Anne



### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our Stewardship program will once again be "New Consecration Sunday". Last year we had a tremendous response with a great fellowship meal and a guest preacher as the culmination of the program.

We will once again have a special day on November 13<sup>th</sup> with one service at 10 a.m. with a guest preaching and then everyone is invited to attend a celebration meal with fellowship and wonderful food! Stay tuned for more details but save the date!

## FALL STUDIES!!

**Coming in September:** The Love Dare 8-Week Bible Study for Couples, led by Cole Jackson. (feel free to come without your significant other, it will still be meaningful)

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." This study will begin September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Please contact Cole Jackson with any questions.

**New Members/ Methodism 101:** If you are interested in joining the Yalesville UMC please see Pastor Anne and sign-up in the Gathering Area. Classes for New Members will be on Wednesday Evenings beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30. If you would like to know more about Methodism you are invited to join us even if you are already a member!!

**CHRISTIANITY'S FAMILY TREE: Monday mornings at 10 a.m. at Masonic in the Wright Building Beginning September 12**

In this book, Adam Hamilton presents a welcoming, inspiring vision of eight Christian denominations and faith traditions. Comparing the Christian family to our own extended families, he contends that each denomination has a unique, valuable perspective to offer on the Christian faith. The traditions he examines are Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism, Baptists, Pentecostalism, and Methodism. For each group, Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from that tradition to strengthen our own Christian faith.

**Adam Hamilton** is pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country.

**Sign-up in the Gathering Area**

## WITNESS TEAM

In September, a group of women in the congregation will start making quilts for children in need. If you can sew and would like to contribute please contact Helen Albert. The more the merrier! The visitation team needs more members for visiting of the sick and homebound. If you have one or two hours a week to help, it would greatly be appreciated. The goal is to reach all of them and Pastor Anne cannot do it all. We are counting on you!

## First Wednesday Lunch!!

The Wednesday luncheons will begin in October rather than September because of repairs to the Social Hall as well as problems with the lift. Save October 5th as the Wednesday we resume. It will be good to see everyone again!

Blessing of the Animals!

October 1<sup>st</sup>

10a.m.

Save the date!

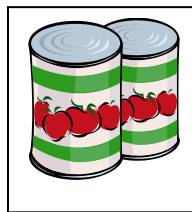


## NURTURE NEWS

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 are available in the Gathering Area. The committee will need to know how many people are planning to attend and what "side dish" you would like to contribute to share.

Needed Food Pantry items are:  
September: P.B. and J.

October: Toiletries and Toilet Paper



## ACOLYTE TRAINING

All children in third grade and above are eligible to be acolytes.

There will be training on September 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following the

10 a.m. worship service. Please contact Pastor Anne if your child would like to be an acolyte.

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Sign-up in the Gathering Area

**Worship returns to 8:30  
and 10 a.m. Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Good Advice

Recently a newsletter from Women of Faith arrived in my inbox. The Newsletter contained an article by Sandi Patty, one of the main presenters at Women of Faith events. It was an article we can all relate to and with. "Grace" was how Sandi Patty titled her short story. Her words were comforting, humorous, uplifting and sensible. Let me share the story with you – for certainly, a moment, a day, or an event will occur and, hopefully, you will recall the story shared by Sandi Patty.

It was an ordinary day, but Sandi was feeling a little off. Nonetheless, she left her home in Oklahoma City and travelled to the airport in Atlanta to be rerouted to the destination of the Women in Faith event. She recalled the words of a friend who loved to say to his fellow travelers, "When you die and go to heaven, you'll have to go to Atlanta first!"

She hoped a cup of Seattle's Best coffee would wake her up and help her feel less "off". As she waited for her coffee she reached for one of the coffee cup sleeves and proceeded to knock about 100+ of them on the floor. As she started to gather them up, a server handed the ordered mocha coffee to her – as she reached for the cup it slipped through her hands and exploded all over the floor. Now, feeling even more miserable than before, she reached for some napkins to begin soaking up the coffee. Shortly, one of the coffee shop employees arrived on the scene to clean up BOTH of her messes.

Sandi said she just slithered away heading for her gate to just sit and wait and not touch another thing. As she walked away, she heard a voice behind her "Ma'am, Ma'am" She hoped he wasn't talking to her – as she thought she was about to be scolded for her for being careless. Finally she slowed down and turned to find the fellow out of breath from running after her. "Ma'am? Why don't you come on back ... come on back and have one on us." After following the employee back to the shop, he made her a mocha "on them" and quietly said, "Ma'am, believe me, this happens all the time. It really is not a problem. Just enjoy your coffee and have a nice day."

She thought about that phrase all day as she travelled to her destination. "Come on back and have one on us." She said that is really how grace should feel. When we mess up, make mistakes, or have an off day, God isn't standing by ready to shake a rebuking finger at us. Rather, he chases after us and seemingly says, "Believe me, these things happen all the time. Come on back and have one on me." Sandi Patty said, "I love that about our God" --- and so can we.

Paraphrasing Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who are weary (or having a bad day) and rest ... on me! I hope when you feel like you're having one of those days where nothing seems to go right – you will reach up and accept the cup of grace that God is always showering upon us. It will surely brighten your day and turn things around – as only our Heavenly Father can. Thank you Sandi for sharing your grace-filled reminder with us.

In His service,

Gail Powell

Lav Leader



**September 12 @ 6p.m. We begin with a potluck supper and then Lilly Klepp from Harvesters Reaching the Nations an orphanage in Southern Sudan, will speak on this amazing ministry!**

**Both Men and women are encouraged to attend.**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is still busy creating beautiful Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets even though we took a hiatus from our monthly gatherings in the Church this summer. We will meet again on Friday September 23rd from 10:00 to 11:15. Since our inception in 2009, we have offered the comfort a Prayer Shawl or Lap Blanket can bring to 5 people in 2009, 14 in 2010 and 15 thus far in 2011. The Witness Ministry has joined us in our endeavors.

## Sunday School

Sunday School begins with group lessons on **September 4th and 11th** and regular classes begin on **September 18th which is Rally Sunday!**

This year the children and youth will be exploring some of the stories in the Old Testament. Jonah, Moses, Daniel and Noah will all be introduced during the year.

Of course there will be the Christmas Pageant and something special is planned when we study Noah!

## Fall Nursery News

We have missed seeing all of our little friends! We hope that the nursery families have enjoyed a delightful, relaxing summer. We thank all of the volunteers who have kept the nursery open during summer worship.

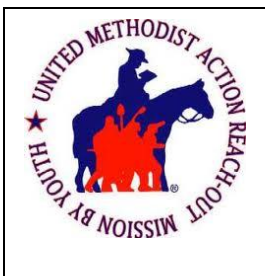
We will return to nursery as caregivers on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. On that day we will redo the sign-up board for fall. We encourage lots of individuals and families to get involved with nursery this year. Come and meet our youngest church members! It is a wonderful way to spend Sunday morning. The children enjoy interacting with new friends, young and old!

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.....

Blessings, Rachel Boccio and Robert Deleon

The logo for UMARMY, featuring the letters 'UMARMY' in a colorful, stylized font.

UMARMY registration for next July is due in November! If you are planning on attending please see Sue Heald. The dates for the CT location are July 22-28.



On **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** the UMARMY Team will host a pancake breakfast and lead worship! The breakfast is a fundraiser for next years camp!!

**The Mission of UMARMY: To provide Christ centered quality work camps that serve people in need and promote spiritual growth and leadership in youth.**

## MUSIC NEWS

Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 8th at 7pm in the Choir Room. We are hopeful that several men, women and high school students will feel led to join our ministry this year! We are always learning new and exciting music to add to the worshipful experience of our 10am service. Perhaps you might consider joining the choir with a family member. We love having family connections within our group! As you will see when you come and try out our rehearsal on **September 8th**, the fellowship and fun that we share together makes for a lively rehearsal filled with laughter and of course, beautiful music that brings us not only closer to each other, but to God as well. Please come and join us! As an anthem we've sung before says, "We need more folks in the Choir!" We are also interested in adding some instrumental accompaniment to enhance some of our music for this year. If you or a child, grandchild, nephew, cousin or neighbor you know plays a musical instrument, please speak with Kendra Henderson.

## TRUSTEES

Those of you in attendance at Church the past few Sundays know that the air conditioned Sanctuary is quite comfortable. The new heating will be put to the test later. As we anticipated, there is work to be done in the old Social Hall such as painting the ducts, putting in new ceiling tile, refitting doors, etc. The ducts themselves are more intrusive than we anticipated.

We are looking at other projects, too, including repairs where there has been water damage from the old heating system in one bathroom and Stevens Room off the Gathering Area. We are hoping to revamp the long closet downstairs for storage, replace our water heater and possibly put an awning over the New Place door to alleviate water and ice hazards. Looking further ahead, the west parking lot needs replacement top and while the old oil burner no longer presents challenges (RIP), roofing problems seem to develop often. The Trustees are in receipt of a bequest from Flora Peasco. We are grateful when members such as Flora, Bill Brown, the Reeds, Jean Huls, the Prisk family and others have remembered the Church in their will. It has enabled us to proceed with projects that otherwise could not be done.

## Upcoming Events:

August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4p.m. Sunday School Meeting

September 4<sup>th</sup> Return to regular schedule for worship 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sunday Begins

Tuesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Nurture Team 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Acolyte Training after 10 a.m. worship

Monday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Bible Study Masonic @ 10 a.m. (EACH MONDAY)

Monday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> UMW 6 p.m.

Wednesday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> New Members and Methodism 101 7:30 (Four Wednesdays)

Sunday Sept. 18 Rally Sunday All Church Picnic after worship

Monday Sept. 19 Council 7:30

Friday Sept. 23 Prayer Shawl 10 a.m. -11:15a.m.

Sunday Sept 25 The Love Dare Bible Study for Couples 4 p.m. (Eight Sundays)

Saturday Oct 1 Blessing of the Animals 10 a.m.

Wednesday Oct 5 First Wednesday Lunch noon

October 21 and 22 RUMMAGE SALE

## Shopping cards!

Cards on-hand now include some exciting new ones! Sally Beauty Supply, Lord and Taylor, Advanced Auto Parts, Christmas Tree Shop, Rite-Aid, IHOP, Hallmark, Wendy's, Walgreens, Pier I Imports, Sephora, and Payless Shoes...

Of course we have many of your favorites: Stop & Shop, Shop Rite, Dunkin Donuts, iTunes, Cold Stone Creamery, Panera Bread, 99 Restaurant, Chipotle, Best Buy, Amazon.com, Cabela's and many more!

Check out the list and help support this easy fund-raiser!



