



## Yalesville United Methodist Church

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### From the Pastor

Last month I mentioned how much I enjoy the beautiful windows we have in our sanctuary. During a sermon this summer I spoke of some of the pictures in the windows that are symbols of Christ. Last month I wrote about the window with the anchor as a symbol of our souls being anchored in Christ. The window that is pictured here also has symbols of Christ. The red letters are the Alpha and the Omega. These letters are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In the book of Revelation 22:13 Christ himself says: "I am the Alpha and the Omega the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Christ has been from the beginning and will always be there for us.

As we will sing this week in worship "Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me King of my heart" Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part." \* Christ *is* our beginning and our end.

Our stained glass windows can help us as we settle our souls each Sunday morning before worship as we prayerfully enter the sanctuary.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Anne

*Christ Beside Me, The Faith We Sing #2166*



### 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!

## WITNESS TEAM

If you have family members who need visiting, please call and let us know. The Witness Team is limited in number but we will visit members who are unable to come to church or are lonely because there isn't family around. If you find yourself capable to help for one hour a week, it would be appreciated.

"Quilts for Kids at YUMC" . We have met twice already and have several quilts in the making thanks to Jean Addy and Barbara Crew. We are blessed and very thankful to have them as our teachers. We will need more fabric, any size, any color. Every little bit will be greatly appreciated.....clean your closets ...let us be the recipients of your bounty.

**The last Sunday in October**, we will have a special service for our nonagenarians. So far, we have 11 members over 90. We do not want to miss any one. If you know someone over 90 or who will be 90 before the end of the year please e-mail me at [helber@cox.net](mailto:helber@cox.net) or call 203-237-2807 as soon as possible..The names we have are: Verna Nedovich ,Laurel Blood, Charles Bell, Lillian Abel, Wally Battles, Charles Credit, Millie Becroft, Muriel Toczko, Melvin Hatfield, Harvey Naeser, Eileen Dickinson. We will get in contact with each one during the coming week. We would appreciate your creative ideas as to how we can celebrate their lives.

Thank you

Helen Albert (chair)

## youth group

Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a Youth Group planning session for all youth in grade 5 and above and parents to attend. We also ask parents to consider hosting a Youth event-WE must have parent participation to make this Youth Group work!!

Please bring your calendars to sign-up for upcoming events!

## First Wednesday Lunch!!

The First Wednesday luncheons will begin October 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be good to see everyone again!

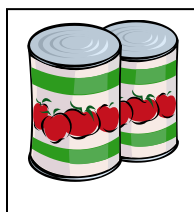


### Highlights from the Church Council meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>:

- Outreach, Nurture and Witness ministries as well as Sunday School reported on current activities and future programs. See their articles in this newsletter for details.
- Staff Parish Relations will begin staff performance evaluations and will be meeting to discuss proposals for next year's salaries in light of the budget issues.
- Nancy Lindsay reported for the Trustees on current projects that are being completed around the building.
- Current Expense report was reviewed in detail. There is a current shortfall in the budget which needs to be addressed. The council voted to send everyone who pledges a quarterly statement as a reminder to keep current with their giving.
- Plans for the Rummage Sale were discussed - the sale is October 21 and 22.

**Needed Food Pantry items are:**

**October: Toiletries and Toilet Paper**



**Flu Shot Clinic:** Get your Flu Shot on October 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 11:30am. A Nurse from the VNA will be giving the flu vaccination. The following insurances will be accepted: Medicare Part B, ConnectiCare, Anthem Blue Cross and Aetna. You must show your insurance card. If you don't have insurance coverage, the cost for the vaccination will be: Flu Vaccine \$35.00, FluMist \$40.00, Pneumonia Vaccine \$57.00 Cash or Checks are accepted (no charge cards)

### BLESSING OF THE ANIAMLS

**OCTOBER 1, @ 10 a.m.**

Seniors, families, singles, and children, are encouraged to bring their dogs, cats, birds, lizards, rabbits, pot-bellied pigs, fish, tortoises and turtles and other well-behaved pets.

We invite you to bring a donation for the Wallingford Animal Shelter: they always need cat and dog food, old leashes and collars and prayers for good homes!

## GIFT CARD PROGRAM

We have many gift cards on hand. Below is a list:

|                        |                |                     |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 99 Restaurant          | Dunkin Donut   | P.F.Chang           |
| Advance Auto Parts     | Game Stop      | Pier 1 Import       |
| Amazon .com            | Hallmark       | Pizza Hut           |
| Applebees              | Home Depot     | Rain Forest         |
| Aeropostle             | IHOP           | RiteAid             |
| Best Buy               | Itunes         | Ruby Tuesday        |
| Bed, Bath and Beyond   | JCPenney       | Sally Beauty Supply |
| Burger King            | JoAnn's Fabric | Sears               |
| Barnes and Noble       | KFC            | Sephora             |
| Bath and Body          | Kohl's         | Staples             |
| Burlinton Coat Factory | Lowe's         | Stop and Shop       |
| Bertucci               | L.L.Bean       | Subway              |
| Chili's                | Lord & Taylor  | Starbuck            |
| Cabella's              | Macy's         | Target              |
| Clare's                | Michael's      | Toy's R' Us         |
| Chipotle               | Marshall's     | Texas Road House    |
| Cracker Barrel         | Orvis          | Walmart             |
| Cold Stone Creamery    | Old Navy/Gap   | Whole Foods         |
| Christmas Tree Shop    | OutBack        | Walgreens           |
| Children's Place       | Payless Shoes  | Wendy's             |
| CVS                    | Panera Bread   |                     |
| Dress Barn             | Petsmart       |                     |

### THINK AHEAD

The success of this "No Cost to You Fundraiser" depends on the members of our church planning ahead....buy your cards now, when you know that in the near future you will go to the home improvement store, go eat out, buy new clothes, shoes, food etc...Halloween is coming! We have cards for everywhere you can purchase costumes, candy, etc....dept. store, pharmacy...Eating out? We have numerous cards for popular restaurants and fast food....Kids in college? They LOVE gift cards.....

We greatly appreciate the members who are contributing to this fundraiser. Think ahead and plan your spending. This is the easiest fundraiser we do! Our goal would be to have all our members participating regularly.

Thank you,  
Shopping Card Committee



October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. the United Methodist Women will gather for their meeting and then have a program based on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Retired pastor Rev. Benson Benton and his wife Florence will present the program. Florence will use a 200 year old spinning wheel as she tells the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Ginny Towle will lead us in devotions. Ruth Grandy and Margaret Brown will be hostesses.

BIBLE STUDY beginning October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Study the Gospel of John. October 5<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup>! Come and study this fascinating and spiritually rich Gospel. Bring your Bibles and your willingness to learn. No previous experience necessary! See Pastor Anne if you are interested.

## Sunday School

Teachers

Preschool & Kindergarten Mrs. Carrie Chace

Grade School 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grades Ms. Crissy Lausier & Ms. Kim Flis

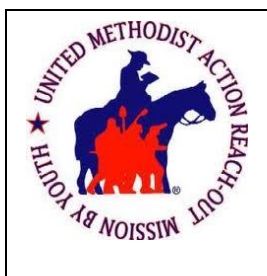
Middle School 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Mrs. Michele Bloom & Ms. Janet Haller

High school 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades Mr. Toby Cofiell

## Fall Nursery News

Lots of fun and wonderful little ones! Please sign-up to help one Sunday!

Blessings, Rachel Boccio and Robert Deleon

The logo for UMARMY, featuring the word "UMARMY" in a stylized, multi-colored 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.**

# RUMMAGE SALE

The Sale will be held on Friday, October 21 from 4 to 7 and continues on Saturday from 9 -2. If you haven't been cleaning and saving items for the sale, start now.

The sale is soon!!

**We need** all the usual items... good clothes, dishes, old stuff, books (not textbooks), audiobooks, CD's, linens, unbroken toys, tools, baked goods, furniture and other good items to sell. **We need** people to help in the mornings of the 2 1/2 weeks before the sale which is NOW! **We need** volunteers to work the sale days and, **do we ever need** people to help clean up on Saturday afternoon.

If you have any questions about contributing items or time, please see Muriel Creed, Nancy Eddy or Mary Anne Heidgerd. Remind your friends and family of the date so they will come and buy!

## OUTREACH

UMCOR is supplying Emergency Cleaning Bucket Kits containing supplies to help people with the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood, hurricane, tornado or other disaster here in the United States. Each of the kits contain the following items:

### **5-gallon bucket with resealable lid**

Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned.  
Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner.

### **liquid laundry detergent**

(two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only)

### **liquid household cleaner**

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water  
no spray cleaners

### **dish soap**

16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

### **1 can air freshner**

aerosol or pump

### **1 insect repellent spray**

6 - 14 oz. aerosol spray pump with protective cover

### **1 scrub brush**

plastic or wooden handle

### **18 cleaning wipes**

handi wipes or reusable wipes  
no terry cleaning towels  
remove from packaging

### **5 scouring pads**

remove from wrapper

### **50 clothespins**

remove from packaging

### **clothesline**

two 50ft. or one 100ft.  
cotton or plastic

### **24 roll heavy duty trash bags**

remove from the box

### **5 dust masks (WE DO NOT NEED THIS ITEM DONATED.)**

### **2 pair disposable kitchen gloves**

rubber or latex  
remove from packaging

### **1 pair work gloves**

cotton or leather

### **7 sponges**

remove from wrapper

We will accept donated items as well as monetary donations. (The items in one cleaning bucket kit is valued at \$55.) Monetary donations can be collected with the normal offering, but should be marked "For Cleaning Kit." Please see Maria Joy if you have any questions.

## Upcoming Events:

Monday Sept 26 Bible Study Masonic @ 10 a.m.

Tuesday Sept 27 SPRC @ 7:30

Wednesday Sept 28 New Member/Methodism 101 @ 7:30

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

Sunday Oct 2 World Communion Sunday                      Love Dare Bible Study @ 4 p.m.

Monday Oct 3 Trustees 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday Oct 5 First Wednesday Lunch                      Bible Study @ 7:30 p.m.(Gospel of John)

Sunday Oct 9 Flu Clinic 9:30 until 11:30                      Love Dare Bible Study 4p.m.

Monday Oct 10 Bible Study @ Masonic 10 a.m.                      UMW meeting @ 7p.m.

Sunday Oct 16 Cook and Care Walk-a-thon registration @ 1                      Love Dare Bible Study 4p.m.

Monday Oct 17 Bible Study @ Masonic

October 21 and 22 RUMMAGE SALE

Sunday October 23 UMARMY group leads worship and hosts fundraiser pancake breakfast

Sunday October 23 Love Dare Bible Study @ 4 p.m.

Sunday October 30 Celebration of those 90 and over at 10 a.m. worship service

Sunday October 30 Halloween Party for children and youth after worship

Sunday October 30 Love Dare Bible Study 4 p.m.

## TRUSTEES

Work is progressing in the Old Social Hall.

Painting will be done after the Rummage Sale Oct. 21 and 22.

Repair work to the walls damaged by the old steam heat in the Stevens Room and bathroom is being done. That too will be painted late October.

We hope to have funds for an awning over the New Place door. That area needs protection from the rain and winter snow and ice.

The back yard of the Parsonage needs branches trimmed and brush removed. If you know of someone who does this type of work, please let a Trustee know. The maple near the New Place sign is not too healthy and should be removed. It is a wonder it survived Irene. We are looking for estimates to cut that down as well.

Our next meeting is October 3. You are welcome to attend or, if you have concerns for us to address, please let one of the Trustees know.,

Nancy Lindsay for Trustees Arnie Willhite, Barbara Crew, Bob Heidgerd, Gary Powell, Jim Chace, Ray Heald, Sharon Tarca and Toby Cofiell

