

September 2022 Newsletter



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The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof! Psalm 24:1

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings friends!

The summer has flown by, and for me it has been filled with a lot of unpacking, settling in, and getting to know my way around the area. I've also started to get to know some of you, a process that we will continue as the months unfold. Those of you who have been with us in worship have learned a bit about me there as well.

Rather than give you my life story all at once, I'll share bits and pieces through our newsletters as well as during our times together in worship and other gatherings. Right now, I will share some basics. I was born in New Milford, in the western part of the state, where my Dad served as Pastor of the Methodist Church. My younger brother and sister were also born there. My parents currently live in Milford, about half an hour from Wallingford, and that is a great blessing. My brother and family are in Brewster, NY, and my sister and family are in Londonderry, New Hampshire. They both have 2 young adults who are in various places, in college or working. Living in the parsonage with me are Ana, my "Nicaraguan daughter" and her husband Frank. There are many stories to share regarding them all, but I will simply say, once again, that I am very blessed.

I am looking forward to hearing your stories as well, your stories about you and your families, and about the Yalesville United Methodist Church. I know we will be creating new stories together as a family of faith, and I'm excited about that too!

It's a time of change and challenge, and we will probably need to make adjustments along the way as we learn about one another and how we will work together to grow in faith, hope, and love and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. I ask for your patience, help, and forgiveness for the times I make mistakes. If you have suggestions, please share them. If you would like to chat, call the office and set up an appointment. I will also begin having regular office hours during which people can stop by. We have been called together by God "for such a time as this" (a verse from Esther 4:14), and I know that God is with us and will bless our journey.

See you soon, I pray!

Grace and Peace,

~Pastor Martha

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECRETARY!



YUMC is delighted to welcome Laurie Nitchke as our new secretary! She is no stranger to us, having been involved in many things at our church, and she brings her commitment, enthusiasm, and dedication to her work in our office. We are grateful to Michele Bloom, who served for many years as the YUMC secretary, including after she started working elsewhere full time. Thanks for hanging in there, Michele, and helping with this transition! Laurie's office hours are posted on the door, and if she's not in, she will return your call if you leave a message. We thank Laurie for jumping in so quickly and working on this newsletter!

RALLY DAY is coming September 11th!

We hope to see you all back from vacations as we officially begin our “new year.” School has already started. We hope your children have a great year! **COFFEE HOUR** will be hosted by the Nurture Committee. This will be our first official coffee hour of the 2022-2023 church year. Please join us immediately following the church service. Any donations of baked goods or other snacks will also be gratefully accepted. We look forward to seeing you there!



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Our Choir has started rehearsing. We are located in our lovely choir room upstairs at 9:15am. We could use more singers. I look around the church and I know you want to be with us. Rev. Trudy does a remarkable job with all of us. We need you. Yes- you, and you!

Donations Needed

Master’s Manna is in need of donations of soup, which we will collect during September. If you can donate it will be greatly appreciated. This church has always been a great resource for Master’s Manna. We are blessed to be a blessing!



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Pastor Martha is inviting all youth in 7th- 8th- 9th grades to be part of Confirmation Class, which will begin this Fall, probably in October. We will be joining together with several other United Methodist Churches, which will make it more fun and interesting. We hope to have some “field trips” along with classes, and look forward to some good times together. Please let her know if you have a young person who wants to be part of this adventure in faith! Her email is revvink@gmail.com.



Farewell, Pastor Anne!

After serving Yalesville UMC faithfully for 12 years, we bid a fond farewell to Pastor Anne Brackett, who has moved to a warmer climate. She didn’t let the grass grow under her feet in her retirement, however- she’s already working at a local church! Our prayers are with her in her new life adventures.

Thank you Jim Jackson and Ray Heald

A big thank you to all the volunteers who help to prepare the parsonage for our new pastor, Martha Vink and her family. A special thanks to Jim Jackson and Ray Heald who worked tirelessly, almost every day, for three weeks to clean, make repairs, paint the basement floor, and beautify the parsonage grounds. They also supervised the inside painting, sanding and refinishing of the hardwood floors, as well as the installation of a new oil tank, the garage door and kitchen appliances. WOW!!! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed!

As many of you already know, at the present time our church has not hired custodial help. For much of our cleaning and maintenance, volunteer help is being used to do these chores. If you are willing to perform any of these tasks, please call the office (203-269-9521) and leave a message. Both day and evening times are available.

If you are unable to volunteer to work but would like to contribute in some way, we could use supplies such as paper towels, liquid hand soap, toilet paper, liquid dish detergent, cleaning wipes, Swifter Cleaning pads, Swifter Liquid Soap containers. Donations of cleaning supplies can be left in upstairs kitchenette. Thank you for helping us out at this time!

Quilters Invited

Quilting Group will be starting on Wednesday, September 7th at 9:30 am. This group is led by our own Vickie T. I hear this is a fun time had by all. Vickie is also looking for JoAnn Fabric gift cards for her group. Anything is greatly appreciated.

Church Fair and Holiday Tag Sale

Plans are underway for our Church Fair, November 5th. Once again, we will be hosting a Holiday Tag Sale. Our Sale of Fall and Christmas goods was a huge success last year, with very few items left to put away for this year's sale. Although we have already received many donated items, we could always use more. Since the Fair is in early November this year we will be accepting Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and winter holiday items for sale. Donated items may be left downstairs along the wall where you see the other items. If you have items to donate and can not get them to church, please call the church office at 203-269-9521, and we will make arrangements for pickup. We are only asking for HOLIDAY ITEMS. Thank you in advance for helping to support this fundraiser. Remember Mrs. Claus will be here!!

Deadline for the next newsletter is September 26. Please send your submissions to Laurie at the church office, secretaryumc@snet.net.

