

June Link



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him". So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt. Matthew 2:13-14

We do not hear much about Joseph in the scriptures. We meet him when he courageously and graciously takes Mary to be his wife, even though she is with child. He could have easily abandoned her, but he stayed by her side.

We witness him traveling with Mary to Bethlehem and attending the birth of Jesus. There are few details of the trek, but we can imagine the difficulty of the trip and the birth without the aid of family.

And then when there is danger again for the mother and child from Herod, Joseph quickly packs up his family and flees to safety putting their needs first.

Joseph quietly and without fanfare led, provided for, and protected his family. That is what good, kind, and strong fathers do. That is what the men of our church so often do.

This month we celebrate the fathers in our church and all the men of our church.

So often, a problem is solved, a repair is attended to, an issue is completed quietly and without fanfare by the men of our church. And I am endlessly grateful to them all. Take a moment this month to thank the men of our church for all that they do, every day.

Blessings,

Pastor Barbara

Gospels for June

June 5: John 14:8-17
June 12: John 16:12-15
June 19: Luke 8:26-39
June 26: Luke 9:51-62

June Schedule

****We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Barbara at barb_drew@hotmail.com**

June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u> Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Steve & Barb Bailey Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green
June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> Karen Dietz Suzanne Gerber Janet LaGrange Jonah Hurley	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
June 5 June 12 June 19 June 26	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	

****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

June

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1	2 6:45PM AA	3	4 9:00AM – 4:00PM Spring Clean-up and Church power washing
5 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	7 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	8	9 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	10	11
12 10:00AM Worship Service	13	14 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	15	16 6:45PM AA	17	18
19 10:00AM Worship Service Tool Box Sunday 	20 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	21 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA 	22	23 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	24	25
26 10:00AM Worship Service	27	28 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	29	30 6:45PM AA		


Happy Father's Day!


Church Humor:



When Peter was 16, he finally got hold of his driver's license. In order to celebrate the special day, the whole family went out to the driveway and climbed into the car to enjoy his first official drive. However, dad went to the back seat, where he sat right behind his boy. When Bob saw his dad he said "Dad, you must be fed up of the front seat after teaching me how to drive all these days Right?" "Nope!", came the quick reply from the dad. "I'm going to sit back here and kick the back of your seat while you drive, just like you've been doing to me for the last sixteen years!"

After tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.

Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"

The story is told about the father of a vacationing family who came across a large sign that read, "Road Closed. Do Not Enter." The man proceeded around the sign because he was confident it would save them time. His wife was resistant to the adventure, but there was no turning back for this persistent road warrior. After a few miles of successful navigation, he began to boast about his gift of discernment. His proud smile was quickly replaced with humble sweat when the road led to a washed-out bridge. He turned the car around and retraced his tracks to the main road. When they arrived at the original warning sign he was greeted by large letters on the back of the sign "Welcome back, stupid!"

June Announcements

Spring clean-up and Church power washing has been scheduled for Saturday June 4th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to come and help. There will not be a UMM meeting that day.

June 4 @ 4:00 pm - Dedication at Winsted UMC new location ("The Church" at 27 Wheeler St). All are welcome.

Fellowship after the service.

Rev. Sylvester will be attending.

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Sunday June 5, 2022 will be Children's Sunday and the last day of Sunday School.

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On Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 7 p.m. Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church will host a presentation on the current opioid crisis. In the past few months our local communities have seen an increase in overdoses in the area, and too many friends and families are losing loved ones to addiction. Julia Jagger, MSW Community Outreach & Recovery Navigator at Greenwoods Counseling & Referrals, Inc. will be presenting on the Opioid Pandemic that this country is faced with. Greenwoods Counseling & Referral has become a leader in Litchfield County providing education and services to those struggling with or affected by addiction. Julia will be presenting an overview of the services Greenwoods provides. In addition, she will present on: What are opioids? Give a brief history of the opioid epidemic, what is happening in our county (trends in mental health and addiction), as well as how to access Narcan, support services in our community. There will be time for questions as well as handouts and contact information for follow up services if needed. Anyone from the community is welcome to attend.

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Northeast Cooperative Parish

Our cooperative Parish groups, which were formed earlier this year are being reconfigured as of July 1. Pleasant Valley will now be aligned with the Northeast Parish along with Simsbury, North Canton, Copperhill, and Winsted. The clergy will meet at the beginning of June to initiate our ministry together. A second meeting will soon follow with Laity in attendance. Each church has been asked to identify one or two parishioners to serve on a Cooperative Parish Council. If this is something that you may have an interest in, please contact Pastor Barbara.

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The Kid's for Christ Fun Day has been postponed to Saturday, August 20th with a rain date of August 27th. This event is a product of the Northwest Cooperative Parish and I hope many will attend, More details to follow.

Let the games and other family fun day activities begin.

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Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School for this year will be on Pentecost June 5<sup>th</sup>. On that day we will celebrate our students and teacher as well as hand out Bibles to our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital in need of a visit please call either Pastor Barbara or the Church office to schedule a visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer give out this information.

A reminder that we are still collecting items for the Winsted YMCA. There is a donation box in the Narthex. The items most needed are pillows, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, shampoo & conditioner and totes. They can also use towels & washcloths, twin sheet sets, twin size blankets, unisex socks, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc., bottled water, scrubs and crocks.

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4th of July Parade

I know it is June, but July will be here in a flash...and that of course means the Pleasant Valley July 4 parade. PVUMC historically has had a presence in the parade, and we are in the planning phase for this year. Yes, it's a day of family, picnics, and fun, but if you have an hour to spare in the morning to be a part of this wonderful parade you will not be disappointed. We would love to have a small float this year, but that means we need a truck and people, people of all ages. David is ready to play the keyboard and I have found all my bubble makers, but we are open to all ideas that you may have. If you are interested in marching walking/riding, please let me know. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have lots of children there? If your child or grandchild can join in the fun let me know.

Enjoy the beauty and warmth of June.

Angela Root

Children's Message

If you would like to volunteer to give a Children message during worship, or if you would like to volunteer to be a liturgist (Reader) let Pastor Barbara know.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

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