

## May Link

**See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.**

**Matthew 6:28**

Spring is one of God's most beautiful gifts. After a long winter with no growth or color, here comes the brilliance of yellow forsythia, purple lilacs and multicolored tulips.

Take a deep breath and your senses are filled with the perfume from the flowers. Listen to the birds announce their return in glorious song.

Spring is one of God's most beautiful gifts. And yet it is so easy to miss Spring. There are so many things to get done, so many chores in the home and yard, so much to do. There are times that we seem to enjoy the world in the commute to work or run errands then its gone.

Don't allow the glory of this season to pass you by. Appreciate every moment God gives to you.

May is also the month that we honor Mothers and the women who enhance our lives. There are endless gifts the women of our church bestow on us, and, in many cases, we seldom notice. The altar is prepared, the flowers arranged, coffee is served, and the sanctuary cleaned by countless people without any fanfare.

Our community is fed by the loving people of our church. I personally am so grateful for the people of this church who constantly see and need and simply step up. Especially our women.

Don't allow the gifts of so many women in our church and in our lives pass by without our notice. As with the flowers of spring, we can too often simply not notice. The women of our church is a glorious gift. Appreciate them!

May God continue to bless you all.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Barbara



## News from the Connecticut District

Dear CT District Family,

All are invited to the Connecticut District Conference, **Saturday May 4th, 2024, Trinity Church (Windsor) 180 Park Ave, Windsor, CT.**

Join us, **8:30 AM to 9:00 AM** for a delicious continental breakfast and an insightful session with our facilitator, Dr. Leonard Sweet. It's a wonderful opportunity to kickstart the day with nourishment for both body and mind.

Continue to be enlighten and inspired by Dr. Sweet, as our keynote speaker at **1:00 PM.**

We're also thrilled to announce that attendees will receive a charming little gift that'll brighten your day and bring a smile to your face!

**Every church has the potential to grow through evangelism. You can be the catalyst, come find out how!**

### AGENDA

**DATE:** Saturday, May 4th, 2024

**LOCATION:** Trinity Church (Windsor) 180 Park Ave, Windsor, CT

- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM - Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Proven Techniques of How to Grow Your Church Through Evangelism
- 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM - Lunch
- 1:00 PM - District Conference, Renowned Guest Speaker Dr. Leonard Sweet, The Connecticut District Mass Choir, and more!

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**In Connecticut, After God, We Put People First!**

## **MARY AND MARTHA NOTES FROM 3/17/24**

AS MANY OF YOU ALREADY KNOW, THE RETREAT ON THE 17 AND 18 HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES AND MEMBERS NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND. FROM MY NOTES ON THE 17 OF MARCH, WE HAVE SOME OTHER CHANGES TO MAKE YOU AWARE OF.

ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, WE WILL MEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR A BREAKFAST/BRUNCH GET TOGETHER. THIS WILL REPLACE OUR SUNDAY MORNING MEETINGS. WOULD LIKE TO START AT 9AM AND FINISH UP AROUND 10:30. ASKING EACH PERSON TO BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE.

THE TYPE OF MEETING WILL CHANGE ALSO TO A MORE INFORMAL ONE. THERE WILL BE PRAYER, MUSIC, AND A QUESTION OF THE DAY WITH TIME FOR DISCUSSION. OPEN TO ALL SUGGESTIONS.

WE WILL ALSO DISCONTINUE COLLECTION OF OUR DONATIONS. WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE \$200 TO THE FOOD BANK. OUR CURRENT BALANCE IS AROUND \$900.

INTEREST IN DOING THE CHRISTMAS FAIR IS HIGH SO WE WILL BE HAVING IT AGAIN. THE FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER WAS GOOD SO I SUGGEST WE AIM FOR 12/7/24. LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS. CRAFTERS ARE BUSY STARTING THEIR PROJECTS! ALL HELPERS NEEDED.

OUR LOVE LUNCHEON WAS JUST THE BEST. RUTHIE AND HER HELPERS DID A MAGNIFICENT JOB. OUR HATS OFF TO THEM AND A SINCERE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK AND EFFORT. WILL CLOSE WITH A REQUEST FOR HEALING PRAYERS FOR PASTOR BARBARA. GOD BE WITH ALL OF US AS WE STRIVE TO SERVE HIM.

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## Gospels for May

May 5: John 15:9-17  
 May 12: Luke 24:44-53  
 May 19: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15  
 May 26: John 3:1-17

## May Schedule

May 5 May 12 May 19 May 26	<u>Cleaners</u> Stephanie Stark Ted Millahn Volunteers Needed Barbara Sherwin	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Ushers</u> Darlene Slater & Jennifer Lambour Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Steve & Barb Bailey
May 5 May 12 May 19 May 26	<u>Greeters</u> John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange	<u>Lectors</u> John Lundy Sandy Taylor Steve Bailey John Baum	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Volunteers Needed Wendy & Gene deRoode Janet LqaGrange & Darlene Slater Volunteers Needed
May 5 May 12 May 19 May 26	<u>Counters</u> John Lundy & Barbara Sherwin Wayne Roberts & Barb Bailey Barbara Sherwin & Steve Bailey Barbara Bailey & John Lundy	<u>Children's Message</u>	



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<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
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<b>5</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Worship Service with</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>6</b> <b>5:30PM</b> <b>Yoga with</b> <b>Lorna</b> <b>4:00 – 7:00PM</b> <b>Food Bank</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>  <b>8:00PM AA</b>	<b>8</b> <b>10:00AM-2:30PM</b> <b>Scrapbooking with</b> <b>Carolyn Day</b>	<b>9</b> <b>2:00 – 4:00PM</b> <b>Food Bank</b>  <b>6:45PM AA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  	<b>13</b> <b>5:30PM</b> <b>Yoga with</b> <b>Lorna</b>  <b>7:00PM</b> <b>Trustees</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>  <b>7:00PM</b> <b>Admin./Finance</b> <b>Meeting</b>  <b>8:00PM AA</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>    <b>6:45PM AA</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>    <b>9:00AM</b> <b>Mary &amp;</b> <b>Martha's</b> <b>Meeting</b>
<b>19</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>20</b> <b>5:30PM</b> <b>Yoga with</b> <b>Lorna</b>  <b>4:00 – 7:00PM</b> <b>Food Bank</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>  <b>8:00PM AA</b>	<b>22</b> <b>10:00AM-2:30PM</b> <b>Scrapbooking with</b> <b>Carolyn Day</b>	<b>23</b> <b>2:00 – 4:00PM</b> <b>Food Bank</b>  <b>6:45PM AA</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	 	<b>28</b> <b>10:00AM</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>  <b>8:00PM AA</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>    <b>6:45PM AA</b>	<b>31</b>	

## May Announcements

If you know of someone who is not getting the Link but would like to, please contact Re with their information and email address so they can be added to the list. If they don't have access to emails, just give us their mailing address and we will mail it out to them. We will also leave a few copies on the Besse table.

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.

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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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