

MAY 2019 OUTLOOK

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OUTLOOK DEADLINE ~ We welcome contributions to our monthly newsletter and invite you to share information, or even something more creative! The **JUNE 2019 Outlook** will be published at the end of MAY. All submissions, special announcements, articles or events **provided on, or before, the DEADLINE of Wednesday, May 15** will be included.



Please remember our homebound in your prayers or with a note:

Dorothy Barwick, Dolores Colaiacomo, Bill Csire, Allen Fanslow,
Gail Gorlo, Katie Schneider and Mitch Wein.

PASTORAL CARE ~ If you, or someone you know, is hospitalized, please call the church office to let us know (203-374-8822).

Hospitals do not notify us when a parishioner is hospitalized.



Abundance, Love, Peace, Passion, Presence, Righteousness, Salvation, Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness.

These are just a few things on the ‘spiritual hunger’ menu. In different parts of the Bible all of these ‘ways of being’ are mentioned as products of a relationship with God through Christ. During the season of Easter, which starts on Easter Sunday and ends 6 Sundays later, we will be exploring how to cultivate and satisfy spiritual hunger. I need your help with this sermon series though ...

there are so many things we hunger and thirst for that I would like to focus on a few that we share. I invite you to contact me via email or voicemail message and tell me a few of your strongest hungers. There are a few listed above, some others could be Joy, Wholeness, Healing and many, many more. Do any of these jump out at you? Jesus called ‘blessed’ all those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness and ensured they would be filled. Here is a story that may help you identify your hunger:



Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him. Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." (John 4:6-34)

What spiritual food do you desperately need?

I can't wait to hear from you!

Yours,
Pastor Todd

CHURCH UPDATES



PASTOR TODD WILL BE ON VACATION

Monday, May 13 through Sunday, May 19; returning on May 20.
He will be graduating on May 18 from New York Theological Seminary, receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree.
Congratulations to The Rev. Dr. M. Todd Shipley!!!

MEMORIAL DAY ~ Monday, May 27

Office will be closed! Thank you to all our brave men and women who serve in the U. S. Armed Forces.



MEDITATION WORKSHOP

Wednesdays – 9:30-10:30 am in the sanctuary
every week (except Wednesday, May 15)



CONGRATULATIONS!

Joanne, with her daughter Jessica, had the pleasure and honor to watch her grandson, Caleb, graduate from Air Force Basic Training in San Antonio, TX. He's now at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS for cyber tech training.

SAD NEWS – OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS ...

CHARLES LOUIS BITZER died April 2. He was a brother-in-law to Carole and Allen Fanslow and a special friend of Unity Hill UCC. He was also a former member of Trinity UCC.

JOHN "JACK" SUMM – A friend of George's Hill, age 74, of Trumbull died Sunday, April 14 in his home. Our sympathy to his wife, Gwen Gunther Summ and his children, grandchildren and friends. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 17. More info can be found at www.redgatehennessy.com.

GEORGE'S HILL

George's Hill Support Group ~ Thursday, May 9 ~ 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, *including lunch.*

To register, please call the church office at 203-374-8822 or sign up on our web site.

We meet on the second Thursday of every month.

Our motto is: **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**



CHURCH COUNCIL ~ By: Moderator, Diane Henderson



Next Council Meeting is Monday, May 13 at 7:00 pm.

Committee reports to Council are due in office by Monday, May 6.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ~ By: Sharon Brezina, Chair

Enjoying this beautiful weather today!!! Hopefully we are in for an amazing Spring and Summer. Can't wait to bring the kids outside for classes.

We are currently working on the "human" side of Jesus. Comparing Jesus to their favorite superheros had to be a highlight of the month! Wonder Woman and the Flash have nothing on Jesus but it was fun to compare them. Doing lessons like this shows how real Jesus was. Like a superhero, he protected people, helped those being hurt, taught lessons to those that needed them. Unlike the fictional characters, Jesus is real and continues to help us be the heros he knows we can be for him.

We had some Lent and Easter projects which the kids enjoyed creating and displaying. I will never get tired admiring their craftiness ;)

Children's takeover day this year is June 2nd. Please put that on your calendar. I'll be speaking with the kids to present a one-of-a-kind service as it is every year!! So come join us.

We will also start collecting spare change (or loose bills) for the Heifer Fund. The goal of every Heifer project is to help families achieve self-reliance. They do this by providing people the tools they need to sustain themselves and help their neighbors. At the end of the collection - on Kids Day - they will determine where best to spend the money amongst this great organization. So please bring in your spare change - it will be greatly appreciated.

Lots to look forward to ... We can't wait!!

Take time to enjoy the season,

Sharon Brezina - CE chairperson

All the best stuff I know,
came from:

Sunday School
Grandma
or Pinterest.



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user card

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

FELLOWSHIP OF UNITY HILL ~ By: Dot Pickens, President

~ Thanks to Dot Pickens, Marsha Piper, Marie Seavey, Louise Evans and Carole Fanslow who helped prepare seven trays of macaroni and cheese on Sunday, April 14 for serving at **Golden Hill Community Suppers** on Wednesday, April 24. Cost was \$124.40.

Many thanks to Marie Seavey, Renate Krakovich, Marsha Piper, Carole Fanslow and Ed Yeager for helping out at Golden Hill Community Suppers on April 24. Special thanks to Wally Yeager who made the great looking salad but was unable to attend. We served 86 first-timers a great meal of ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans and salad. Two left-over trays were brought to Prospect House.

~ Our next turn at **Golden Hill Community Suppers** is Wednesday, June 26; cook at 2pm and serve at 5pm at Golden Hill UMC, Bridgeport. The same faithful crew always shows up. We need extra people to help if we are to continue this important Mission project. Our numbers are dwindling, and we could really use the help. See Dot Pickens for info and thank you!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ By: Carole J. Fanslow, President

~ The **Executive Board** will be meeting on Thursday, May 2 for their annual program planning meeting for 2019-2020. Ideas and suggestions for programs are welcome!



SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

~ **Annual Women's Fellowship End-of-Year Luncheon**
Out on Thursday, May 23 at 12:00 pm. Dutch treat.
Restaurant T/B/A.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND HAPPENINGS

MIDDLEBROOK FARMS WORSHIP SERVICE

WORSHIP SERVICE at Middlebrooks Farms Health Care Center will be on Thursday, May 2 at 2:00 pm with Deacons Waltraud Yeager and Carole Fanslow.

CT WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dorothy Pickens was honored at the Annual Meeting of the CT Women UCC on Saturday, April 27th at Huntington Congregational Church in Shelton. A well-deserved honor and recognition!

TRUMBULL INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The **next meeting** of TIC will be on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm at Christ the King Church, 4700 Madison Avenue, Trumbull. A final report will be given on the Good Friday Service held at Unity Hill United Church of Christ, and plans will be finalized for the upcoming year.

45th ANNUAL C.R.O.P. HUNGER WALK

The 45th Annual CROP Walk is on Sunday, May 5th with registration beginning at 1:30 pm at Seaside Park (Park Avenue entrance) Bridgeport. *"Take a walk in the Park to end hunger."* The walk takes place rain or shine. Sign up to walk or sponsor a walker with Dot Pickens or Marsha Piper, our CROP co-chairs at Unity Hill. Additional volunteers are always appreciated. Bring healthy non-perishable food to benefit the Daughters of Charity and King's Pantry in Bridgeport.



CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE UCC

SPECIAL MEETING of the CT Conference UCC will be on Saturday, May 18 – 1:00-5:00 pm at First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 S. Main Street, West Hartford.

SILVER LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER

OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, May 19, 1:00 - 5:00 pm at Silver Lake, 223 Low Rd, Sharon. Tours – Disc Golf – High Ropes Challenge – Hayrides – Campfire with Marshmallows – Cookies – Giveaways – And more! Information - Free and open to the public. RSVP to slcc@ctucc.org or 860-364-5526. Silver Lake is the Outdoor Ministry program of CT Conference UCC. Summer Camp programs for youth in grades 4-12.

FAIRFIELD EAST ASSOCIATION

The **Spring Meeting** of the Fairfield East Association will be on Wednesday, May 29 at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:00 pm in Redding.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT

Annual Meeting will be Thursday, June 13 – 7:00-8:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Trumbull.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS

Church World Service Kits were dedicated during worship on Sunday, April 7. We collected 19 hygiene kits, 10 school kits and got donations for 2 school and 2 hygiene kits. Many thanks to those that took the time and effort to respond to this annual appeal.

HEALTH CORNER: SCAM ALERT: AARP Article on Genetic Testing Scams

SCAM ALERT from: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Subject: AARP Article on Genetic Testing Scams by Katherine Skiba, [AARP](#), April 19, 2019



Please see April 19, 2019 AARP article on genetic testing scams at the link below. It includes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services message for beneficiaries to call 1-800-MEDICARE if they suspect fraud. This article is on aarp.org to draw attention to the genetic testing scam ... 'Free' DNA Testing Used to Scam Medicare Recipients. States should sound the alarm about fraudsters urging cancer screenings

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/dna-testing-scam.html>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING GENETIC TESTING SCAMS

Some new and nasty genetic testing scams are being offered to our Seniors. Throughout the country these scams are becoming more frequent and the scammers are using new and alarming techniques.

There has been a huge increase in the DNA (genetic) testing scam. It happens in many ways but the latest is that the Laboratories that are doing the testing are asking the Senior Centers to host these testing events for their members. Many insurance agents are being asked to be ambassadors for the testing at the local Senior Center. At a recent Health Fair there were two booths offering the genetic testing.

How the scam goes is that they offer a cheek swab to be sent out and the recipient will be made aware of any potential cancer cells lurking in their body. Of course, the folks are told that early detection will be most valuable, and that Medicare will cover the cost. Medicare only covers the cost of 1 genetic test, and that is for screening for Colon Cancer if you are at risk and it requires a stool sample. Any other diagnostic genetic testing must be done by the attending physician for treating a condition, other tests are not covered, and the MSN will say they're not reasonable or necessary.

Independent insurance agents are being recruited to approach the Senior Centers and are being offered a referral fee to them of \$500-\$600 per client swab. The common practice at the Health Fairs is that they take a picture of the beneficiary's Medicare card with their cell phones or tablets, give the senior the kit, ask them to do the swab, and return the specimen to the agent. They have even recruited beneficiaries to encourage their friends to have this testing done and the referring friend gets a referral fee. As you can imagine this also puts the beneficiaries Medicare number in jeopardy.

This is also coming to the seniors by phone, saying it is Medicare and the new Medicare Kit is available to be sent out now that all the new Medicare numbers have been received. They are asked to confirm their Medicare number, are given a phone number to call with any questions and told the kit will arrive in 7 days. When the kit doesn't arrive and the senior calls the given phone number, the line is dead. They then realize they have been scammed!

If you get a call offering or asking to do this at home or at your senior center, please ask:

What company do you represent?

What is a callback number I can reach you at?

What protection do they provide for the seniors' information?

How are the results communicated to the senior?

Received from Lisa Alhabal at Southwestern CT Agency on Aging,
1000 Lafayette Blvd, 9th Floor, Bridgeport, CT 06604 - (203) 814-3618



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN MAY!

2 Patty Bowman	12 Emily Brezina
6 Don Gorlo	25 Dorothy Barwick
12 Maddie Gaetano	26 Paulette Sementilli
12 Norman Aanensen	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN MAY!

May 17, 1952 Waltraud and Edward Yeager



May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Meditation 7:00pm Trumbull Interfaith Council Meeting	2 10am Women's Fellowship Executive Board 2019- 2020 Planning Meeting	3	4
5 1:30pm CROP Hunger Walk at Seaside Park	6 Committee Reports to Council due today	7	8 9:30am Meditation 11:30am-2:30 Kennedy Center – crafts	9 11:30am– 1pm George's Hill	10	11
12 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	13 7:00pm Church Council Meeting Todd-Vacation	14 Todd- Vacation	15 INFO FOR JUNE OUTLOOK DEADLINE Todd-Vacation	16 Todd- Vacation	17 Todd- Vacation	18 1:30-3:30pm Overeaters' Anonymous Intergroup 1-5pm CT Conference UCC Special Meeting Todd-Vacation & 9am~ Graduation Day!
19 1-5pm Silver Lake Open House Todd- Vacation	20	21	22 9:30am Meditation 7:00pm League of Women Voters Meeting at Unity Hill	23 12pm Women's Fellowship Annual Luncheon Out	24	25
26	27 Office closed 	28	29 9:30am Meditation 5:30pm Fairfield East Assoc. Spring Meeting	30	31	

EASTER FLOWERS 2019



GIVEN BY

Lucille A. Baver
Patty Bowman
The Brezina Family
Robert and Janice Coulson
Ruth DeNomme
Carol Dunn & John Rossi
Arline Dzialo
Carole and Allen Fanslow

Diane, Cindy and Shari
Henderson & Ilse Plitt

Paul Walter Hurzeler
Ann Myrece and Bill James
Sandra Osten
Gayle & Mike Robles
Janet Tanner

David, Radhika, Curran &
Rowan Vars
The Yalof Family

GIVEN BY

Paul Walter Hurzeler

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Florence Nelson
Barry Bowman; John Noble
George Brezina
Frank & Alice Coulson; Anthony & Josephine Merly
Husband Raymond DeNomme; Parents Frances & Joseph Zak
Eleanor Dunn; Anita Dupras
Eleanor Sitlinger; Florence Nelson
Our Parents, Charlotte & Frank Foehrenbach;
Elsie & Allen Fanslow; Our Friend, Margaret L. Dahlgren
Edward Barber; Richard Barber; Ellwood Plitt

Rita Jane (Bender) Hurzeler
Walter & Mary Schwartz
Frederick Osten
Frank Morrissey; Noelia Robles
Husband, Robert & Son, Ted Tanner;
Parents, Helen & Frank Demovick

Roger Vars

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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE ~ EASTER 2019



IN REMEMBRANCE OF

My Husband, Charles Evans
& My Son, Gregory Evans
Our Brother-in-law, Charles L. Bitzer
My Husband, Alton W. Seavey
& My Son, Keith B. Seavey
Our Cousin, Nellie Wirth

PRESENTED BY

Louise Evans
Carole & Allen Fanslow
Marie Seavey
William & Dorothy Vars

MEMORIAL DAY ~ May 27, 2019

God bless



*our men and
women in service*



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

*“No matter who you are
or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”*

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