

SEPTEMBER 2017 OUTLOOK

Unity Hill United Church of Christ

“Where God’s Love Grows a Family”

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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 **OCTOBER 2017 Outlook** will be published at the end of SEPTEMBER. All submissions, special announcements, articles or events **provided on, or before, the DEADLINE of Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 13** will be included.



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.



Please remember our homebound in your prayers or with a note:
Hazel Berger, Dolores Colaiacomo, Elsie Rapposch, Katie Schneider, Mitch Wein and Nellie Wirth (Nellie is at Masonicare of Newtown, Room 316, 139 Toddy Hill Road, Newtown, CT 06470)

Luke 12:24-27

“Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life's span? If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.”

Job 22:22

“Please receive instruction from His mouth And establish His words in your heart.”

It would be a nice poetic turn of phrase to say something like, “by the time you read this article in September you may have already felt an Autumn nip in the air.” This summer has been replete with “a nip in the air” so you may have already wondered about what the Fall will hold for you and for our church. In church, we look forward to our Harvest Fair, our study on prayer and meditation in the Bible, and new musicians joining us for worship. In your individual lives, I hope this Fall holds magic and connection in the lives of you and your family.

One thing that this Fall will almost certainly hold for all of us is ‘chores.’ Children go back to school, preparations for cold weather get underway, at work we re-focus after the lull of the Summer.

It is easy for our spiritual practices connecting us to God to be shelved. Consider the words of Jesus and the Psalmist above and let us make time for the most important relationship in our lives.

Yours,
Pastor Todd

CHURCH UPDATES

LABOR DAY ~ Monday, September 4 ~ Our office will be closed for the holiday.

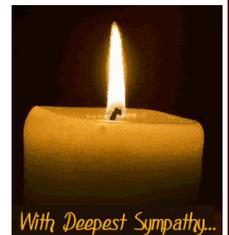
JOANNE WILL BE ON VACATION from Thursday, August 31 through Tuesday, September 5;
She'll be back in the office on Wednesday, September 6.
Wally Yeager and Linda Polito will be covering the office while she's gone.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we announce the deaths of two long-standing members of Unity Hill UCC. They will be sadly missed.

Stephen Hinman Pickens died on June 28. His memorial service was held on Sunday, July 2. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Steve's wife, Dorothy; son, Andrew and his wife, Allison; and Steve's grandchildren: Alicia, Brianna, Tyler and Ashlar.

On June 26, **Rita Jean Hurzeler** passed away. Her graveside service was at Lawncroft Cemetery on July 3. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Walter (Paul) Hurzeler of 54 years, son Matthew Hurzeler and wife Angela, daughter Kim Herbert and husband Robert, her brother John and sister-in-law Mary Ann Bender of Atlanta. Two grandchildren; Colin and Madison, of Florida, and many nieces and nephews.



GEORGE'S HILL

Thursday, September 14 from 11:30 am until 1 pm, *including lunch*.

Our second-year anniversary celebration will be on Thursday, October 12 with special guests and help from our friends at the Kennedy Center.

George's Hill is a social engagement group for persons with memory problems or early dementia, and their caregivers, where they can meet with other people with similar problems, for a fun program and lunch, which is provided.

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, Lucille Baver

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO COUNCIL are due in church office by **Tuesday, September 5.**

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING on **Monday, September 11 at 7:00 pm.**

DIACONATE ~ By: Patricia Bowman, Chair

Diaconate members: Patty Bowman-Chair, Florence Brezina, Allen Fanslow, Marie Seavey & Pastor Todd Shipley

Diaconate will be meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ~ By: Sharon Brezina, Chair

Well – I can't believe summer has come to an end. What a summer it's been!!

Collectively the kids have traveled to Puerto Rico, Miami, Cape Cod, Boston, a cabin on a lake near Hunter mountain, Broadway plays (Hamilton!!), Hershey park, beaches with dinosaurs, waterparks, Disney, surfing in Rhode Island and so much more!!!!

Don't forget all who attended Silver Lake!!! They had an awesome time – Just ask them!!

Lily, the kids (old and young) and I have worked hard to clean and organize the downstairs space – getting it ready for the **first day of Sunday School ~ September 17th**. We can't wait!!!

We had to say goodbye to Lily on August 20th. All the kids made her special cards and we had a little party for her in class. She will be missed but we wish her so much luck at her new home at St Michael's College in Vermont.

CE is searching for a replacement for Lily – hopefully by the beginning of the school year.

We are looking forward to starting the new year – with hope, new friends, hard work and with God by our side.

Respectfully, Sharon

MISSIONS COMMITTEE ~ By: Brenda Finizio, Chair

Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) - Next OCWM collection is in October for "Neighbors in Need". Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the date. Thank you for all your support. Special thanks to committee members, Carole Fanslow and Marsha Piper.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE ~ By: Carol Dunn

B&G Committee: Henry Parker - Chair, John Rossi and Carol Dunn

There are no words to express our deep sorrow on the passing of Steve Pickens, who has been a B&G committee member and chairperson throughout the years he has been with Unity Hill UCC. We are very grateful for his long-time service and will miss him terribly.

For many, summer is a slower time filled with opportunities to relax and refresh. And while the pace at Unity Hill UCC slows down too, it's a busy time for those of us responsible for taking care of our building and the grounds. Summer is the ideal time to get many needed repairs and projects completed. And there were many projects completed this summer.

We are having problems with the air-conditioner flow switch. The hot gas bypass valve is leaking. Contractor topped off the charge to get us by, but the valve will have to be changed. We are hoping this will hold until the cooling season is over so the system doesn't have to be shut-down.

In case you hadn't noticed, we now have a new conference room where Dr. Sandel's Office used to be. If you need to have a confidential meeting, this is the room you want to reserve for that meeting. See Joanne or someone on the B&G committee to reserve the room. It will hold 5-6 people nicely. The furniture was provided by Sharon Brezina and we would like to give her a BIG thank you for that. Also, when she delivered it, she brought her own 'muscle' David George with her. Thank you, David, for all your help.

Next, if you look in Pastor Todd's office, it has been graced with two beautiful chairs. Thank you, Sharon, for providing those chairs.

The kitchen was painted and then B&G took an entire day and went in and scrubbed it down from top to bottom. Calap stripped and waxed the floor.

Two downstairs rooms needed repair. The sheetrock was repaired and the rooms were painted.

We had some dead shrubs in the back of the Church that John pulled out with the truck and removed while Carol and Hank weeded behind the Church. Brush in the upper parking lot was cut and removed and all shrubbery around the Church was trimmed.

A large limb broke off a tree and was hanging over the parking lot. We had to bring in the landscaper to get it down.

Most importantly, we would like to thank Joanne and Calap for all their help in keeping the Church supplies up to date while we were trying to accomplish other projects. We couldn't have done it without them.

So, we were quite busy behind the scenes and, at times, our bodies felt like it. But, we're ready for Fall now.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ~ By: Sharon Brezina, Chair

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASKET BONANZA!!! ~ Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 pm.

It's that time of year again. This can be a great fundraiser for the church. Having everyone help would surely make it a success!!! This year we are forming a committee to help out, so if you would like to be on the committee – I promise to make it fun!! Contact me or tell Joanne – she will tell me. Hope everyone can help ... one way or another. Thanks, Sharon

Places needing help:

- Baskets needed ... lots and lots	- Food
- Advertising and Community Donations	- Set-up / take down

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

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

~ We will kick-off the fall season on Thursday, September 21 with a trip to Plasko's Farm in Trumbull. We will carpool from the church at 12:30 pm following the Executive Board Meeting. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Plasko's Farm is one of the oldest working, family-owned farms located in Trumbull. The farm grows and sells seasonal produce, and plants. Plasko's Country Store has an indoor bakery and ice cream bar and offers a variety of freshly baked goods, including their famous apple cider donuts, scones, pies and artisan breads. The store also sells homemade pesto, jams, butters and fresh apple cider.



Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office.

- ~ The next meeting of the **Executive Board** will also be on Thursday, September 21 at 11:00 am and then we will go to Plasko's Farm afterwards.
- ~ We have a great year planned. Look for our new program brochure on the table in Fellowship Hall. Lots of great programs are on the agenda including the postponed Ukrainian Easter Egg demonstration planned for March, 2018. Our meetings are always open to all members and friends of Unity Hill UCC. The more, the merrier!

FELLOWSHIP OF UNITY HILL ~ By: Dot Pickens, President 2016

~ Our next turn at **Golden Hill Community Suppers** will be on Wednesday, October 25 - additional help is always needed and appreciated! Come to cook at Golden Hill United Methodist Church at 2:00 pm or to serve at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions; please contact Dot Pickens or Allen Fanslow.



~ Many thanks to those who volunteered at **Golden Hill Community Suppers** on June 28. 125+ people were served our great macaroni and cheese casserole. Thanks to Wally & Ed Yeager and their grandson, Danny Elliott (*pictured here*); Carole & Allen Fanslow; Marsha Piper; Renate Krakovich. Special thanks to Wally & Ed for their donation to offset the expenses of the meal. Contributions are always gratefully accepted for these meals which, on the average, cost \$200 each time. Also, thanks to those that prepared the meal on June 25 at church: Dot & Steve Pickens; Louise Evans; Allen Fanslow; Renate Krakovich; Rose Vars and Marsha Piper. We make a great team!

~ Watch the news for another hunger-awareness luncheon after Community Suppers.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND HAPPENINGS

MIDDLEBROOK FARMS WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship service with Holy Communion at Middlebrook Farms in Trumbull will be on Thursday, September 7 at 2 pm with Pastor Todd and Deacons Wally Yeager and Carole Fanslow.

SILVER LAKE CONFERENCE AND SUMMER CAMP

11TH ANNUAL SILVER LAKE GOLF TOURNAMENT was postponed due to rain.

The new date is Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield, Connecticut. Entry fee is \$185 per player and includes greens fees, cart, lunch, and After-play Reception.

<http://www.silverlakect.org/golftournament>

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT

Delegates' Meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at Long Hill United Methodist Church, Trumbull.

FAIRFIELD EAST ASSOCIATION

Fall Meeting is on Wednesday, November 1.

TRUMBULL INTERFAITH COUNCIL

- ~ The annual **Clergy Supper** will be on Wednesday, September 13 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Road, Trumbull beginning at 6:30 pm.
 - ~ **Monthly Meeting** of Trumbull Interfaith Council will be Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa's, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull.
 - ~ This year's **Thanksgiving Service** will be on Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 pm at Congregation B'nai Torah, 5700 Main Street, Trumbull.
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Annual Retreat on September 29 - 30 from 4:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Silver Lake Conference Center.

"REGAINING OUR CENTERS - LISTENING FOR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF LOVE"

Retreat Leaders: The Rev. Lee Ireland and The Rev. Cheryl A. Caronna.

Registration \$135.00 includes meals. Deadline is September 20. See bulletin board for registration form or contact Liz Longacre for info 860-376-5837 or jemlongacre@netzero.net

HEALTH CORNER: *Make a Family Emergency Plan*

http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/preparedness/emer_prep_guide_final.pdf

Make A Plan <https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which [types of disasters](#) could affect your area. Find out if there are any places near your home that could be dangerous or cause an emergency like: a nuclear power plant; an area that can flood, like land near a river or ocean; buildings where chemicals are made or stored. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to

find. Have a safe place to go. If you are asked to evacuate (leave your home), you can go to: the home of a family member; a friend's home; a motel, hotel or shelter.

Learn what to do in case of an emergency where you work and at your child's school or daycare. Sign up for the Connecticut Emergency Alerting and Notification Systems to get emergency messages emailed to you or sent by text message to your mobile phone. For more information and to register, go to www.ct.gov/ctalert

Step 1: **Put together a plan** by discussing these 4 questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

1. How will I receive [emergency alerts and warnings](#)?
2. What is my [shelter](#) plan?
3. What is my [evacuation](#) route?
4. What is my [family/household communication plan](#)?

Step 2: **Consider specific needs in your household.** As you prepare your plan, tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets, or specific needs like the operation of durable medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance.

Step 3: **Download and fill out a family emergency plan** or use them as a guide to create your own. [Emergency Plan for Parents](#) (PDF)

Step 4: **Practice your plan** with your family/household.

MAKE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT: If there is an emergency in your area, you might not be able to get food, water or other things you need to survive. Also, the heat, water and electricity in your home might not work. That's why you should make an emergency supply kit and keep it in your home. The kit should have enough supplies for you and your family for at least three days. You would use this kit if you are told to stay at home during an emergency or take it with you if you are told to evacuate. Check and refill your kit every few months to make sure no food or batteries have expired. A good time to do it is when you change your clocks in the fall and spring. You can build your kit over time by buying one thing, like a can of food or batteries, at a time.

- ~A supply of water in jugs or bottles. You should have at least one gallon of water for every person in your home for each day. You will need more water if there are children, if someone is nursing a baby or if the weather is hot.
- ~Bleach and eyedropper (to treat water).
- ~Food: food in cans or sealed packages, like soup and tuna fish; foods and juices that do not have to be refrigerated or cooked; food for infants or the elderly.
- ~A manual can opener, paper plates, plastic utensils.
- ~Something to cook on like a small grill with fuel. Be sure to only use charcoal and gas grills outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.
- ~Paper towels, toilet paper, soap. Garbage bags and cleaning supplies.
- ~Battery-powered radio, flashlights, cell phone, extra batteries.
- ~Blanket/sleeping bag, pillows for everyone in the family.
- ~Extra clothing for everyone in the family.
- ~First-aid kit. Remember to include: medicines (prescriptions, fever reducers, aspirin); eye glasses and contact lens supplies; list of the doctors you go to and their phone numbers; medical supplies (insulin syringes)

- ~Things your pets need like food and water, a pet carrier or cage, medicines, muzzle, collar, leash, ID tags and their immunization records.
- ~Extra set of car keys, credit cards, cash and important information like social security numbers, IDs, passports and/or birth certificates.
- ~A copy of this guide.
http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/communications/preparedness/emer_prep_guide_final.pdf
- ~Pictures of your family members and pets in case you are separated and need help looking for them.
- ~Things babies and children need like diapers, games, toys and books.
- ~Plastic sheeting and duct tape (see "Sealing the Room - pg. 7 of the emergency prep guide).

MAKE AN EMERGENCY CAR KIT FOR TRAVELING: blankets/sleeping bags; flashlight with extra batteries; first-aid kit; utility knife; high-calorie, non-perishable food (protein bars, granola bars or fruit bars); extra clothes to keep dry; sack of sand (or cat litter); shovel; windshield scraper and brush; tool kit; tow rope and booster cables; bottled water; compass and roadmaps.

NATURAL DISASTERS Make sure you have an emergency supply kit ready.

Know what different **weather terms** mean: A **severe storm watch** means that dangerous weather may happen; A **severe weather warning** means there is a storm on its way – take cover or seek shelter right away.

BLIZZARDS: Weather forecasts usually let you know ahead of time if there's a blizzard coming. If a blizzard is coming, avoid driving and make sure you have food and supplies to last you a few days without electricity or phone service. If there is snow, make sure inlets and outlets for furnaces and other appliances are free from snow to prevent ventilation problems and carbon monoxide build-up. Also make sure your car's exhaust pipe is clear of snow or ice before starting.

FLASH FLOODING: Move quickly to higher ground. Water rushing at you in a flood can knock you off your feet! If you're in your car and water comes up around you, get out and move to higher ground right away. Cars can be swept away in just two feet of moving water.

HURRICANES: A hurricane is a big storm with thunder, lightning and very strong winds. A big hurricane can have winds blowing 75 miles per hour or higher. Hurricane season in Connecticut is June 1 through November 30. If there is a hurricane warning, take shelter right away or evacuate if you are told to do so. You can learn more about what to do before and after a hurricane online at www.ct.gov/hurricane

TORNADOES: If there is a tornado warning, get to shelter right away. If you are in your car, stop. Do not try to outrun the tornado. Get out and lie flat, face down in a low area. Cover your head and wait for the tornado to pass by. If you are home, go to the basement, storm shelter or a room near the middle of the home. If you are in a tall building go to the middle of the building, like in a stairwell or hallway.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER!

6 Anneke Ruys	12 Sarah Buttress	21 Carmen Castro
7 Izzy Rondon	16 Ron Finizio	25 Rev. Todd Shipley
9 Brianna Pickens	18 Ken Ferrara	27 Marie Seavey
9 Paul Buttress	18 Al Paolozzi Jr.	27 John Rossi
10 Allen Fanslow	20 Hazel Berger	30 Tyler Pickens



September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				August 31 Joanne on vacation	1 Joanne on vacation	2
3	4 Labor Day Office is closed!	5 1 pm Diaconate Meeting Reports to Church Council Due Joanne on vacation	6 7 pm Trumbull Interfaith Council Meeting	7 2 pm Middlebrook Farms Worship Service	8	9
10	11 Patriot Day (9/11) 7 pm Church Council Meeting	12	13 OUTLOOK DEADLINE 11:30 am Kennedy Ctr 6:30 pm Trumbull Interfaith Clergy Supper	14 11:30 am George's Hill	15	16 2-3:30 pm Overeaters' Anonymous Intergroup Meeting
17	18	19	20	21 11 am Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting 12:30 pm WF Tour of Plasko's Farm	22 Autumn Begins	23
24	25 CT UCC General Association 2017	26 CT UCC General Association 2017	27	28	29	30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY IN SEPTEMBER!

9/13	Shoran and Jeff Baez
9/14	Todd and Paulette Shipley
9/30	Frank and Betty Heffelfinger



UNITY HILL UCC'S HARVEST FAIR



Saturday, October 14 ~ 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Join us in this fun event. The fair will feature a farmer's market, crafts, children's activities, Junk-in-the-trunk, food and many other fun activities. It's the perfect fair for families who want an alternative to the big fairs and commercial midways. If you can help by donating a gift for the raffle or a baked good for the bake table, it would be helpful.

***"No matter who you are
or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here!"***

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