

The Crossroads

October 2021

Watertown United Methodist Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Jenkins:

“It Always Seems Impossible Until It Is Done”

Greetings Friends!

I greet you in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!! I pray that all is well with you and your family's health. Let me first start by sharing with you a word from Romans 15:5 “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.”

~Nelson Mandela

A NEW ATTITUDE

We've all heard it before: “A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it.” We've also heard: “Your attitude determines your altitude.” I have come to realize that the world reflects to us the very *attitude* and persona that we project. Study after study has proven that those persons with a good positive *attitude* are usually a lot happier in life, more successful, more fulfilled, and they accomplish a lot more than those who don't have a good positive *attitude*.

Once per year, we are encouraged to go to the doctor to get an annual check-up and or a physical—to make sure our bodies are healthy. Twice per year we are encouraged to go to the dentist to get a cleaning and an inspection—to make sure our teeth are in good health and to prevent any cavities from creeping in. Even mental health professionals are now encouraging people across the country to get regular mental health check-ups—to ensure they are mentally and emotionally healthy. I think there is one more item that we need to add to the list and that is our *attitudes*. Except your *attitude* is something that you need to do a daily (sometimes more) check-up on.

As your pastor, let me encourage you to begin to inspect your own *attitude*, daily. So many times, we are quick to judge those around us. And so many times, it is so easy to pick out the flaws that dwell in those attitudes of those around us. But we also need to be able to look in the mirror and do some self-reflection and self-introspection.

Church—It is imperative that you and I as Christ-followers display to the world a good positive *attitude*. When you and I walk into a room, the people present should be able to feel our positive aura and our Christ-like glow. When you and I walk into a room, the people around us should feel a cool breeze blowing upon their hearts—easing their anxiousness.

So, with all of that said, let us begin to get to work by first cleaning up our own *attitude* and then displaying a good positive *attitude* towards those around us. We display a good positive *attitude* towards those around us by smiling instead of frowning. We display a good positive *attitude* towards those around us by thinking positive thoughts about them and ourselves instead of negative ones. And we display a good positive *attitude* towards those around us by honestly and sincerely wishing that best for them, just as we wish the best for ourselves. So let me encourage you to get to work, immediately, on displaying this good positive *attitude* towards yourself and others. You never know, with this new positive *attitude*, you may just change the entire trajectory of your life and the lives of those around you.

Peace,

Rev. Michael D. Jenkins
Matthew 6:33

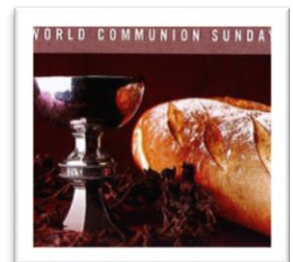
YOU'RE WERE INVITED! National Back to Church was on Sunday, September 19th - Some came in person, some watched on line, the good news is you came! We say thank you for that and we hope you come back to church each Sunday at 11:00 am.



A special thank you to the *Toxic Holiday Band* featuring *Tyler Jenkins (Pastor Michael's son)* and other members that led us in music along with our own *Michael Gardner*.

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday

Observed annually on the 1st Sunday in October, **World Communion Sunday** calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The special offering received this Sunday supports World Communion Scholarships, Ethnic Scholarships, and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. An offering envelope is inserted into the worship bulletin for your donations.





CALENDAR DATES FOR WATERTOWN UMC

Oct. 3, 2021 World Communion Sunday/ Apportionment Giving
Oct. 10, 2021 Stewardship Campaign Kick Off
Oct. 17, 2021 Laity Sunday
Nov. 2, 2021 Annual Charge Conference, more info to follow
Nov. 14, 201 Stewardship Sunday

All committee meetings will be meeting in person.
Please remember to notify the office when a meeting is scheduled so it can be placed onto the church calendar. However, if there is a reason to meet, we will meet accordingly. Please continue to check in by email or with the pastor.

Special Note: SPRC will be meeting on October 20th at 6:30 PM
to complete annual reviews

Bible study dates during the summer TBA

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A Message from the Special Events Committee

Save the Date of Friday, November 19th from 6:30-9:00 PM. There will be a “*Winter Themed*” Paint Night Fund Raising Event being held in Wesley Hall. \$40 per ticket and any and all are welcome to attend.

If you want more information or are interested in attending, please contact Sue Cyr @ 203-525-5091 or email @ marywoodward64@gmail.com or mwoodward@wumcct.org



Crafters Are Needed: Sara O'Neil will be reaching out for crafters for a town-wide event coming up soon. Please watch your Sunday bulletin in the next few weeks for more information.

Thoughts from the Choir Loft

Come one and Come All to our first WIMC Chancel Choir Rehearsal!
We will meet every Thursday beginning on Thursday, October 7.
No Experience Necessary!



Peace, Mike

Words from the United Methodist Women



Greetings to all our members, and to all our church friends.

Due to the serious falls and illnesses that has befallen a few of our members, we regret that it is necessary to cancel the October and November meetings. We pray that healings will be swift and short, and we hope our Annual December Christmas Gathering will be the possible date to gather for a happy reunion. We look forward to planning it, and to seeing you all then

Bernice Proe, Secretary



Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Project 2021



*Thank you to all that contributed to this project,
More information will follow as to our package and send off date!*

Questions? Contact Wendy at wcronk@waterbury.k12.ct.us

A Message from Bev Sklanka:

We are bringing back 2 programs that have worked for our church in the past.



We are in search of *LaBonne's Markets* register receipts. They have a register rebate program. Our church just received a check for \$70.60 through this program. Please save your register receipts, ask your family, friends and relatives. Put them in the collection plate or see *Beverly Sklanka*.

We are also collecting coins, your loose change, pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters all mount up. Put them in the collection plate.



Thank you for participating in these 2 programs. They make a difference financial every little bit helps. Thank you.



Invitation Cards – It is very important to our future that we become an inviting church!

Please take several of our Invitation Cards and pass them out! These are a great and easy way to invite others to come and experience the fellowship and activities of our church!

PRAYER LISTING

Our World: World peace; direction of our nation; the unsaved; USA leaders; parents and children; missionaries; the economy; teachers and students; veterans; jobs; firemen, policemen and others who serve; hurricane relief; addiction struggles; other community churches and members. Continued prayers for those suffering in both *Haiti* and *New Orleans*.

Healing from Illness/Injury: *Greg Chere, Christa Swanhall, Lois DeLisle, Melanie Milton, Diane Chere, Helen Collins, Barbara Hopper, Stewart Hopper, David and Joyce Perkins, Wendy Cronk, Jane Sandulli, Steve Cohen, Jake Hoadley, Aurelia Woodbeck, Corrine Garner, Sara O'Neil, Jeff Grenier, Pat Kurtz, and Beverly Skalanka*

In order to keep our prayer list up-to-date, please share updates and corrections as part of the Worship Service, by calling the church office at 860-274-3785, or emailing the secretary at wumcsec@wumcct.org

Sunday morning “in house” worship continues; however, we will not be meeting for coffee hour in the present time- please sign up to sponsor a coffee hour possibly starting in October. This fellowship time we have after Sunday services is so very important in the life of a church and we need families or several individuals to band together and organize this for us each week. Please consider blessing us all in this way by signing up once every few weeks!

News from the Church Office:

Communication is the key for all of us right now! At this time, some meetings are being scheduled on the church calendar. If you have a committee that will be meeting, please forward that information to the office so that it can be publicized for everyone's interest.

We publicize this newsletter for many people within our congregation and some not; so keeping everyone informed as to our ministries is vital to all. If you know of events happening around the Watertown area that might be of interest to our members, please pass it along to be shared.

If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact *Pastor Jenkins* directly at (203) 522-3453 or call the church office (860) 274-3785. Be safe, wash your hands and please practice social distancing for your safety and the safety of others too! Thank you for your patience and understanding at this crucial time for all.

Blessings,

Kathy Craig, Office Manager



Amanda Milton	October 1 st
Bernice Proe, Allison VanDerlyn & Allison Hudson	October 4 th
Brenda Kunin	October 5
Dana Guinipero	October 7
Norman Day	October 9
Abigail O'Neil	October 11
Nancy Parkhurst & Donna Sullivan	October 15
Nicole Perin	October 16
Aurelia Woodbeck	October 18
Gary Spring & Bonnie Adam	October 21
Danielle Hadjstylianios	October 23
Scott Lawson & Shirley Moss	October 26
Gemma Davis	October 27

Your church family sends you birthday greetings and hugs from a distance!

Watertown United Methodist Church Mission & Vision Statement

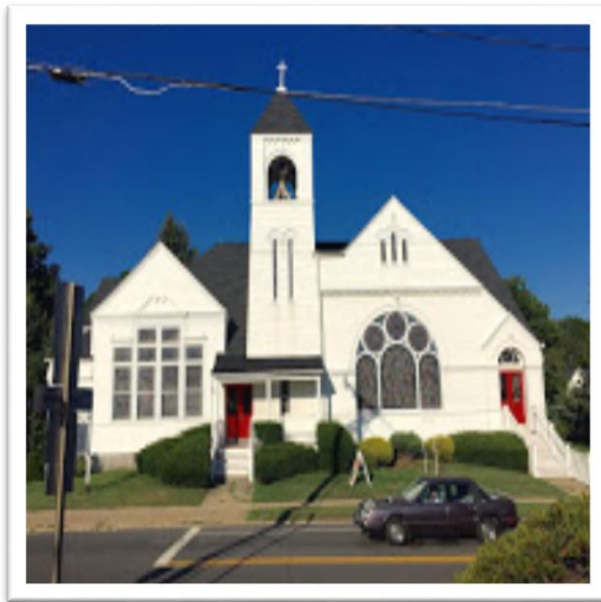
The mission of the Watertown United Methodist Church is to glorify God by bringing people to Jesus and into fellowship with His family.

The vision of the Watertown United Methodist Church is to nurture individuals and families in Christian living, to equip them for ministry in the church and for service beyond the church.

Matthew 6:33

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”





Learning to live our lives, God's Way!

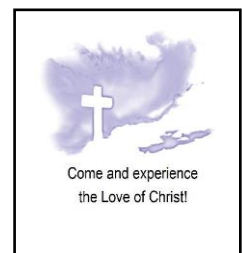
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Note: Pastor is off on Tuesday & at Ansonia UMC on Friday

News from the Woodbury UMC - Come Join Two Special Events in October



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

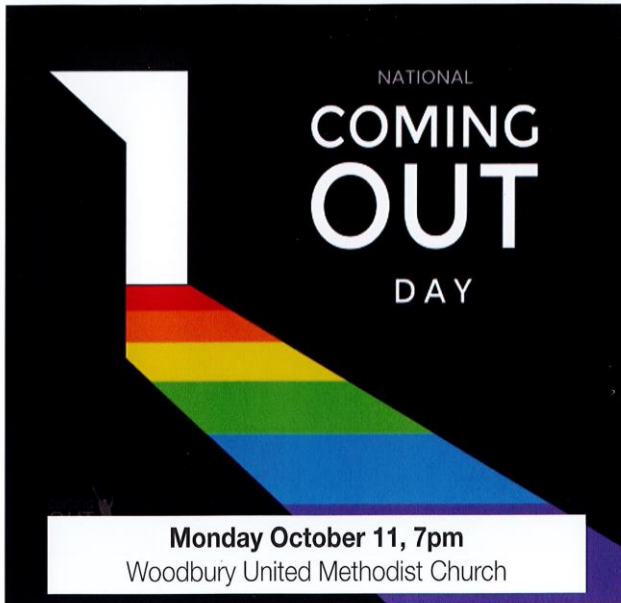
WOODBURY NORTH GREEN **OCTOBER**
3PM SUNDAY **10**

Join Us as we celebrate our animal companions!
All people and their pets are welcome!
Stuffed animals and pet photos are also very welcome!

We will have snacks for pets and people. *Pets must be on a leash, or in a carrier.*
Please join us even if you do not have a pet of your own.
This is a wonderful experience that everyone will enjoy!
Pet food collection to benefit the Woodbury Community Food Bank

More information at WoodburyUMC.net or at facebook.com/WoodburyUMCCT

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NATIONAL
COMING OUT DAY

Monday October 11, 7pm
Woodbury United Methodist Church

A service of worship, music and celebration of LGBTQIA people and allies, celebrating queer visibility with unapologetic welcome.

Join us in uplifting dignity and respect for all, and to support and encourage LGBTQIA families in living honest and open lives!

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Please follow COVID safety guidelines, including masking.

Rain date for the Blessing of the Animals is Sunday, Oct 17th - 3-5:00 PM