



The Crossroads



Watertown United Methodist Church

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From the Desk of Pastor Jenkins:

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Greetings Friends,

I believe that God defines love here in the most Spiritual way. 1 Corinthians 13:4-1, "*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*" What's love got to do with it? *Well, I am glad you asked that question.* During the month of February, Black History began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of African American diaspora. It is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. Then we have Valentine's Day. A day to celebrate with the ones we truly love and care about. Remember the love of God. "*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.*" Let us never forget our February Birthdays! It is truly a blessing to see another birthday and to remember those who have passed away.

I truly believe God wants us in the order that we need to build love in ourselves before we can love someone else. He said to him, "*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with your mind.*" This is the greatest commandment. And a second is like it "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

This follows Christ pointing out that love for God, neighbor, friends, and loved ones, is the main idea of Christianity. God has already been our example of patience, grace, and love. Friends, the beginning steps of love, showing love, building love in you, is by being sharing love with others.

Having faith in Christ will point you in that direction. And remember, God has been patient with us. How much more should we follow the love of Christ according to the Love Chapter above.

God's Blessings!
Rev. Michael D. Jenkins
Matthew 6:33

News from Finance:

Listed to the right are the financials from December 2021. The numbers for January 2022 will be published by mid- February in a Sunday bulletin.

Please contact Pastor Jenkins or Mary Woodward if you have any questions regarding the report submitted.

If you have not pledged for 2022 and would like to, there's still time to send in your information.

Watertown Methodist Church	
December 2021	
Income	
Donations	\$3,631
Rental Donations	\$640
Special Events	\$105
Total Donations	\$4,376
Expenses	
Payroll Expenses	\$5,651
Church/Asbury/Parsonage Expenses	\$4,819
Supplies & Office Expense	\$58
Program Committee Expenses	\$33
Apportionments	\$1,000
Total Expenses	\$11,561
Monthly Short-Fall	(\$7,185)
*Emergency Trustee Funds	\$7,000

Message from the Choir Loft

The rate of infection is declining. I hope that means choir will sing again at the end of this month! At this point the WUMC Chancel Choir will sing on both Sunday, February 28 and March 6. We will rehearse on Friday, February 25 and Thursday, March 3 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Everybody is welcome and encouraged to sing with us. We hope to be able to welcome some new members at the end of February.

Peace, *Mike*

Altar Flowers

If anyone is interested in putting flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of something, please contact *Chris Montambault*. You can text or call her at 203-560-7463; or you can email her at *Cree 212@yahoo.com*.

An Attitude of Gratitude from Kathy Craig, Office Manager

Since this month's Crossroads is all about loving one another and having caring thoughts for each other, I wanted to take a minute and truly thank someone that came to my aid without me even knowing it. One day last month as I packed up my things to leave the office, I dropped my wallet that landed under my desk and I didn't even know it. I left to go about my daily "things to do" and only discovered I did not have it when I went into a store and needed my license for identification purposes. It was gone, not in my purse! I'm sure you are all remembering a time when you've misplaced something and you try to retrace your steps over and over in your mind.

After retracing everything I could remember, I even called Pastor in a haste thinking it fell out of my bag in the parking lot and someone might have picked it up. After a call back and forth, he notified me that he talked with *Monique Michaud*, our church sexton who had found it under the desk and placed it in his desk for safe keeping till he found out the owner. Tears of joy and gratitude overwhelmed me and I could **never** thank Monique enough for her honesty and integrity!!!! Thank you once again Monique for being the person you are and now a friend of mine for LIFE 😊

We welcome anyone that would like to submit an article of interest or photos of church members for your monthly newsletter. If someone sees an article in the newspaper about youth or members of the church, please send the information along to the office so that we can also recognize them. Submissions should be sent to wumcsec@wumcct.org and the deadline date for submission is the 3rd Thursday of each month.

A Message from the United Methodist Women

The UMW made a donation for the families in the Bronx who lost their homes in that terrible fire a few weeks back.

Due to Covid we have no meetings planned but there is a little fund raiser calendar for anyone/everyone to participate in! The proceeds will go to our "*Call to worship and self-denial*" program which usually takes place in March. Hopefully THAT will be our first program of 2022. Please see the calendar page and have fun with it. Maybe you could even invite some of your family and friends to join in with you.



A Call
to Prayer
& Self-Denial
SPECIAL OFFERING FOR
DEACONESSES AND
HOME MISSIONERS



February 2022

UMW

"Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" Fundraiser

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10¢ If you've had covid!!	2 5¢ For every window sack (not pane)	3 10¢ For every coat you own	4 25¢ If you like to garden!	5 25¢ for every child in your family
6 10¢ for every bed in your even house (daybeds)	7 5¢ If you still work!!	8 10¢ if you're retired!!	9 25¢ for every pair of shoes you own (no boots or slippers)	10 50¢ if there's a sled at your house.	11 10¢ for every snow shovel you own!	12 5¢ if you have a heart
13 10¢ For every fire place in your house	14 Give a donation from your heart!	15 5¢ for every coffee cup in your cabinet (not tea)	16 25¢ for every pair of jeans you own	17 10¢ for every car in your household!	18 5¢ for every pair of socks!	19 10¢ if you own a Christmas Sweater
20 50¢ if you forgot to bring food to church	21 25¢ if you own China!	22 5¢ for every flannel shirt you own!	23 50¢ if you own a "little black dress"	24 10¢ if you're a baker!	25 25¢ if you had to quarantine!	26 5¢ if your laundry is in the basement
27 10¢ if you went to Church today!	28 50¢ Because it's the last Day!!					

A Call to Prayer & Self-Denial

Llamado a la Oración y el Sacrificio

기도와 절제의 날

2022



LOVE, JUSTICE AND SERVICE: ANSWERING THE CALL

Creator God, thank you for the multitude of spiritual gifts, skills and talents you have given each of us. Please help us experience these giftings as blessings and work to use them for the good of all. Help us have the courage to answer with a bold cry of affirmation when you call us to serve in love, justice, compassion and truth; and help us to stand with one another, along with deaconesses and home missionaries, in that call, supporting each other to make a difference in our world. In your holy and precious name we pray, Amen.

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You Are Invited

Every year, women are invited to gather in their local units and communities for "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," a faith-filled time to assemble with lifted hearts and hands before our Creator God. Organized by United Methodist Women, the sisterhood observance welcomes all to join in a celebration of selfless giving and spiritual communion with God. Our 2022 theme, "Love, Justice and Service: Answering the Call," honors deaconesses and home missionaries who have said yes to the call God has placed on their lives. You are heartily welcomed into this holy moment as we come together as one in spirit and in faith, on behalf of women, children and youth across the globe.

• **PRAY:** Our souls link in the common bond of unity with the God as together we open our hearts in prayer.

• **LEARN:** As our hearts open, we begin to understand the extraordinary ways this sisterhood observance can make a tangible difference in our world through God at work in God's people.

• **GIVE:** From our gratitude and understanding our generous giving follows, as we honor God's work through love offerings and other blessings.

Come, gather for this set-aside time as we embrace prayer and self-denial while striving to understand the meaning and mercy inherent in God's call.

Why Give?

For more than 150 years, United Methodist Women members have worked hard to turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth in every corner of the world.

When we gather for A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, we have the opportunity to reflect on important needs with our sisterhood and embrace personal sacrifice. All conferences raised funds for organizations and individuals working in local communities both in the United States and across the globe.

In 2020 there was 100% conference participation in the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial observance.

This year's offering will support the vital and vibrant ministry of deaconesses and home missionaries, consecrated laity who have dedicated the entirety of their lives to vocations of love, justice and service. These vocations include social work, education, healthcare, advocacy, immigration reform, anti-poverty initiatives, anti-racism efforts, firefighting, legal justice and more. Your thoughtful and intentional participation in A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial will support the training and education of deaconesses and home missionaries, enabling them to do even more in God's Kingdom.

In 2020 United Methodist Women raised \$434,844 for programs that promote transformation of communities. 100% of the dollars given through A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial goes directly to fund the work it is designated for that year.

Your Gift Matters

Your prayers and sacrificial giving make a huge impact in the lives of women, children and youth served through the lay Order of Deaconess and Home Missioner.

As God's people, we are called to give generously to help others. Generosity looks different for everyone, and the apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 8:12 that all gifts are acceptable when given with a willing, eager heart according to what one has.

Your gift, along with those of your sisters across our faith community, has the capacity to help for generations, providing needed training for those on the front lines of love, justice and service now and for many years into the future.



CALENDAR DATES FOR WATERTOWN UMC

Church Council Meeting to be Rescheduled – watch for more details

Monday Night Joint Bible Study with Ansonia FUMC – 6:30 PM – Zoom

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8229256731?pwd=Y0xBQUJCN012amVFQXByWm9sUUV6dz09>

Video Log in Info:

Meeting ID: 822 925 6731

Passcode: 8ztyvd

Bev Tidmarsh is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bev Tidmarsh's Zoom Meeting

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Phone in:

Meeting ID: 822 925 6731

Passcode: 476571

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8229256731>

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Sunday, February 6th – Communion Sunday

Sunday, February 13th – Food Bank Donation Day

Bring in your items for the Watertown Food Bank

Sunday, February 27th – Transfiguration Sunday

Ash Wednesday Service – March 2nd – 6:30 PM

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.

Advance Notice of Vacation Dates

Holly Norton will be away until 2/8 & Karen Bronson will be liturgist until Holly's return

Pastor Jenkins will be away from 2/21 and returning 3/2 – Holly Norton will be preaching on Sunday, 2/27 – more news to follow for pastoral care coverage while Pastor is away.

The office will not be open on Monday, 2/28 as Kathy will be away.

A Message from Bev Sklanka:

We need your help in 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. 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 financially, 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, Covid-19 Virus. Let us also keep in mind those affected in the Mid-West from the recent tornadoes, and the families of the recent NY fire disaster.



Our sincere condolences to *Jeff Grenier* and family for the passing of their dad, *Roland Roger Grenier, Sr.* Funeral arrangements are being concluded by the family.

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, Jake Hoadley, Aurelia Woodbeck, Corrine Garner, Sara O'Neil, Pat Kurtz, Jeff Grenier, Beverly Sklanka; and Bill V.* (neighbor of Pat Kurtz).

In order to keep our prayer list up-to-date, please share updates and corrections as part of the Service. Updates can also be done by calling the church office during the week.

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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!

Reminder from the Church Office:

Note: Church Office hours have changed to the following:

1st Monday of each month – 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Rest of the month – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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!

Blessings,
Kathy Craig, Office Manager



Alice Norton	February 4 th
Sara O'Neil	February 7 th
Dan LaFlamme	February 9 th
Dan Sandulli & Dana O'Neil	February 11 th
Christine Montambault	February 12 th
Raymond Mackenzie	February 19th

If we have missed your special day, please send an email to wumcsec@wumcct.org so we can add you to our listing.

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

Special Birthday Request from Mom, Sara O'Neil:

This year will be DJ's 3rd quarantine birthday. She loves getting mail. If you would like to help brighten DJ's day, you can send her a birthday card. Her birthday is Feb 11th. She's turning 6! I know I'm posting this a little early, but the mail has gotten slower.

**DJ O'Neil
P.O. Box 113
Watertown, CT 06795**

Thank you!

News from the New York Annual Conference:

Spirituality & Dementia

A Webinar with Lynn Casteel Harper

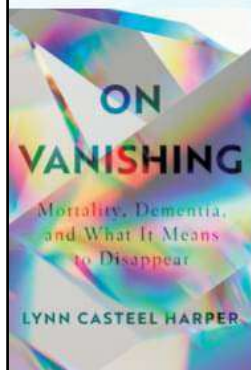
March 3, 7-8 pm



Dementia is one of the most feared conditions. Stigma, dread, and negative stereotypes often surround cognitive loss—but people of faith have resources to offer more life-affirming approaches to this common and complex human experience. Facilitator Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper will explore spiritual aspects of dementia, inviting participants to expand understandings of dementia beyond progressive vacancy and dread to make room for hope, creativity, friendship, and spiritual growth.

Register at bit.ly/casteelharper.

Sponsored by the Northern Westchester Interfaith Council, the Westchester-Putnam Cooperative Parish of the United Methodist Church, and the NY Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper is the author of *On Vanishing: Mortality, Dementia, and What It Means to Disappear* (Catapult, 2020), a New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice. She currently serves as the Minister of Older Adults at The Riverside Church in the City of New York. Lynn completed her M.Div. at Wake Forest University and her chaplaincy residency at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Before joining Riverside's staff, Lynn was a nursing home chaplain at a continuing care retirement community.

Thought this might be of interest to some that may want more information on this illness. Hope it's helpful if you decide to register for the free seminar.

News from the Greater Watertown Community:



**American
Red Cross**

GIVE A LIONS SHARE OF LIFE.

Join the pride. Give blood.

**Blood Drive Sponsored by
The Watertown Lions Club**

First Congregational Church

Held in the Fellowship hall
40 DeForrest Street
Watertown, CT 06795

**Thursday, February 17, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
Use Sponsor Code = WatertownCT



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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!

***Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors
All Welcome Here!***



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

