

Fall Into AUTUMN

September 2025 Newsletter



"Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life.... But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Matthew 6:25a, 33, NKJV

There are plenty of things that beg for our attention (school, church, work, family, friends, social media). Before we can fully complete one task, oftentimes, our minds are already thinking of the "what next". It is as if our lives are running full speed ahead like the Duracell rabbit. Our days are filled with responsibilities and relationships, all of which take time and patience. We find ourselves having to prioritize our "to do" list, which in itself, can be time consuming and even exhausting – depending on who you ask. Now with the month of September in full swing with students and teachers returning back to school and with many of the Methodist churches in our New York Conference resuming its ministries after their summer hiatus, the race has once again begun!

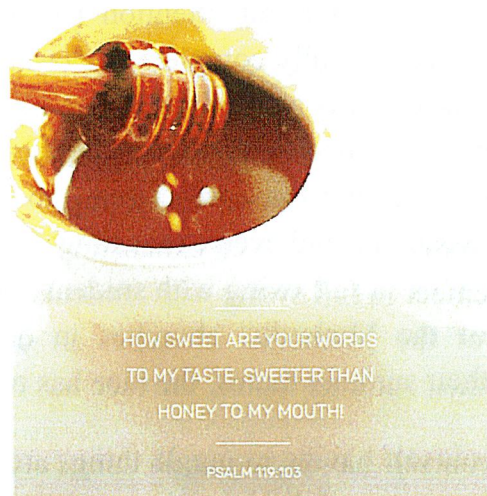
If you're like me, you find yourself having to juggle things around more than ever. In the past year, I have acquired more responsibilities on the conference level, such as becoming the Co-Chair of BOOM (Board of Ordained Ministry) and being a mentor to candidates seeking ordination. I'm also still trying to become acclimated to the Clinton community and connect with its residents. With a year of joyfully serving at UMC Clinton behind me, I'm also still trying to learn the names of my parishioners and their stories.

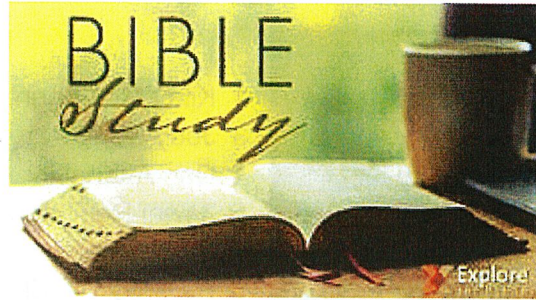
With that said, the Lord is teaching me that I must seek first the kingdom of God...and not worry. I have never been one to worry! However, recently, the spirit of anxiousness tried to get into my head and heart as I reflected upon the various responsibilities I have in this season of my ministry. There are several things begging for my attention. Therefore, it would behoove me to always discern and seek first what God wants.

We are living in a time where there is so much happening around us. So many things to do and relationships to grow. People are getting anxious now more than ever, but that does not have to be our story. Yes, there will always be something or someone begging for our attention. Yes, we will always have responsibilities, but we do not have to let worry be one of them. What we are to do is seek God first, trust in all His ways, be responsible and do our part that was assigned to us by God, and give all our cares to Him. The Lord will take care of the rest and also us. Remember the race is not for the swift, but for those who will trust in the Lord, seek first His kingdom, and trust that He has our back!

Peace,

Pastor Rhonda





Tuesday Night on-line Bible Study will resume on September 9 at 7:00 PM

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zyk-gbfm-dkb>

Or dial: (US) +1 318-814-8377 PIN: 803 541 446#

Thursday Morning in-person Bible study will resume on September 11 at 10:00 AM

Join us as we study Hannah Hurnard's best known book:

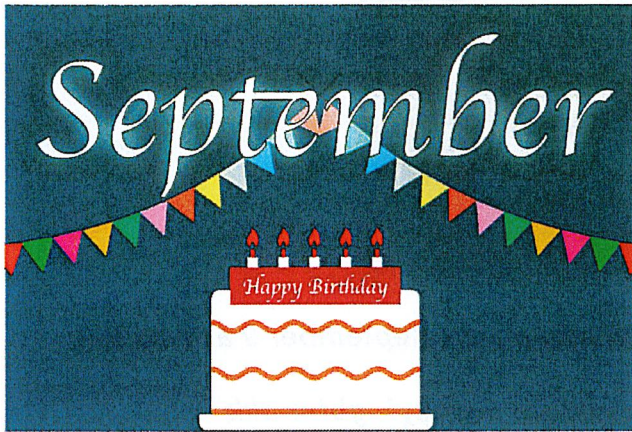
Hinds Feet on High Places.

In this timeless allegory, we'll be led to journey to new heights of love, joy, and victory as God's children. "In this moving tale, follow Much-Afraid on her spiritual journey as she overcomes many dangers and mounts at last to the High Places. "

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a donation, the cost of the book is \$7.00.

The Installation Service for our District Superintendent Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair will be held on Sunday, October 12, 4pm at Nichols UMC, 35 Shelton Road, Trumbull CT. If you are interested in attending and carpooling, please contact the church office.

Charge Conferences will be held by the Cooperative Parishes on Saturday and Sunday in October and November. Stay tuned for more details and updates to forms.



- 1 Kiley McKinnon, Andrea Lee
- 3 Jody Dodge
- 4 Dan Attanasio
- 5 Tawni Robinson, Ray Lenda
- 7 Lynn Sellers
- 8 PJ Brockett, Eli Ackerman
- 10 Johanna Thelin, Eddie Gonzalez, Tavis Nicklis
- 12 Amy Nicklis, Chelsea Griswold
- 13 Becca Dollahite, Sam Gowzby, Rebecca Hawes

- 14 Kristen Desrosiers, Carl Engelhart
- 16 David Wahl
- 17 Hill Gbunblee
- 23 Jonas Thelin
- 24 Colby Pendleton
- 28 Kimberly Parker
- 29 Jill Hale, Amanda Parent



- 3rd Sue and Roy Alexander
- 7th David and Deb Petrelle
- 8th Debra and Peter Brockett
- 9th Steve and Kathy Yang
- 16th Laurie and Jeff Bell
- 17th Jackie and Gene Blomberg
- 19th Bob and Sue Morrison
- 23rd Diane and Larry Remetta
- 29th Dan and Jenefer Bell
- 30th Michael and Wilda Lohutko

MONTH OF SERVICES

Sept 7th (Communion Sunday)

Ushers: Sharon Minick, Bill Hancock, Lynda Larson

Camera Operator: Erica Babjak

Video Coordinator: Dan Attanasio

Worship Leader: Michael Babjak

Lectionary scriptures: Jeremiah 18:1-11, Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 (UM854), Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33, Luke 14:25-33

Sermon: Ray Silvernale

Communion Steward: Sharon Minick

Fellowship: Laura Becker

Sept 14th

Ushers: Evelyn and Dennis Scaglione, Sally Maxwell and Charlotte Parisi

Camera Operator: Lisa Sutherland

Video Coordinator: Erica Babjak

Worship Leader: Bev Bowen

Lectionary scriptures: Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28, Psalm 14 (UM746), 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda Taylor

Fellowship Host: Hales

Sept 21st

Ushers: Lyle Cubberly, Lynn Sellers, David Moore, Bob Morrison

Camera Operator: Val Gilcher

Video Coordinator: Karin Thelin

Worship Leader: Dennis Dollahite

Lectionary scriptures: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, Psalm 79:1-9, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Wilda Lohutko and Gary Smith

Sept 28th

Ushers: Jeane Howard, Diana Vincent, Rick Gilcher, Sherry Hynes

Camera Operator: Jill Hale

Video Coordinator: Lisa Sutherland

Worship Leader: Tammy Drena

Lectionary scriptures: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (UM910), 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Laurie Bell

Pantry Wish List



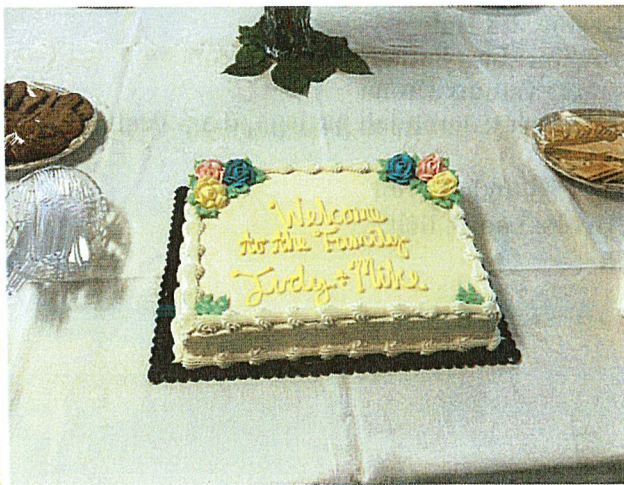
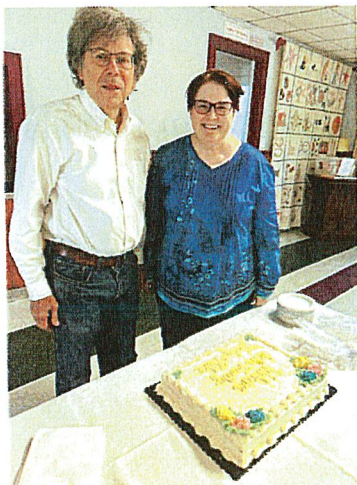
Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Soup
Canned Fruit
Cereal
Peanut Butter

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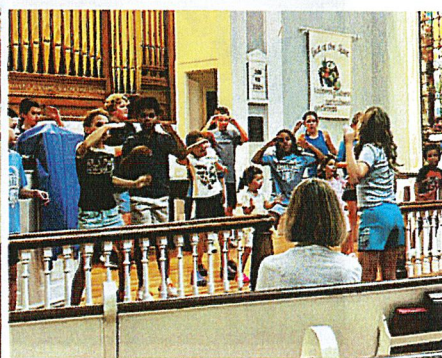
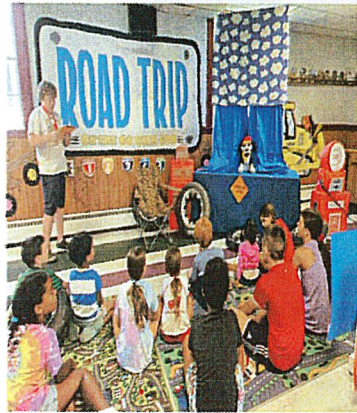
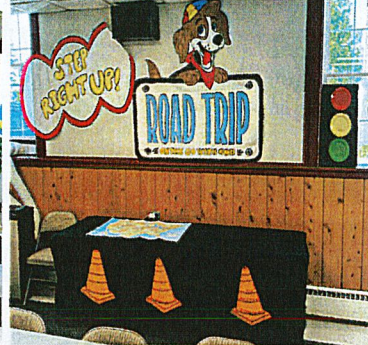
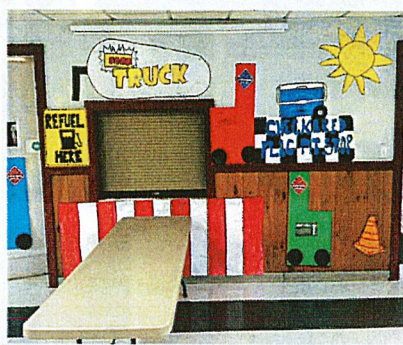
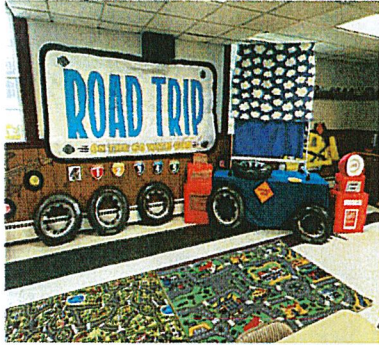


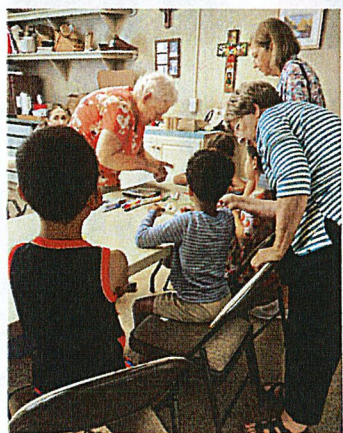
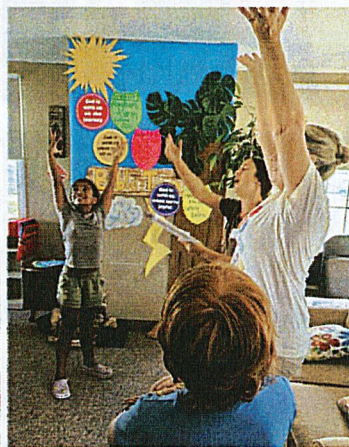
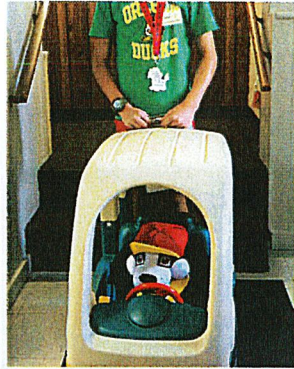
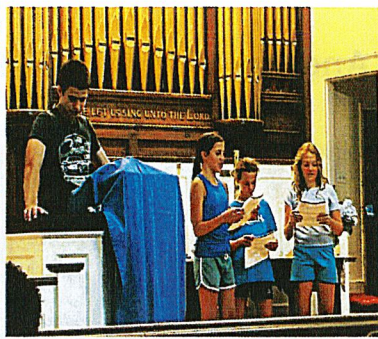


New Members Judy and Mike

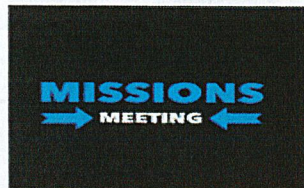


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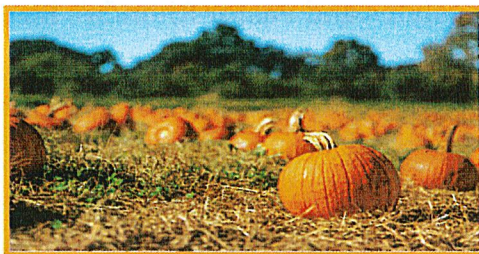
Sibling acolytes and Pastor Rhonda's Birthday



The next mission meeting will be on Sunday, Sept 7, after church.

There will be ERT recertification training by zoom on September 23 and September 30. Time TBA. There is a sign up in the fellowship hall. A training for new certification will be held in person at our church on a Saturday closer to the new year.

We will have another tied blanket making session for blankets for Pastor Rhonda to bring to the homebound on Saturday, September 28 from 9 to 12 in Fellowship Hall. We have several pieces of fleece but feel free to donate or bring some more. And bring sharp scissors and long rulers. We will provide a light lunch after.



It's that time of year again! The Pumpkin Patch will be operating from Saturday, October 4th, through Friday, October 31st.

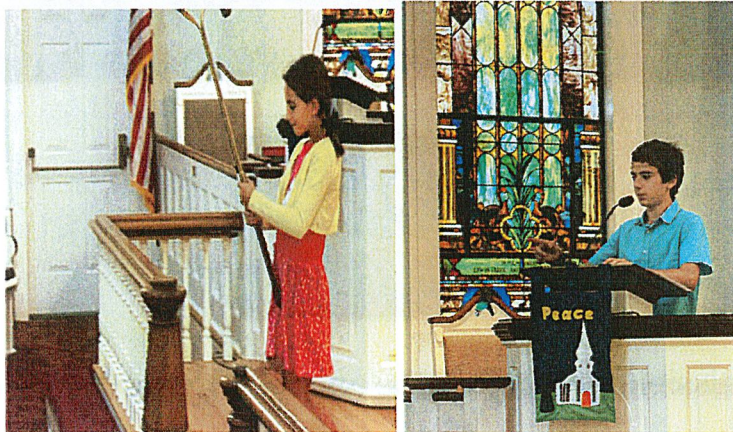
We're hoping you can join us to unload the pumpkins into our patch on October 4th starting at 9 a.m.

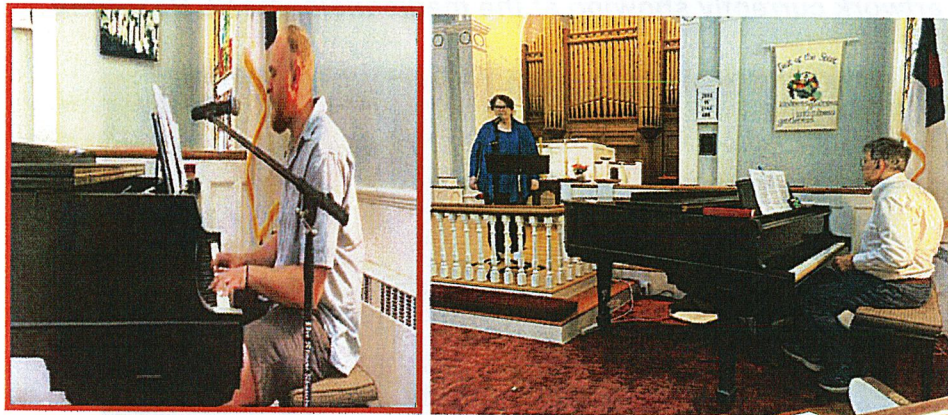
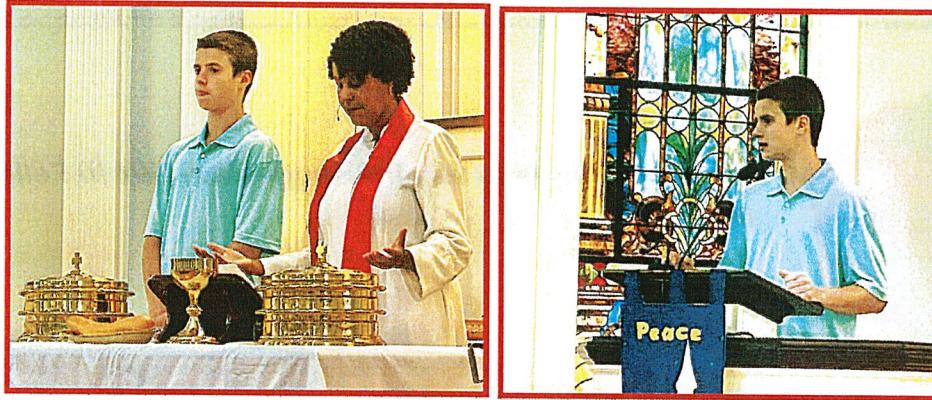
We also hope you will sign up for a 2 hour shift to sell pumpkins (12-2, 2-4, 4-6). A sign up sheet will be provided in Fellowship Hall.

This will be the 12th season we are providing this event for the Town of Clinton in support of the Navajo Nation as well as a fundraiser for our church.

Thanks in advance for your help.

~Sherry Hynes and Corinne Brown





What's Happening in September?

Junior Church begins on September 7th. **Junior Church happens during the church service.** Children aged three and up come upstairs and participate in activities to engage them in learning about God's love and our connections with one another through a variety of activities. The children leave church typically after Children's Time. On Communion Sunday, the children may leave church and re-enter during communion.

Sunday School registration begins on September 7th during the Pancake Breakfast. Sunday School takes place on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 beginning on September 14th. There are three classes for children of all ages:

Preschool-Grade 2

Grade 3-5

Grade 6-12

There is also a Sunday School Class for adults.

We hope to see you!!

Becky Templeton and Bev Bowen



Please continue to use the suggestion box in Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations to Liz Egan on the impressive exhibit of her artwork currently showing at the madisoncinemas2. Beautiful!



We were blessed to prepare and serve a Sunday supper to about sixty people at St. Vincent de Paul in Middletown yesterday! We had two crews - one that prepared the delicious food and another that cheerfully served the meal.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for a delicious breakfast
and fantastic fellowship!

9:00 am - Sunday, September 7th
The United Methodist Church of Clinton
12 Commerce St., Clinton CT

*Hot Off the Griddle Pancakes (plain,
blueberry, chocolate chip), Sausage, Coffee,
Milk & Orange Juice*

FREE



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ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT
IN EVERYTHING, BY
PRAYER AND PETITION,
WITH THANKSGIVING,
PRESENT YOUR
REQUESTS TO GOD.

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Our Mission

We celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit; being and making disciples of Christ by sharing God's gifts through word and deed.