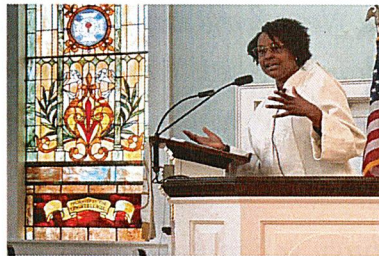


JUNE

Newsletter



June is a busy month for school graduations, including the end of the school year; weddings, and various celebrations such as Father's Day, Juneteenth, and Pride Month. It's also a popular time for gardeners, travel and outdoor activities. Gardeners are busy with tasks of planting, weeding, harvesting, and maintaining their manicured lawns and succulent gardens. Our sense of smell reaches its peak as we enjoy the aromatic smells from grilling. Swimming pools and parks filled with people, marking the beginning of summer and warmer weather. Yes, June is certainly a busy time!

The month of June is also a busy time for Bishop Thomas Bickerton, clergy and laity of the New York Annual Conference and the New England Conference (better known as The New Hope Episcopacy). Beginning June 5 through June 8, clergy and laity of the New York Conference which consists of six geographic areas: Catskill-Hudson, Connecticut, Long Island East, Long Island West, Metropolitan, and New York Connecticut) will gather together for our Annual Conference at the Hilton Stamford Hotel & Executive Meeting Center in Stamford, CT.

The Annual Conference is the basic unit of the United Methodist Church. In the United States, an annual conference "may cover an entire state, only part of the state, or even parts of two or more states.[1]

Each year, an equal number of clergy and laity attend their annual conference for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. The sessions include reports of past, ongoing, and future work, programs and budgets, adoption of the mission goal for the year, ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders. During conference we also elect our delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (which is every 4 years). The bishop presides over Annual Conference.

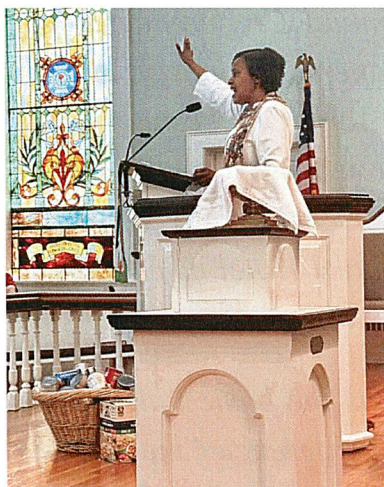
As clergy and laity of the New York Annual Conference prepare to gather on June 5 through June 8, we certainly solicit your prayers for not only New York, but also for the New England Conference who will gather with Bishop Bickerton for their Annual Conference starting June 18.

In keeping up with our busy schedules, let us make sure we take time to give God thanks for His faithfulness and power that enables us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the ability to do the work of ministry for which we are called.

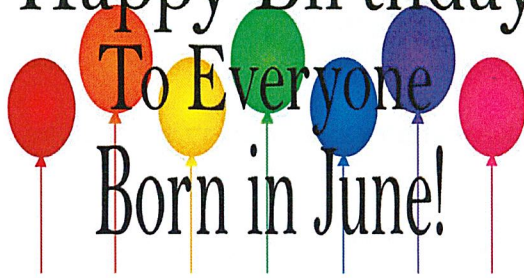
Peace,

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

[1] <https://www.umc.org/en/content/annual-conferences>



Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!



1st Sandra Newman
4th Jose Gonzalez
6th Cindy Stevens, Grace Ackerman
8th Tom Symmes
10th Lucy Babjak
14th Susan Leslie
17th Natalie Sutherland
18th Kevin Benisvy
21st Beverly Bowen, Duane Gates, Chase Pendleton
23rd Donald Sutherland
24th Carolyn Gbunblee, Susanna Dollahite
27th Nan Hawes, Katie Desrosiers
28th Shawn Gilcher, Kevin Gilcher
29th Paul Griswold
30th Laurie Bell



4th John and Nancy Thomas
14th Robert and Emma Appleby
16th Brenda and Paul Griswold
16th Robert and Linda Dwyer
23rd Heidi and Corey Hayes
24th Nan and Bob Hawes
25th Judy and Michael Levesque
29th Gail and Dana Whitney
30th Patty and Alan Hurlburt

MONTH OF SERVICES

June 1st (Children's Sunday)

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

Camera Operator: Karin Thelin

Video Coordinator: Banks Babjak

Worship Leader: Bev Bowen

Lectionary scriptures: Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97 (UM816), Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21, John 17:20-26

Sermon: Children and Youth

Communion Steward: Evelyn Scaglione

Fellowship Host: Jeane Jarusik

June 8th

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

Camera Operator: Banks Babjak

Video Coordinator: Lisa Sutherland

Worship Leader: Dennis Dollahite

Lectionary scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104;24-34,35b (UM826), Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Sermon: TBD

Fellowship Hosts: Tammy Drena and Sharon Minick

June 15th-Father's Day

Ushers: Sharon Minick, Bill Hancock

Camera Operator: Jill Hale

Video Coordinator: Erica Babjak

Worship Leader: Rick Gilcher

Lectionary scriptures: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8 (UM743), Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Host: Gail Whitney

June 22nd

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

Camera Operator: Lisa Sutherland

Video Coordinator: Erica Babjak

Worship Leader: Tammy Drena

Lectionary scriptures: 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 (UM777), Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Gary Smith and Wilda Lohutko

June 29th

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

Camera Operator: Val Gilcher

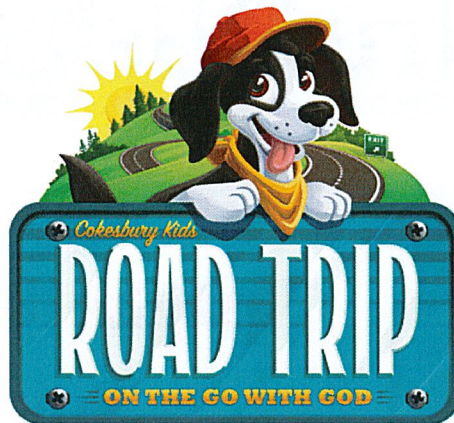
Video Coordinator: Dan Attanasio

Worship Leader: Bob Hawes

Lectionary scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UM798), Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Hosts: Clever Crafters



***Vacation Bible School is happening again
August 11-15th, 9am to 12:00 pm***

Sing and Play, Bible Adventures, Games, Snacks, and more...Registration forms are available in the back of the church, in the church office, in Fellowship Hall and in Sunday School Classrooms. If you have questions talk to Val Gilcher, Karin Thelin or Gail Whitney.



Pantry Wish List

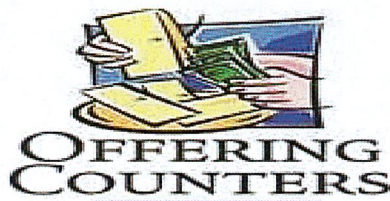


Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce
Soup
Canned Fruit
Cereal
Peanut Butter

shorelinesoupkitchens.org



And for our own Soup Kitchen closet, canned vegetables are always needed.



Please consider joining a team of 2 for counting on Sunday after our worship service. Currently we have 5 teams of 2 and would like more. Please see Jackie if interested or call the church office.



Patty is getting ready to share her talent.

Our spring banners really brightened our worship!



Children's Sunday is June 1st



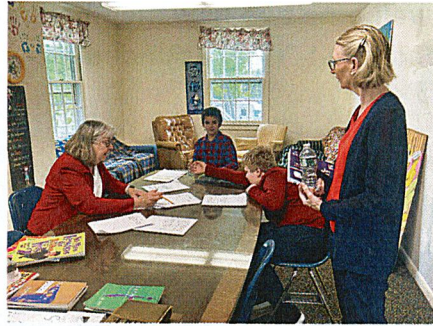
The Sunday School students have been hard at work with their teachers planning a wonderful Children's Sunday service. Please join us on Sunday, June 1st to hear the message from our youth. The children will also share what animals they decided to purchase through the Heifer project with the offering collected at Children's Time.

The last week of Junior Church was May 25, and the last day of Sunday School will be June 1st. As we wind down the school year we would like to extend a special thanks to all of the Sunday School teachers who volunteered their time this year: Val Gilcher, Laurie Bell, Robin Patten, Jill Hale, Lisa Sutherland, and Lyle Cubberly. We would also like to thank the Junior Church volunteers as well: Becky Templeton, Donna Bronson, Carolyn Gbunblee, Jill Hale, Gail Whitney, and Corrinne Brown. Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers!

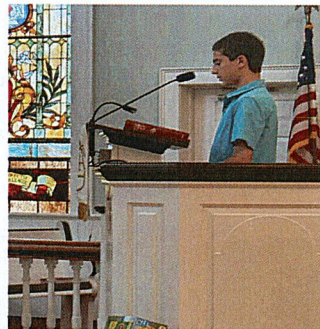
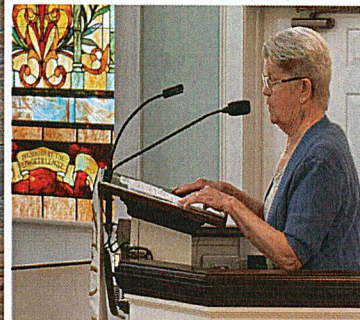


Our choir was thrilled to welcome two new members and almost everyone in attendance! They sounded great!





June 15th is Father's Day



*A Church is a place for Faith, Love, Hope and Acceptance, not Complaints.
Don't be a Complainer, be a Believer and be **THANKFUL** for all you have.*

Complainers change
their complaints, but
they never reduce the
amount of time spent in
complaining.

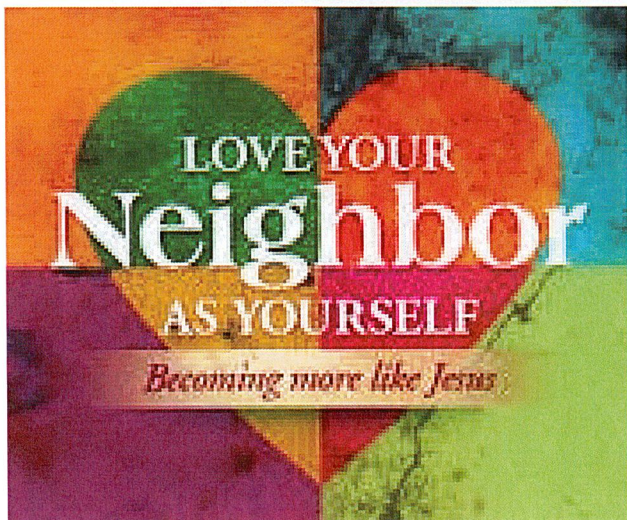
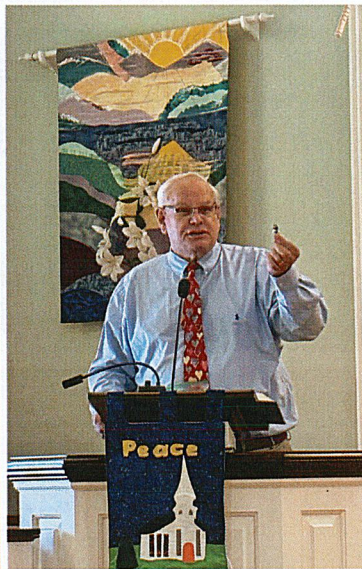
Mason Cooley

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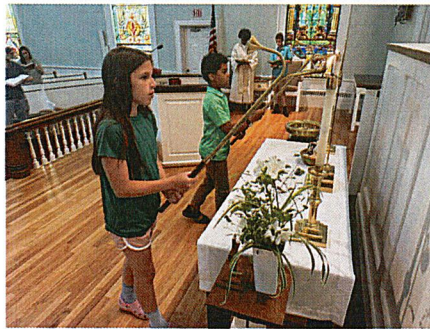
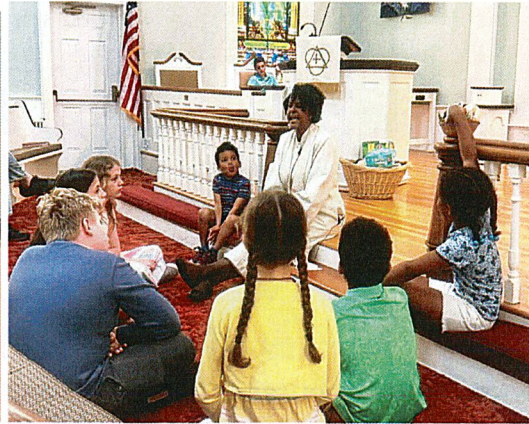
IN A
WORLD
WHERE YOU CAN BE
ANYTHING
BE KIND



Pastor Rhonda represented us at the district meeting on May 3.



Our children shared their ideas about how to love God during their special part of our Sunday service. Great answers!





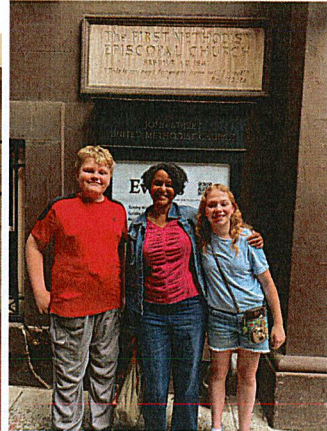
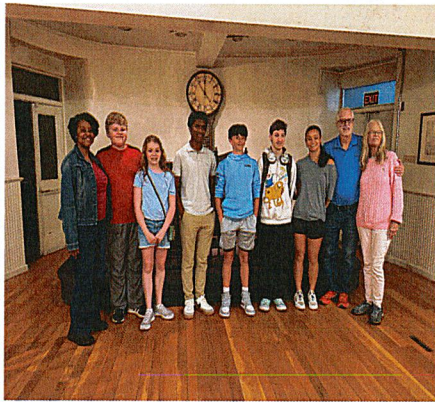
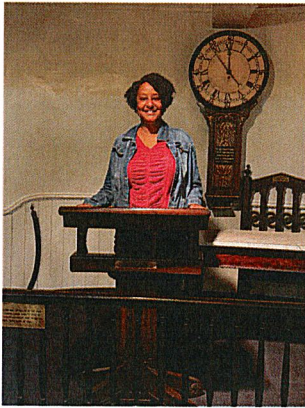
Our Sunday School students are continuing their food drive for the month of May. For the first 2 weeks we gave 140 lbs of food to the Clinton Food Pantry. The 3rd week we had 65 items donated and the last week there was 75 lbs of food given.



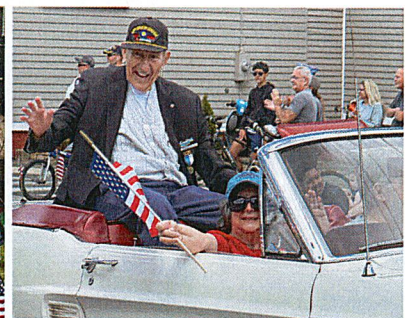
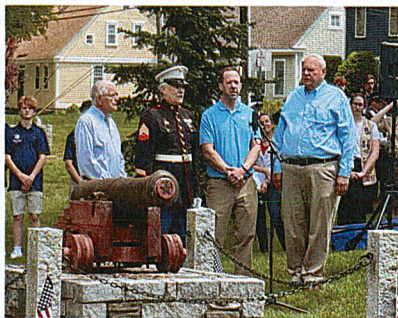
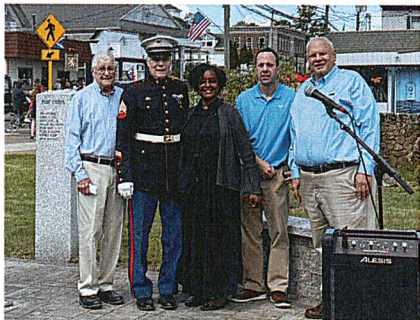
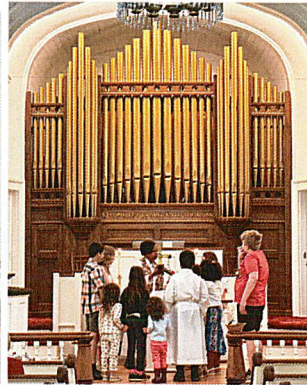
Deb Anderson always arranges beautiful flowers to enhance our Sunday worship.



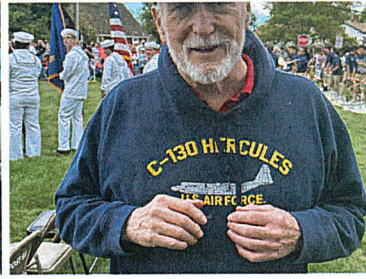
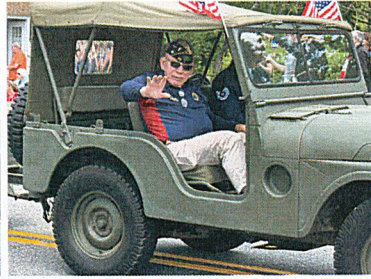
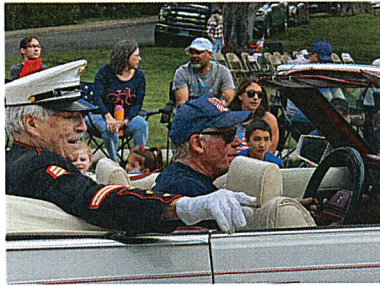
Confirmation Trip to NYC



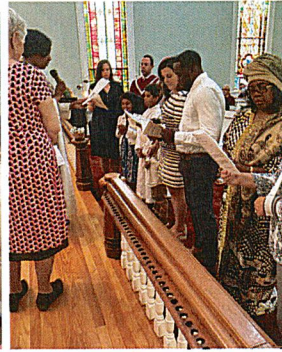
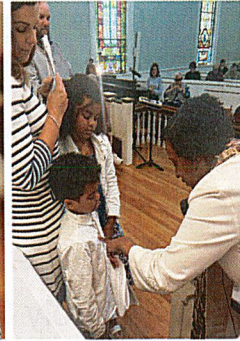
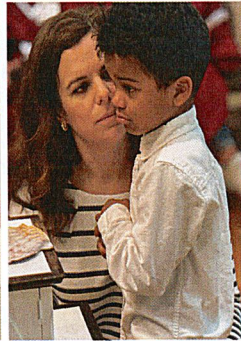
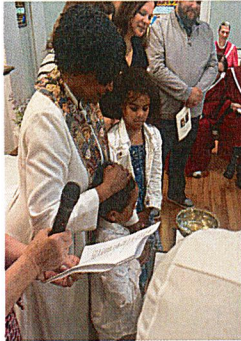
For Mothers' Day Pastor Rhonda profiled two important women of Faith, Tabitha (Dorcas) and Susannah Wesley.



Our church was well represented during Clinton's Memorial Day Observances. Pastor Rhonda offered prayers at the cemeteries, The Methodaires sang The Navy Hymn at the FireHouse and The Star Spangled Banner at the green. Lyle, Bud, Don , and David were in the parade!



We, along with lots of family, celebrated Grover's baptism on Sunday!



Poem from Deb Anderson

With My Hand In Daddy's

We walk to the docks in the early morning. A fog is hovering over the cove. We stand here together listening to the sounds that only fog will invite.

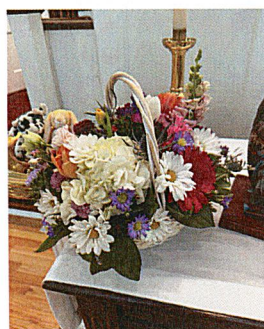
Mortal words would serve no purpose here, so silently and in peaceful solitude, we survey a mystical horizon.

It is not unusual that conversation does not take place, but on this special morn, discernment prevails.

We take a deep breath and welcome into our bodies all the misty layered quietness our hearts will hold.

We turn, and with Daddy's hand in mine we walk home.

Altar flowers one Sunday were in celebration of Dick and Carol Bell's 60th Anniversary that week. Congratulations again!



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