

September Link

Eat at Joes

As the summer days start to grow shorter and families gear up for the next school year, we can all look back at this year and honestly say . . . O . . . M . . . G . . . what just happened? I know that it can feel like time is both standing still yet moving faster than ever. The pandemic has now disrupted our daily lives for close to six months in most of the country, including CT — and it's not exactly clear what the coming months or years will bring.

Economically, the stock market has roared back — but too many Americans still face deep concerns about their employment all while their savings accounts are dwindling and they need to continue to pay for things, like rent and food, you know, the basics, let alone paying for education and controlling debt. On top of that, it's easy to feel socially isolated as the pandemic disrupts how we typically spend time together. We feel a constraint in our lives and in our worship, and that indeed does put a constraint on our relationship with God.

But one thing that remains steadfast, and that's the love that Christ has for us. Jesus saw this day coming, he saw what was in store for the year 2020 and he did something about it. He went for a short walk, up a very steep hill and took a stand, by hanging on a tree. A tree that we now revere as the most incredible symbol of selflessness, commitment, and pure love that this world has ever seen and will ever see again. A commitment that echoed through the channels of time and space, and still rings true to this day.

In the midst of all of this volatility and uncertainty, I have a clear message: **Jesus is here for you.** Don't let his commitment go to waste. Pick up yourself, and make a commitment today to honor him, focus more on the word, focus more on the love of Christ and reach out and help someone today that you might not have helped last year.

We here at PVUMC will continue to continue on. We'll keep proclaiming the good news of Christ as we hold our hybrid in-person/online services as a permanent standard of worship. Please continue to pray, continue to help around the church and remember your pledges, as this pandemic has impacted our finances, but remember it's far more important to honor God with your tithes than to honor our church.

Blessings Always

Pastor Mike and Karen Antici

BACK HOME!

If I had the power to turn back the clock,
Go back to that house at the end of the block—
The house that was HOME when I was a kid,
I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee,
And hear once again all the things she told me,
I'd listen as I never listened before,
For she knew so well just what life had in store.

And all the advice my dad used to give,
His voice I'll remember as long as I live;
But it didn't seem really important then;
What I'd give just to live it all over again.

And what I'd give for the chance I once had,
To do so much more for my mother and dad;
To give them more joy and a little less pain;
A little more sunshine—a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back,
Whether we were born in a mansion or in a shack;
But we can start right now—in the hour that's here,
To do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is traveling so fast;
Let's not spend it regretting that which is past;
But let's make tomorrow a happier day
By doing our "good to others"—TODAY.

Scriptures for September

September 6: "It's in there!; All you need is love":Ezekiel 33:7-11; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13: "The Animated Series; Found: 1 glass slipper: Luke 15:1-7

September 20: "The Animated Series; In the morning, I'm making waffles!": Numbers 22:21-38

September 27:"The Animated Series; E ho' olohe ia ke Akua (listening to God)":
Ephesians 2:1-10


September Schedule

September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27	<u>Nursery Care</u> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	<u>Cleaners</u> Peck Lucas Fenn Fenn	<u>Ushers</u> Dawn & Wayne Renfrew Sandy Slemmer & Steve Shaw Shelley Bailey & Steve Bailey Bonnie Slater & Bertha Weih
September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27	<u>Greeters</u> Sandy Slemmer Volunteer Needed Barb & Steve Bailey Volunteer Needed	<u>Lectors</u> Steve Perry John Baum Cathy Baum Bonnie Slater	<u>Coffee Hour</u> **May Resume in October**
September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27	<u>Children's Message</u> Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed		
September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27	<u>Lector Readings</u> Ezekiel 33:7-11; Matthew 18:15-20 Luke 15:1-7 Numbers 22:21-38 Ephesians 2:1-10		



****Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

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SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Trustees Meeting 8:00PM AA	2	3 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	4	5
6 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	7 Labor Day 	8 10:00AM Bible Study 7:00PM Admin./ Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	9	10 6:45PM AA	11	12
13 10:00AM Worship Service	14 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	15 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	16	17 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	18	19
20 10:00AM Worship Service	21	22 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	23	24 6:45PM AA	25	26
27 10:00AM Worship Service	28 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	29 10:00AM Bible Study 8:00PM AA	30			

Church Humor:

“Excuse me, the birds want me to ask when you might be refilling the feeder.”



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A priest buys a lawn mower at a yard sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the yard sale and tells the previous owner, “I can’t get the mower to start!” “That’s because you have to curse to get it started,” says the man. “I’m a man of the cloth. I don’t even remember how to curse.” “You keep pulling on that rope, and it’ll come back to you.”

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I tried having my mother’s phone disconnected, but the customer-service rep told me that since the account was in my dad’s name, he’d have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he’d been dead for 40 years didn’t sway her. Then a solution hit me: “If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?” “Well, yes,” she said reluctantly. “But that would ruin his credit.”

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When my son, William, was young, we belonged to a small country church. On Communion day, deacons would pass around the “bread and juice.” One Sunday, we attended a church out of town that was more formal. What our church called bread and juice, this one referred to as elements, a word William didn’t understand. As Communion began, the pastor said, “If the deacons will come forward, the elements will pass among us.” William was suddenly excited and I didn’t know why. Then he leaned toward me, whispering something that caused me to burst out laughing. With all eyes on us, I took him by the hand and we made a hasty exit. All the way to the car, he protested. “Mom, we’re going to miss the circus. The pastor said the elephants were going to pass among us!”
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When my husband, James Rowles, was in the seminary, he was invited to preach at a small rural church. However, the man who was to introduce him to the congregation had trouble pronouncing his name. So James [SEP] offered this verbal clue: "Remember rolls, like hot buttered rolls." It worked. When it came time [SEP] for the introduction, the man announced, "We are pleased to have with us the Reverend James Biscuits."

September Announcements



Attention Prayer Warriors!

Our ability to pray for others in times of crisis and need has always been a great strength of this church. Currently, we are in need of more folks who are willing to take just a moment of time to offer up a prayer for someone who needs help from the Lord. It costs nothing...just a moment of your time...and can make a world of difference. If you are willing to make this commitment, or would like more information, please contact the Prayer Chain administrator, Penny Church, at 860-496-2799.

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Mike has office hours on Sunday from 12:30PM to 3:30PM or by appointment.

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