

## September Link

***For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
Ecclesiastes 3:1***

I love New England and all four of her glorious seasons. I look forward especially to Autumn's crisp air, blazing colors and hearty food. However, as much as I anticipate a wonderful fall, I am always saddened to leave Summer. I desire just one more day in the sun, wearing flip flops and lazing at the beach with a good book, listening to kids squeal in the water.

But alas, time marches on and a new season is upon us. Indeed, new seasons, new adventures and new beginnings can be inviting.

So, speaking of inviting, if it has been a while since you have attended worship services, well here is your invitation. You are missed, you are needed, and you are wanted. Over this last year for a myriad of reasons, many folks have stopped attending church. Most because of Covid restrictions that prevented us from gathering. But many others for different reasons.

When I came to Pleasant Valley some 25 years ago as a parishioner, Sunday morning was a place of comfort and peace after a hectic, trying week. Worship was time not only to connect with God, but a time to be relieved of all worldly burdens as I surrender myself and fell into the arms of Jesus.


Now, as I have rejoined this community, I pray that each of you, as we worship together, we experience that relief, joy and connection with our Lord. If you are tired or content, if you are confused or sure, if you are afraid or strong if you are alone or too busy, or if you are simply missing something you cannot name, then Come Home. Here you will find comfort and rest.

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-39***

I would love the opportunity to meet with you, listen to your story and concerns, so together we may grow in the love of Jesus Christ.

In this new season, come home to Pleasant Valley.

In His Love,  
Pastor Barbara

 *First United  
Methodist Church  
of Torrington, CT*



# **3rd Annual** **FUMC FALL CLASSIC** **9 Hole Scramble**

**Registration starts at 2 pm**

**\$85 PER PLAYER**

**\$340 FOURSOME**

**OCT. 2nd, 2021 (Sat)**

**SHOT GUN START**

**includes Golf,**

**cart, Hole In One**

**Chance & Dinner**

**Bring a non-perishable  
food item**

**3:00 pm**

**PLACE**

**Green Woods Country  
Club**

**300 Torrington Street  
Winsted, Ct 06098**

**CONTACT: JAY ANDREWS**

**860-489-0106**

**Pre-Registration Deadline: Sept. 25th, 2021**

**Non-Golfing Spouses or 1 guest - \$40 dinner only**

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## Gospels for September

September 5: Mark 7:24-37  
September 12: Mark 8:27-38  
September 19: Mark 9:30-37  
September 26: Mark 9:38-50

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## September Schedule

**\*\*We are holding back on the schedules until we know more about when and how services will resume in person. However, if you'd like to do something please reach out to Pastor Barbara at [barb\\_drew@hotmail.com](mailto:barb_drew@hotmail.com)**

September 5: September12: September 19: September 26:	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
September 5: September12: September 19: September 26:	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
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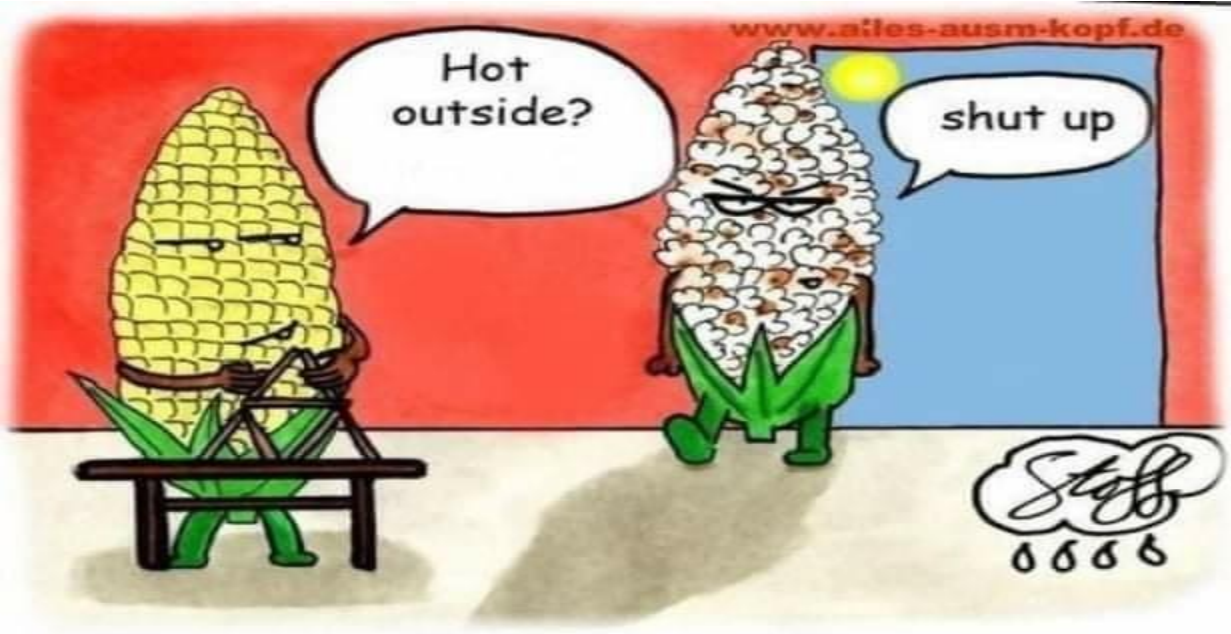
**\*\*Because of the COVID-19 virus all meetings and Church Schedules are tentative. Please call or email me to confirm.**

# September

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



## Church Humor:



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An MIT student spent an entire summer going to the Harvard football field every day wearing a black and white striped shirt, walking up and down the field for ten or fifteen minutes throwing birdseed all over the field, blowing a whistle and then walking off the field.

At the end of the summer, it came time for the first Harvard home football team, the referee walked onto the field and blew the whistle, and the game had to be delayed for a half hour to wait for the birds to get off the field.

The guy wrote his thesis on this and graduated.

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A college grad decides to get a job at a hardware store for the summer. He shows up on his first day of work and his boss hands him a broom.

Here, your first task is to sweep out all the aisles. After that, I'll show you where the rest of the cleaning supplies are.

The grad looks at the broom and says to his boss, I don't think you understand, I'm a college graduate. His boss replies, Oh, no problem. I can show you how to use a broom.

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## **September Announcements**

### **Prayer Gathering/ Bible Class**

On September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, we will resume meeting in the Parish House for a prayer meeting and Bible Class meeting. The direction and subject of the gathering will be decided by the group. If you are interested, come join us and let everyone know your thoughts.

### **Storm Warnings**

As we approach winter, please remember to watch WFSB, channel 3 for any cancellations of meetings or worship due to winter weather. Its 90 degrees today, so it's difficult to imagine snow, but winter will come!

### **Covid Protocols**

Bishop Bickerton has requested for the safety of all, that we return to using masks during Sunday Service even if you have been fully vaccinated. Also, as you enter the church there is a sign in sheet. We ask that you all sign in, so that if we are exposed to Covid we can contact anyone who was in the church with needed information.

### **Children's Message**

If you would like to volunteer to give a Children message during worship, or if you would like to volunteer to be a liturgist (Reader) let Pastor Barbara know.

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Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:00AM to Noon, or by appointment.

### **Church contact info:**

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