

May Link

Many years back Methodist Preachers traveled from church to church by horseback in order to spread the word of God to a wide expanse. Their territory included many small towns and outlying villages.

These preachers, almost entirely single men, would be welcomed into local homes for shelter, comfort and good food for the duration of their visit. Often the women of the congregation aided the preacher by cleaning and repairing clothes, making candles for the church and providing music for the service. They were called “Mothers in Israel”. This term points to female leaders of the Old Testament, like Deborah, Sarah and Rebekah who were essential to the survival of the Hebrew Nation.

These Mothers in Israel were also essential in the Methodist movement and in the work of the church. They were class leaders, promoters of faith and even, at times, lay preachers. In the absence of the preacher, they visited the sick and attended to church members, knowing who in the community was in need and caring for them.

Many of these women became leaders in Methodism, beginning with Susanna Wesley, who was one of the most influential people in John Wesley’s ministry and life and in Methodism.

Churches are often remiss in recognizing the contributions that the women make to the promotion and welfare of our mission. Perhaps one Sunday we should look around and imagine how many areas would be neglected if our women were no longer offering care; Teaching, Preaching, Music, Food, Bible Study, Hospitality, Leadership. This list is endless. And to quote my younger son: “There’s no food better than Church Lady food.”

On this Mother’s Day, take time to approach a “Church Lady” and thank her for all she does for our community of faith. They are all Mothers In Israel.

Blessings,
Pastor Barbara



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



News from the Connecticut District



BISHOP BICKERTON'S DAY WITH THE DISTRICT

MAY 8, 2023

Meriden: First UMC
159 East Main Street
Meriden, CT 06450

DINNER 6:00PM - 7:00PM
BISHOP'S PRESENTATION: 7:00PM - 8:30PM

**BISHOP BICKERTON
AND
REV. DORIS K.
DALTON**

**COOPERATIVE PARISH DISCUSSION
WITH Q&A SESSION**

HOSTED BY:
The Greater Hartford
Parish



****We will be collecting items to bring to Annual Conference; items may be left in the Narthex.**

Asylum Seeker Ministry: Welcoming Our New Neighbors

More the 50,000 asylum seekers from around the world have arrived in New York City in the last year. Seven of our NYAC churches are directly involved with asylum seekers and need our help to meet their basic needs.

We will collect Asylum Seeker Kits and NEW, UNOPENED PACKAGED socks, underwear, and bras at Annual Conference on Friday June 9th. Items for kits can be packaged in gallon size ziplock bags.

Please bring your collection in boxes, labeled to indicate the contents, e.g. "New Kids' Socks" and "Women's Asylum Seeker Kits." Boxes can be delivered to the Hofstra Arena on June 9th.

Please contact Rev. Nikki Hutt, Conference Disaster Response and Missions Coordinator, at 914-615-2248 and nhutt@nyac.com with questions and volunteer offers. We thank you for extending a Christian welcome to our new neighbors!

**Town of Barkhamsted
Incorporated 1779**

April 5, 2023

Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church
Sunday School Program
P. O. Box 181
Pleasant Valley, CT 06063

Dear Ticia and Sunday School group,

Thank you for your recent donation! Your support of The Town Cookie Jar is greatly appreciated. With your help, we will be able to supply families with much needed food, heating, electricity and other needed items this year.

As always, we appreciate the interest the Church and its members take to make sure the Town of Barkhamsted is a great place to live. The actions of the youth members of your Church give us all reason to believe the future is very bright! Wishing you all a very happy Spring.

Sincerely,



Erica Dyndiuk
Administrative Assistant

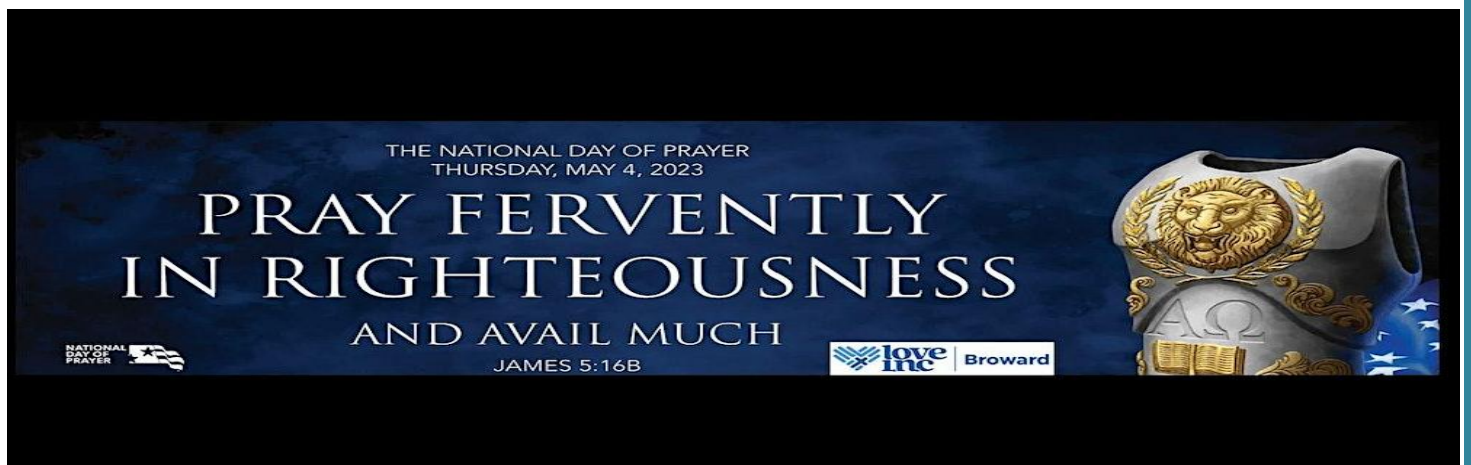
67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063
(860) 379-8285 phone
(860) 379-6262 fax

Gospels for May

May 7: John 14:1-14
 May 14: John 14:15-21
 May 21: John 17:1-11
 May 28: John 7:37-39

May Schedule

<p>May 7 May 14 May 21 May 28</p>	<p><u>Cleaners</u></p> <p>Volunteers needed Volunteers needed Volunteers needed Volunteers needed</p>	<p><u>Nursery Care</u></p>	<p><u>Ushers</u></p> <p>Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Steve & Barb Bailey Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green</p>
<p>May 7 May 14 May 21 May 28</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u></p>	<p><u>Lectors</u></p> <p>Steve Bailey John Baum Cathy Baum Karen Dietz</p>	<p><u>Coffee Hour</u></p> <p>Volunteers needed Volunteers needed Volunteers needed Volunteers needed</p>
<p>May 7 May 14 May 21 May 28</p>	<p><u>Counters</u></p> <p>Barbara Bailey & Jay LaGrange Steve Bailey & John Lundy Jay LaGrange & Wayne Roberts John Lundy & Barbara Sherwin</p>	<p><u>Children's Message</u></p>	



May

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
	1 	2 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	3 10:00AM Bible Study	4  6:45PM AA	5	6
7 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30AM Trustees Meeting	8 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	9 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	10 10:00AM Bible Study	11 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA 	12	13 10:30AM Bergeron Memorial Service
14 10:00AM Worship Service 	15	16 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	17 10:00AM Bible Study	18 6:45PM AA	19	20
21 10:00AM Worship Service 11:30 am Mary & Martha's meeting	22 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	23 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	24 10:00AM Bible Study	25 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	26	27
28 10:00AM Worship Service	29 	30 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	31 10:00AM Bible Study			

May Announcements

The May/June issue of Upper Room is available in the Narthex.

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital in need of a visit please call either Pastor Barbara or the Church office to schedule a visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer give out this information.

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 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

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