

June Link

I read about a Pastor who, during children's message asked the youngsters if God ever went on vacation. The point he was attempting to make was that God is always working to help us and never rests.

His point was sabotaged, however, when a youngster answered, "Sure God goes on vacation-when my family went camping last summer, God was right there with us."

The Pastor conceded that the youngster had a much better point than his. God is always right there with us, always; even when we are on vacation.

Summer is here! Time for rest, recreation, sunlight, relaxing, gardening, swimming, and vacation! I do love the freedom of warm days, (at least if not too hot!). I love nights with frog and cricket sounds. I love reading in the sun near the water. And I love the products of my son's gardening because I am terrible at it! And I hope you all find recreation in the sun as well. I pray you all find time to rest in the summer months.

But never forget that God is right there with you. Take time for prayer on a bright, sunny day. Whisper a thank you for the trees and flowers and garden-fresh vegetables.

Notice God's presence in the beauty of the earth. And feel God's touch on your life every day. The love of God is present with you in all times and in all places.

I pray that you all have an enjoyable, restful and safe summer.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Barbara



PRIDE Event – June 8, 2023

Simsbury United Methodist Church

Love Your LGBTQ+ Neighbor

Finding common ground through values

LGBTQ+ has been in the news a lot. So this PRIDE month, let's take the next steps in our growth and learning. Staying rooted in our values, how do we find common ground to love and include our gay and transgender family and loved ones? Our guest speaker, Rev. Noah Brewer-Wallin, Assistant Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, will lead us in an LGBTQ+ refresher and a further exploration of how we can turn our shared values into action.

Join us for a grace-filled conversation:

Thursday, June 8|

7:00-8:30 pm

SUM Wesley Hall

Sunday School



Sunday School year will end on June 3rd. We will be giving Bibles to students who are completing 3rd Grade or who have completed 3rd Grade but have not yet received a Bible. If your child is eligible, please contact Ticia Tubman.

We thank those who, through the year, have taught in the class, including substitutes. We especially are grateful for the leadership of Ticia Tubman, and the assistance of John Lundy and Skylar Winchester.

When Sunday School resumes in the fall, we will be in need of teachers - Ticia has been our go to for many years and needs a break! Consider your gifts through the summer and if you think you could be a teacher, or co- teacher, alternating weeks, in the Fall, or if you need more details, contact Ticia.



Our Library is open for business!

We have a variety of reading selections, including fiction, non-fiction, inspirational, children's and cookbooks. We also have CD's. We are not accepting DVD's or VHS videos.

Please put any returnables and donations in the blue bin on the bottom shelf and any monetary donations in the cash box, including money for our cookbook-*Recipes from the Valley*-available at \$5.00 each.

If you make any media donations, please be sure it is appropriate for our congregational needs.



Pastor Barbara will be at the Annual Conference from June 9th through June 11th. Kathy Loomis will be preaching on June 11th. Please come and support her.



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"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." – Luke 10:27 CEB

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Thank you!

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Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

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Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

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- The stars represent the 50 states of the Union.
- Blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.
- White symbolizes purity and innocence.
- Red symbolizes hardiness and valor.
- The stripes represent the original 13 British Colonies.




Gospels for June

June 4: Matthew 28:16-20
 June 11: Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26
 June 18: Matthew 9:35-10:8
 June 25: Matthew 10:24-39

June Schedule

June 4 June 11 June 18 June 25	<u>Cleaners</u> Barbara Sherwin Barbara Sherwin Ted Millahan Stephanie Stark	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Ushers</u> Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey Sue Burk & Barb Bailey Will Wesley & Darlene Slater Steven Shaw & Judy McKay
June 4 June 11 June 18 June 25	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> Suzanne Gerber Janet LaGrange Jonah Hurley Tom Lucas	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Darlene Slater & Janet LaGrange Judy M, Dan Hurley & Jennie P. Volunteers needed Stephanie & Patty Stark
June 4 June 11 June 18 June 25	<u>Counters</u> Wayne Roberts & Volunteer Barbara Sherwin & Barb Bailey Bonnie Slater & Steve Bailey Barb Bailey & Jay LaGrange	<u>Children's Message</u>	

June

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

*Happy
Father's Day*

June Announcements

Barney Connors Memorial Service is scheduled for June 17th at 11:00AM. Our thoughts and prayers are still with Wendy, Gene and their family.

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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