

August Link

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Acts 3: 42, 43, 47.

When my nephew was about ten, he declared one day, that the best part of Sunday was going to “second church”. For the life of me, I could not imagine what second church was. Until he explained, “Second Church is the part of church where we get juice and cookies!”

What a wonderful description of Fellowship/coffee hour- second church. In first church, we worship and encounter God with hymns, prayers, and Scripture. In first church, we are commanded to go into the world with the word, sharing with those we meet. In second church, we bring those lessons learned to our community.

Second Church is when we speak and listen to each other; here is when we laugh and break bread (or cookies) together; here is when we hold a hand and listen to concerns, worries, as well as joyful life happenings. In second church, questions are asked, stories are shared and plans for ministry are formulated. In second church, all voices are encouraged and heard.

As you can see, Second church is an essential portion of Sunday worship. And the cookies are really good!

During the summer months we are having smaller gatherings, but hopefully, come Fall we will come together in this important ministry. The folks who have so generously provided fellowship hour are in need of more folks to share the duties. There is a sign-up sheet on the Bessie table (the table in the entrance hall) or if you need information, speak to anyone in the kitchen. If more folks sign up, each person or group will have fewer rotations.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this ministry.

Blessings,
Pastor Barbara



Greetings from Laurel City Performing Arts in Winsted, CT. Our organization is currently in the process of restoring two historic structures in Winsted and converting them into performing arts spaces as well as spaces for arts education and community events.

The Laurel City Performing Arts is seeking officers and board members for a nonprofit organization that we are forming within our venues. We are looking for people who are experienced with working in a nonprofit. We also would prefer people who are involved with the performing arts in some capacity. We are currently specifically seeking people to fill the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. At a later date we will be seeking general members as well so stay tuned if that's more of what you're looking for. If you are interested in one of these roles please contact us at laurelcityperformingarts@gmail.com and give us a little write up of what you'd be interested in and why you think you'd be a good candidate.

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Potluck

The Mary & Martha's Women's group is planning a Potluck Lunch on September 10th. It will take the place of the regular coffee hour. They are asking that you bring lunch items such as sandwiches, salads, breads and different sandwich fillings like lunch meats and cheeses. The Mary & Martha group will bring desserts and provide beverages.



Our Holiday Craft Fair will be December 2, 2023 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. If you are a crafter and wish to participate, we would love to have you!

Crafters will begin to meet in the Fellowship Hall Monday, August 7th at 1:00PM to work on their creations.

If you have any questions, or need any additional information please contact Betty Vignali.



Beautify the Sanctuary!

If you have a flower garden in blossom and would like to contribute a bouquet to grace the altar some Sunday, please let Judy McKay know. The Altar Guild would welcome your help in praising the Lord by sharing His bounty with the congregation. Flowers can be taken home following the service so they can be enjoyed in your home as well.



Just a reminder that school will begin the end of August. Please drive carefully and watch out for the school buses and children.

Gospels for August

August 6: Matthew 14:13-21
August 13: Mathew 14:22-23
August 20: Matthew 15
August 27: Matthew 16:13-20

August Schedule

August 6 August 13 August 20 August 27	<u>Cleaners</u> Barbara Sherwin Ted Millhan Volunteers Needed Steve & Barb Bailey	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Ushers</u> Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green Barbara Sherwin & Darlene Slater Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey
August 6 August 13 August 20 August 27	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u> John Baum Cathy Baum Karen Dietz Suzanne Gerber	<u>Coffee Hour</u> Volunteers Needed Kathy & Sandy Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed
August 6 August 13 August 20 August 27	<u>Counters</u> Steve Bailey & Volunteer Barb Bailey & Volunteer Steve Bailey & John Lundy Wayne Roberts & Volunteer	<u>Children's Message</u>	

Goodbye July... 
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<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
		1 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	2	3 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	4	5
6 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:30AM Trustees Meeting	7 1:00 PM Crafters	8 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00pm Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	9	10 6:45PM AA	11	12
13 10:00AM Worship Service 11:30AM Mary & Martha's meeting	14 1:00 PM Crafters 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	15 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	16	17 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	18	19
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27 10:00AM Worship Service	28 1:00 PM Crafters 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	29 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	30	31 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA		

August Announcements

We are looking for people to help count the tithes on Sunday. If you would like to volunteer to be a counter please contact John Baum. His phone number is 860-413-3158.

If you know of someone who is not getting the Link but would like to, please contact Re with their information and email address so they can be added to the list. If they don't have access to emails, just give us their mailing address and we will mail it out to them. We will also leave a few copies on the Bessie table.

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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