

September Link

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven

It is September. Time for new beginnings and fresh starts. Soon the temperature will be cool and crisp. Soon students will return to school. Soon sporting events will kick off and soon we will be eating and drinking pumpkin flavored everything.

I love autumn but it just always seems too soon. Time passes just too, too quickly. I try telling the kids in my life to please cease all this growing up, but, alas they continue to grow into wonderful, caring adults.

Autumn brings a season of busyness in families, in the world and in the church. Our cooperative parish charge conference is already scheduled for Sunday, November 19th. Soon we will have several projects to attend to and committee work to complete.

The nominations committee will be meeting, soon, to fill positions on boards and committees. If you have an interest in serving, let the office know - and if you are asked, please give the opportunity to serve serious consideration.

We will soon be conducting our annual pledge campaign so we may, more accurately, develop our church budget. It is important to maintain as much integrity to our financial life as possible for planning and ministry.

The first phase of our roof replacement should begin this fall if all goes as planned. There may be some slight inconvenience as the project goes forward, so we ask for your patience and, by the way, thank a trustee who have all worked diligently on this much needed project.

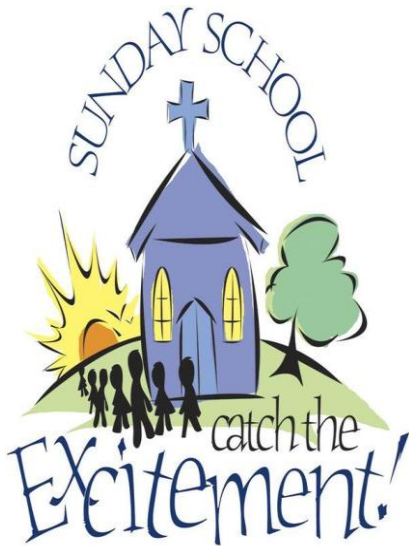
The trustees will also look for input on improving the front landscaping, so if you have talent in this area, please volunteer to help design an improvement of our curb appeal.

And finally, Sunday school will start up again in a few weeks. Teachers and substitute teachers are in much need so we can give a time of respite to our dedicated staff. Consider volunteering.

But before any of the work to come, take one more moment of summer rest, appreciate the warm weather and breathe.

May you live with God's blessing in every season.

Pastor Barbara



Sunday School starts September 10th!

Hear Stories from the Old Testament this Fall –

Play Bible Games,

Plan ways to help others as Jesus urged us to,

Be artistic and creative and conquer Biblical mazes ---

ALL THAT and MORE!!!

See you there!



Reverend Steve Perry went to be with his Savior in August. Please keep Jan and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



Potluck

The Mary & Martha's Women's group is planning a Potluck Lunch on September 10th. It will take 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.

Gospels for September

September 3: Matthew 16:21-28
September 10: Mathew 18:15-20
September 17: Matthew 18:21-35
September 24: Matthew 20:1-16

September Schedule

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
September 3 September 10 September 17 September 24	Steve & Barb Bailey Stephanie Stark Stephanie Stark Darlene & Judy McKay		Steve & Barb Bailey Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange Barbara Sherwin & Shirley Green
	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
September 3 September 10 September 17 September 24		Janet LaGrange Cathy Baum Tom Lucas Kathy Loomis	Volunteers Needed Potluck Luncheon Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed
	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	
September 3 September 10 September 17 September 24	Steve Bailey & Wayne Roberts John Lundy & Barbara Sherwin Wayne Roberts & Barb Bailey Barbara Sherwin & Steve Bailey		



September

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUS.	FRI.	SAT.
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3 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	4  Labor Day	5 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	6	7 6:45PM AA	8	9
10 10:00AM Worship Service Sunday School starts Potluck Lunch 11:15AM Trustees Meeting	11 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank 	12 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00pm Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	13	14 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	15	16
17 10:00AM Worship Service 11:30AM Mary & Martha's meeting	18	19 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	20	21 6:45PM AA	22	23 
24 10:00AM Worship Service	25 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	26 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	27	28 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	29	30



5 Colorful Facts about Autumn

1 Aurora Season

According to NASA, autumn is "aurora season" because geomagnetic storms are about twice as frequent as the annual average during the fall.



2 Colors of Leaves

During the fall, in response to colder temperatures and less light, leaves stop producing chlorophyll, the green pigment that helps capture sunlight to power photosynthesis. As the green fades, the leaf's other pigments shine through, such as orange and yellow carotenoids and vibrant red anthocyanin.



3 Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, takes place each autumn. The festival began as part of a crown prince's wedding celebrations in 1810 and has continued since. About 1.3 million gallons (5 million liters) of beer are poured during the festival.



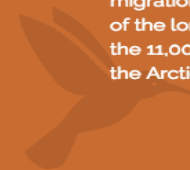
4 Equinox

The term "equinox" is from the Latin meaning "equal night."



5 Migration

Many birds prepare for winter migration during the fall. One of the longest migrations is the 11,000-mile journey by the Arctic Tern.



Source

CHURCH DIRECTORY

In the next few months, maybe sooner, a new Church Directory will be put together, with the efforts of Margo Fenn, Angela Root, Ruthie Roberts and Barbara Hawley.

A Congregational Data Sheet will be inserted in the weekly bulletin and the Link.

We ask that you help us with this effort by supplying us with as much information as you feel comfortable. One thing we truly need is first and last names and recent photos of you and your family. Please be aware that professional photos cannot be used without the permission of the studios that supplied the picture.

If you don't have a photo, we will be setting up a spot in the Fellowship Hall where we can take your picture for inclusion in the directory.

Any questions, contact one of the committee members for answers.

****The data sheet is on the next page. If you wish to be included in the directory, please fill out the form and return it to the office.**

Congregational Data Sheet

Family Names:

Mailing Address:

Home phone #:

Cell phone #'s:

Email Address:

Birthdays: (month & day)

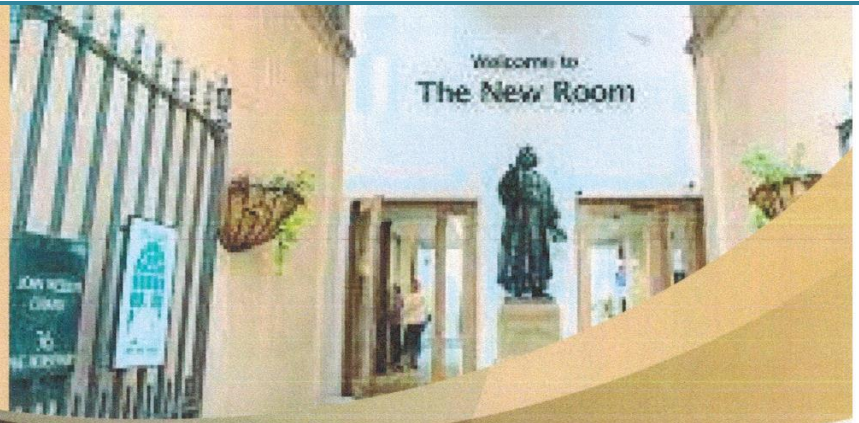
Anniversay: (month & day)

Photo(s) - labeled

How many copies of the Directory do you want?

Featured Speaker

**DAVID
WORTHINGTON**



CELEBRATE THE ORIGINAL NEW ROOM! FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**4:30PM WELCOME RECEPTION
5:00-6:15PM PRESENTATION WITH Q&A**

Join Connecticut District Superintendent Alpher Sylvester and The New Room Parish for an evening with David Worthington, Director of Global Relationships at John Wesley's New Room in Bristol, England. David will share stories about his ministry at the oldest Methodist building in the world, dating from 1739.

David will highlight how the work begun in Bristol became the template for the movement across England and, subsequently America, as many of those associated with the development of Methodism across the continent, such as Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke, were commissioned by John Wesley in Bristol.

David will show us how the work undertaken by John and Charles Wesley in the early years of the movement continues to inform and inspire us today as Methodism seeks to 'reclaim, renew, and revive' in an ever-changing world.

**FIRST MERIDEN UMC CAMPUS OF THE NEW ROOM
PARKING LOCATED AT 35 PLEASANT STREET**

September 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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