

October Link

Hard as it is to believe, it is October! How quickly summer passes into Fall, and as much as I miss the fun and freedom of summer activities and long hot days, Autumn does, indeed, bring its own joy.

Autumn is a time for colorful foliage, with the sun glistening through; it's a time for pumpkin spiced everything; it's a time to take long strolls in crisp clean air and it's a time for soccer and football games. October brings its own sense of flair and celebration.

This October we have a new celebration for PVUMC. We are about to celebrate one year as a merged church. Winsted UMC and Pleasant Valley UMC, believe or not, have been one united, blessed church for one year this October.

Amazingly, a year ago I was told by many clergy colleagues, that merging two churches together is difficult at best and, in most cases, simply not possible. I don't believe those naysayers ever encountered the strength, caring fortitude and abiding faith of the people of our small but mighty congregation.

Because of all of you, we are growing in numbers, in faith, in activities and in strength every week. I must admit, you have exceeded all expectations this past year, and I am certain that you will continue to grow.

Take some time to praise God for this blessed church and thank each other for the wonderful work you have all done this past year. And then consider the year to come. How will we continue to grow? Who can you invite to join us? How will you support the mission of our Church and community? Where do you hear God speaking to you?

PVUMC is an exceptional community of faith, and it is a blessing for us to have been together for this past year and for many years to come. Happy Anniversary!

Blessings,

Pastor Barbara



VISITING COMMITTEE

You are invited to join our church's new visiting committee. Members of this group will fill a vital role in our church by visiting members of our church as well as residents in our community who would benefit from having someone pay a call on them.

There will be a brief meeting after church on October 22nd for all those interested in being a part of this committee.

If you have any questions or suggestions of who might benefit from a visit, please see Kathy Loomis.



On Sunday, October 15, Kathy Loomis will be the guest speaker at Mary and Martha woman's meeting to teach some sign language. Prior to the meeting, Kathy will be signing the worship service. If you know any hearing-impaired individuals who could benefit from a sign language service, be sure to invite them to worship with us.



Polly Gangaware has gone to be with the Lord. Please keep Pastor Lee and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.



Save the Date for our Holiday Fair Coming Dec 2. Complete details will be sent later in the fall but tentatively we will have crafts, knitted goods, a bake sale, Christmas items, a Holiday cookie table, and a luncheon. Please be thinking if you can make something or volunteer to help on Fair Day!! Please see Betty Vignali if you have any questions.

Annual Church Conference 2023

Our annual church conference will be held on November 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Simsbury United Methodist Church along with the other churches in our cooperative parish. Although we may not have completed all end of year work, we need to complete as much as possible and, at least, present draft budgets and forms by this date for voting. Committees and Boards have received forms by email. Your attention to this work is much appreciated. Hopefully, as many of our parishioners as possible will attend the conference, so more voices may be heard. If you have any questions, see Pastor Barbara



Gospels for October


October 1: Matthew 21:23-32
October 8: Matthew 21:33-46
October 15: Matthew 22:1-14
October 22: Matthew 22:15-22
October 29: Matthew 22:34-46

October Schedule

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Nursery Care</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
October 1 October 8 October 15 October 22 October 29	Darlene & Judy Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed Stephanie Stark Stephanie Stark		Barbara Sherwin & Darlene Slater Dawn Renfrew & Shelley Bailey Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Steve & Barb Bailey Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange
	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
October 1 October 8 October 15 October 22 October 29		John Lundy Sandy Taylor Steve Bailey John Baum Cathy Baum	Volunteers Needed Darlene S., Judy, Jennie Bertha Volunteers Needed Stephanie & Patty
	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>	
October 1 October 8 October 15 October 22 October 29	Barb Bailey & John Lundy Steve Bailey & Wayne Roberts John Lundy & Barbara Sherwin Wayne Roberts & Barb Bailey Barbara Sherwin & Steve Bailey		



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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 Worship Service with Holy Communion	2 1:00pm Crafters Meeting	3 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	4	5 6:45PM AA	6	7
8 10:00AM Worship Service 11:15AM Trustees Meeting	9 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	10 10:00AM Prayer Group 7:00pm Admin./Finance Meeting 8:00PM AA	11	12 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA 	13	14
15 10:00AM Worship Service 11:30am Mary & Martha's meeting	16	17 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	18	19 6:45PM AA	20	21
22 10:00AM Worship Service	23 6:00 – 8:00PM Food Bank	24 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	25	26 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	27	28
29 10:00AM Worship Service	30	31 10:00AM Prayer Group  8:00PM AA				

October 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.

Church contact info:

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