

September Link

Returning, Resting, and Responding

September carries a familiar sense of homecoming. Vacations wind down, school calendars fill, and the erratic rhythms of summer settle into a common beat. Faces we have missed return to the sanctuary and with summer's distractions lifting, we can see more clearly the work that God has placed before us. It seems then that this is the time to lean into our individual discipleship and collective ministry. A time to look beyond Sundays and respond to the challenge of growing God's kingdom in ourselves and others notwithstanding a world that is hostile to our commission.

Fall also brings a paradox. The very season that opens a door for renewed discipleship and ministry also invites us to settle in. Evenings grow cooler and darker. Familiar schedules become comforting. By winter, many of us understandably long for warm homes, trusted routines, and rest. Rest is not the enemy of faithfulness; it is a gift woven into God's good creation. But comfort can quietly become a reason to postpone the holy questions: What spiritual disciplines should I be practicing? What needs are we now equipped to meet? What ministry might the Holy Spirit be prompting us to explore?

Our Methodist heritage helps us hold these truths together. We trust the grace that meets us before we act, the grace that welcomes and restores us, and the grace that continues shaping us in love. We return to worship not merely to become busy again, but to be formed again—to pray, listen, receive, and then go where Christ sends us. The church's calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is lived out most fully in local congregations like ours, where worship and service, reflection and action, belong together.

This September, we need not choose between activity and retreat. Instead, we can practice a faithful rhythm: gather, listen, discern, try, reflect, and try again. This fall may our routines become trellises on which new faithfulness can grow. May our rest deepen our compassion. May our renewed togetherness give us courage to test new possibilities. And may we trust that the same Spirit who renews us also equips us for the journey ahead. So come, you who are weary and find rest in the Lord and prepare to soar on eagles' wings.

The grace of Christ be with your spirits,

Pastor Jeff

FLANK STEAK DINNER

Friday, September 18th 2026 - 5:00 - 7:00

Chef Ken Triou will again prepare his famous Flank Steak with oven roasted potatoes & mushroom sauce, and squash medley. And, of course, our wide selection of heavenly desserts!



Adults \$22.00 Children (6-12) \$15.00
Children under 6 free Takeout Available



North Canton Community
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Cherry Brook Rd. & Case St.,
about 5 miles north of Route 44/Route 179 intersection.



Join Us For a Community, Fun-
Raising, Music Event with the
♫ Richard Badowski Band ♫

Date: Saturday October 24th

Time: 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Place: Pleasant Valley Methodist Church
93 River Rd. Barkhamsted CT.

Tickets: At the door \$20-donation

Refreshments: Provided

under 15 years, free,
check or cash only please

Great musicians playing blues, soul & R&B
for a Great cause!

Change in Office Hours

Our office hours beginning September 2nd will now be:

Tuesday – 9:00 AM – Noon

Wednesday - 9:00 AM – Noon

Friday – 9:00 AM – Noon

Baked Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter,
Canned Pears, Mixed Fruit or Pineapple

No time to shop for the food bank?? Donations can be made here:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/J36KTCUVNFYRY>



I'M READY FOR THE 'BER MONTHS

SEPTEMBER



NOVEMBER



OCTOBER



DECEMBER



Gospels for September

September 6: Matthew 18:15-20
September 13: Matthew 18:21-35
September 20: Matthew 20:1-16
September 27: Matthew 21:23-32

September Schedule

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27	Volunteers Needed Stephanie Stark Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed	Janet LaGrange Tom Lucas John Baum John Lundy	Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Steve & Barb Bailey Stephanie Stark & Janet LaGrange Karen Civelli & Shirley Green
	<u>Greeters</u>		<u>Coffee Hour</u>
September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27	John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange		Volunteers Needed Terri Collins & Angela Root Volunteers Needed Pat, Stephanie, Gail & Sandy
		<u>Counters</u>	
September 6 September 13 September 20 September 27		Jennifer Lambour & Steve Bailey Barbara Bailey & Jennifer Lambour Steve Bailey & John Lundy John Lundy & Peg Palmer	



Volunteers Needed

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Volunteers are needed for the Coffee Hour and Cleaners. The sign up sheets are on the Bessie Table in the Narthex.

September

<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 6:45PM AA	4	5
6 10:30AM Worship Service with Holy Communion	7 	8 10:00AM Prayer Group 4:00 – 7:00PM Food Bank 8:00PM AA	9 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting	10 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	11 	12
13 10:30AM Worship Service 11:15AM Trustees Meeting	14	15 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	16	17 6:45PM AA	18	19
20 10:30AM Worship Service	21 4:00 – 7:00PM Food Bank	22 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA 	23	24 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	25	26
27 10:30AM Worship Service	28	29 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	30			

September Announcements

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.

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

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 AM to Noon.

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