

# The Visitor

June 2015

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The  
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## A Letter from Pastor Jim

### IT'S SUMMER!!

After a long, cold and snowy winter, summer has come to our community. Laura and I have been outside more than inside these past couple weeks, exercising the grills and painting a deck. We always loved the warmer weather and this time of year gives us renewed ambition to do stuff. Like getting the bicycles going, visiting the River trails or riding in my antique car to the car shows these are the things we can only do during the warmer temps and dream of during the winter as the snow was burying us.

This past Winter we talked about when the Spring would come even though we were buried deep in snow and suffering a below zero wind chill. When the snow finally melted away, there was brown grass, no leaves and no other vegetation to mention. As the weeks have turned into months and the temperatures rise we see the lush greenness of this season.

Aren't we the same way?

I mean there are seasons that happen in our lives as well. We have times where everything seems to be dormant and we lay

in a state of numbness to the world around us. Then something happens, changes our lives, and we begin to have some things that happening we did not imagine before.

John Wesley believed in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the Sanctification that happens from our change. We all know John Wesley's Aldersgate moment where he felt his heart warmed and changed his whole ministry.

Me, I have experienced times in my life where I was brought to tears during a moving worship service or when I have been witness to the power of the Spirit in a person's life. The beauty is we all have the ability to grow in the Grace and to be pushed from dormant to lush, plentiful and ALIVE in the Holy Spirit. Paul put it well in his letter to the Ephesians when he wrote:

"so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses

#### Church hours:

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God." (NASV Ephesians 3:17-19).

Let us pray,

Oh' Lord fill us and refresh us in the warm summer breezes of the season. Help us to know that the ashes of our lives will give forth new life when we apply your grace. Help us to realize our lives are filled with your Spirit and that what has been laid dormant will now be lifted to life.

Through your Son, Our Savior Jesus the Christ we are so bold to pray.  
Amen

Be warmed; be grown in faith and refreshed in the Holy Spirit now and always. ~ *Pastor Jim*



## Church and Community News

### Jubilee!!!

We have learned that because all of our United Methodist Mission Shares were paid for 2014, we have been granted **JUBILEE!** Our past years' debt will be forgiven by \$9,277 every year that we pay our current Mission Shares in full. That means \$9,277 has been wiped off our debt all ready. As we continue paying our mission shares - in another 4 years - we will be debt free. We currently owe \$41,323 in past Mission Shares dating back many years. This is a fantastic and very biblical opportunity that we should not pass up.

### Annual Conference Live Stream

The plenary sessions and worship services at the 2015 Annual Conference session in Manchester, NH, will be live streamed here. Annual Conference is Thursday to Saturday, June 18-20. The live stream will begin with opening worship at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18. Live Stream will be on the website : <http://www.neumc.org/livestreamannualconference2015>

### *Tending the Garden Luncheons*

Please join us for a monthly potluck so we may

#### **TEND THE GARDEN**

Join us for fellowship and good eats, on the second Sunday of every month directly following worship.

Join us for the next Tend the Garden Luncheon on June 14th!

Please let Pastor Jim know if you would help

### UNITED METHODIST 101

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except when we engage in other projects and activities), come to **UNITED METHODISM 101**. It's interactive and is a blend of audio, video, written materials and group discussion.

A lifelong or long-term or new to the United Methodist traditions?" You may be surprised at what you can learn about our United Methodist Church and how it fits into the modern world.

Why are you United Methodist? What is your image of The United Methodist Church? How did that image develop? What would you like to learn about our church? .

You do not have to attend every one and can jump in any time! Come when you can.

**6:00pm**

See our Calendar in this newsletter.

### MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

**March 3-12, 2016**

A Mission trip to Nicaragua is being planned. We are asking anyone interested in going to please contact Cathy McNeill at [cathymcneill@ymail.com](mailto:cathymcneill@ymail.com) or 860-230-6804. The trip will be 7-10 days long. The focus of the trip will be to continue a relationship that NE Connecticut United Methodist Churches has with the church in Nicaragua. We will be visiting the health program, feeding program and other programs that the New England Conference supports through our mission shares. We will also spend a few days sightseeing. The trip is open to anyone 16 years or older. We will be holding fund raising opportunities to offset the cost of the trip. Start praying about it. More information will be made available.

## Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:

- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- \* children's underwear
- \* old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- \* Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- \* Campbell labels for educational supplies
- \* Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- \* Diapers for the local Diaper Bank

**The local shelter is** looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, coffee cups, soup bowls, silverware, razors, twin sheets and blankets. The sample sizes of personal amenities are welcome too.

### **Monday morning breakfasts**

could use any of the following:

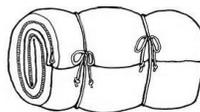
- Pancake mix, milk and eggs
- Hash browns
- Bacon/Ham/ Sausages
- Coffee, and Juice

Or a monetary donation to purchase these items

We are collecting used neck ties for the Golden Bees in Webster to use in making their sleeping bags.

The sleeping bags are distributed through out the Rte. 395 corridor. They also need donations of light blankets, material scraps, and thread.

Each sleeping bag comes with a health kit containing:

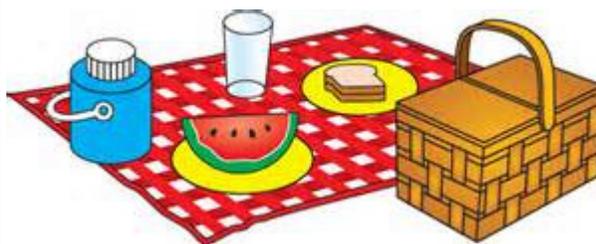


Wash cloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, bible or inspirational book, shampoo, hand lotion, small pack tissues, etc.

Each sleeping bag also contains a small pillow, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves and socks.

They are always looking for donations of any of the above items. A collection box will be placed in the back of the Narthex.

Don't forget the homeless shelter in Danielson. They look for donations of a lot of the same



### **ONECO UMC:**

**June 6 Smorgasbord Supper and Bake Sale - 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**June 27: Annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

The July and August newsletter will be combined.

### **JUNE CALENDAR**

- June 2** Trustee Mtg 6:30
- June 3** SPRC Mtg 6:30pm
- June 3** Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- June 8** AD Council 7:00pm
- June 10** Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- June 14** Children's Sunday
- June 17** Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- June 17** Methodist 101 @ 6pm
- June 19** Be Our Guest Dinner at @5:00pm
- June 21:** Father's Day
- June 24** Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- June 26** Be Our Guest Dinner at @5:00pm



When you want to learn about a new opportunity first-hand, what do you do? **You just DO IT.** Whether you are perfect or "ready" doesn't matter--you give it a shot, , you do what you can to "get your foot in the door." God, in His love for us, gives us the same opportunity to join what He is doing. He could easily do anything without our help at all, but He desires to work through us.

### **We Don't Want Something from You, We Want Something for You**

God is doing some amazing things at Danielson United Methodist Church!

We want you to volunteer, so that you too can join God in what he is doing. We know that God shows up when He gives us what seems like impossible tasks. When we offer what we have, He will use it to accomplish amazing things. We want you to be in on that. We don't want something from you. We want something **for you**: Everybody has something to offer even if it seems small compared to the need. What do you have to offer? How should you join God at work?

### **AD COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Have you felt the call to become more involved in the "goings on" of the church?

- Do you have a gift for administration?
- Or do you like to listen to people and take notes?

The Administrative Council needs your help. The Ad Council is a group of people who guide the church in the direction of its mission statement through the work of other committees, Christian education, and outreach and mission.

**The group seriously needs someone who can take notes (minutes) for the group.** A clear account of each meeting is kept by the secretary and sent out to members of the council. The secretary also has a voice on the council as well.

So - how about it?

Interested in knowing more?

Speak with any of the council members - Rick Hoskins, or Pastor Jim.

### **VARIOUS COMMITTEE SEATS**

*The Finance Committee*

*The Trustees*

*The Creative Angels*

All have openings for willing individuals to serve. Please make contact with any council member or let the office know your areas of interest.

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Interfaith Human  
Services of Putnam [IHSP]  
2015



# STEEPLECHASE BIKE RIDE

**Date:** Saturday June 13, 2015

**Start Location:** Christ Episcopal Church  
521 Pomfret St. [Route 44] in Pomfret, CT  
across from Rectory School

**Registration:** Begins at 7:00 am

**Start Time:** 8:00 am



## Three Routes throughout NECT:

63 miles [metric century]; 30 miles  
[intermediate] and 10 miles [beginners].

Decide which route is best for you.

Bicycle helmet a must. No exceptions.

Cost: Early Rider \$30; \$50 for Family  
[more than two]. Register by June 2

After June 2: \$40; \$65 for Family

Register on [www.bikereg.com](http://www.bikereg.com). "IHSP\_Putnam" Event Contact: 860-420-9757. Website:  
<https://ihspsteeplechase.wordpress.com>

For additional information, contact Shawn Johnston at 860-617-4360, IHSP at 860-928-  
0169 and/or Kathi Peterson at 860-455-3552

**Can't participate on the day of the race, or are not a bicycle rider, Be a  
Ghost Rider and make a donation to IHSP, P O Box 281, Putnam, CT**

Proceeds will benefit Interfaith Human Services of Putnam's programs including the IHSP-Daily  
Bread Food Pantry, IHSP-Diaper Bank of NECT, and IHSP-NU 2 U Clothing Closet. Non-Perishable  
food donations accepted.

**JUNE VOLUNTEERS****06.07**

Liturgist            Barbara Schreier  
 Greeter:            Barbara Schreier  
 Ushers:             Joann Caulder  
 Tellers;             Marsha Hardell & Nate Bramlett

**06.14**

CHILDREN'S DAY—the children will be volunteering this week

**TELLER LIST**

Week 1	Marsha Hardell + Nate Bramlett
Week 2	Sue Theroux + Barbara Schreier
Week 3	Jennelle Provencher + Mildred Briggs
Week 4	Pam Bramlett + Betsy Kneeland
Week 5	Del Tomasi + Nancy Wold
Floaters are:	Kendra Collins Cathy McNeill Barbara Schreier

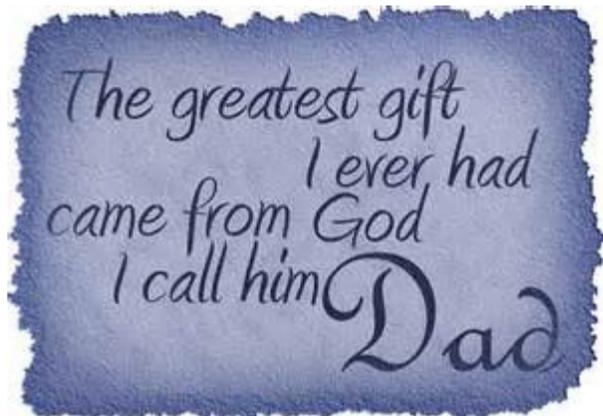
**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES FOR JUNE 2015**

**June 7**            1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20,  
(11:14-15)  
  
Psalm 138 (UMH 853)  
  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
  
Mark 3:20-35

**June 14**            1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13  
  
Psalm 20 or  
  
Psalm 92 (UMH 811)  
  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

**June 21**            1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49  
  
Psalm 9:9-20 (UMH 744)  
  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
  
Mark 4:35-41

**June 28**            2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27  
  
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
  
Mark 5:21-43



My father is a farmer,  
 His heart is in the soil  
 It's there he finds his solace,  
 Among the grimy toil.  
 He plants the seed in springtime,  
 The corn, the beans, the hay,  
 He prays that God would bless it,  
 A harvest, Lord, I pray.  
 He tills and cultivates it,  
 Provides the most tender care,  
 Believes that come October,  
 He'll reap a harvest fair.  
 Blue skies are his cathedral,  
 A tractor, his altar of prayer,  
 God meets him in the cornfields,  
 They have communion there.  
 My father is a farmer-  
 That's all he'll ever be.  
 The values that the land taught him,  
 He handed down to me.  
 I love my farmer father-  
 I'm thankful that he's mine...  
 I pray that God would bless him,  
 Today and for all time.

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**Pastor meeting available upon request 860.779.2018**

