

The Visitor

September 2015

United Methodist Church of Danielson
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Church hours:

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

Sitting at the dinner table with friends new and old, all of us there to remember the meal that Jesus had with his close friends and fellow seekers of God. We call it Maundy Thursday, a day in our calendar signifying the end of Lent and the soon to come Easter. We typically remember the betrayal by melancholy tones of prayer during the event. No celebration to speak of, at the end of the service leaving the sanctuary dark.

This past month I got the opportunity to go and visit Simple Church in Grafton Mass. This church is centered on that Thursday night meal, where we gather as individuals who become part of one worshipping body of Christ. If you could just breath that in for a moment. We meet, we eat, we commune, and we live into that meal with conversations around the table.

On the second Sunday of each month we have the opportunity to connect together at our "Tending the Garden" pot luck lunch that follows worship. The thought behind this when I introduced it was a time for us to have connection and fellowship with each other as we have a meal together. This pot luck luncheon was for all of you to attend and hopefully have a time of connecting with your fellow Brother or Sister in Christ over some food.

There are plenty of references of food in the Bible, if you Google it you will find 27 verses about meals and 75 verses about food. Jesus had plenty of references to meals and how talking around a table with food was a great way to get to know people. The intimacy we find around a table with a meal can also translate into our faith walk together.

So, won't you join us around the table as we enjoy food, conversation and some fellowship?

I hope you do.

Will you pray with me? Gracious God, we ask for your continued blessings upon us as we enter the autumn season. May our hearts remain warm to our neighbors as the temperatures fall? May we find opportunities to reach out to our community and be another beacon of hope and love to our community? May we break bread together and always remember the celebration of our salvation in Jesus the Christ.

Amen

Shalom.

Pastor Jim

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Church and Community News

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

We are very excited to notify all of you that a Cancer Support Group will begin at our Oneco UMC.

Tues – Oct. 27th 7-8:30 p.m., and will meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

We have facilitators for the Group, but still need a few people just to sit in to listen for specific needs within the group. Please spread the word. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tending the Garden

Luncheons

Please join us for a monthly pot-luck 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 **October 11, 2015.**

METHODIST MEN'S GROUP

—Join us! This is not a Bible Study, this is a fellowship of men.

- Join in the conversation and show off your cooking. (or not) The last gathering was lunch at Cozy Corner. For next meeting time –

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CHILDREN'S

HALLOWEEN Party



Danielson UMC, October 31st.
11:00 – 1:00.

Wear your costume and enjoy the games.

(we would be grateful for donations of candy and trinkets for the party:)

UNITED METHODIST 101

Begins Oct. 14th

**Second Tuesday of the month at
6:00pm**

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.



KNITTING AND STITCHING Women's Group – Open group -

Starting the third Friday's of the month. Come join the shenanigans, ummm I mean crafting.

October 16th. 7:00 – 8:30.

Please call or email Cathy McNeill for location. 860-230-6804 cathy mcneill@ymail.com

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
- * Shoes for Africa

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.

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.



Monday morning breakfasts

could use any of the following:

Pancake mix, milk and eggs

Hash browns

Eggs

Bacon/Ham/ Sausages

Coffee, and canned or frozen Juice

Paper products, including plates coffee and juice cups

Or a monetary donation to purchase these items and some of the more perishable items we use.

IF EVERYONE WOULD CONSIDER DONATING THE COST OF THEIR MORNING COFFEE ONE DAY A WEEK WE COULD DO SO MUCH.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 3: Blessing of the Animals 3:00pm Trinity Episcopal church
- Oct 4 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 4 Crop Walk 1:00 Kilingly River Walk
- Oct 5 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Oct. 6: Maple Court Service 2:00pm
- Oct 7 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Oct 8 Choir Practice 6:30
- Oct 10 Moosup UMC Turkey Dinner 4:30pm
- Oct 11 Children's Sabbath
- Oct 12 Columbus Day
- Oct 12 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Oct 14 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Oct 14 Methodist 101 6:00-7:00pm
- Oct 15 : Choir Practice 6:30
- Oct 16 Be Our Guest
Dinner at @5:00pm
- Oct 16 Knitting and Stitching Group
7:00pm—8:00pm
- Oct 18 Laity Sunday
- Oct 19 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Oct 21 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Oct 22 Choir Practice 6:30
- Oct 23 Be Our Guest
Dinner at @5:00pm
- Oct 26 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Oct 27 Cancer Support Group UMC Oneco
7:00pm—8:30pm
- Oct 28 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Oct 30 Diaper Bank
- Oct 30 Be Our Dinner @ 5:00pm
- Oct 31 Hallowe'en Party 1:00pm

Heifer Farm in Rutland MA has a wonderful day we can all attend

There is a group going from Oneco. Danielson church members are welcome to join them/ Call or email Cathy McNeill. 860-230-6804 cathymcneill@ymail.com This trip is open to everyone. We will be leaving Oneco at about 10:30am.

Again this year, **Heifer Farm in Rutland, Ma** will feature their **Global Harvest Festival** on **Oct. 3 & 4** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Cost is \$10.00 per car.** Activities include touring the Global Village of International homesteads, where hands-on activities are offered such as piñatas, apple cider pressing, potato digging, bees wax candle rolling and scavenger hunts. Meet the farm animals, take a hay ride, PYO pumpkin, milk a goat, get your face painted and enjoy live music and the Dale Perkins horse Show. Savor a farm-to-table lunch or bring your own picnic. For more info about the farm, call 508- 886-2221 or email at heifer.farm@heifer.org.



CAN'T YOU JUST SMELL THAT ROASTING TURKEY?

Fall Turkey Dinner

– Saturday, October 10 4:30-6:00pm

Adults \$12.00 Children 10 and under - \$5.00 - Moosup UMC

Scripture Readings

October 4

- ▮ Job 1:1; 2:1-10
- ▮ Psalm 26 or
- ▮ Psalm 25 (UMH 756)
- ▮ Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

October 11

- ▮ Job 23:1-9, 16-17
- ▮ Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752)
- ▮ Hebrews 4:12-16
- ▮ Mark 10:17-31

October 18

- ▮ Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
- ▮ Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)
- ▮ Hebrews 5:1-10
- ▮ Mark 10:35-45

October 25

- ▮ Job 42:1-6, 10-17
- ▮ Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)
- ▮ Hebrews 7:23-28
- ▮ Mark 10:46-52

***CROP** Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and*

organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and

around the world. 25% of funds raised go to local food banks; the remainder are dispersed by Church World



Sunday, October 4th

Killingly River Walk (Off Route 12, Across from Friendly Spirits)

Registration at 1:00 pm - Walk at 1:30 pm

(RAIN OR SHINE)

To Walk or Pledge Call Westfield Congregational Church

210 Main Street, Danielson, CT

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 3RD

3:00PM

AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

It's on the front lawn so very pet friendly. Remember to bring your pets rabies certificate.



Fall 2015 Church Conferences

Bishop Devadhar and the District Superintendents have been re-thinking our charge conference/ church conference experiences. There has been much conversation and discernment about how best to have our district superintendents relate meaningfully with our local churches. The Strategic Plan process (that the New England Conference considered in 2014) had considerable feedback about the way we have been accomplishing annual church conferences and the role of our district superintendents.

In 2014, most of our New England churches used a worshipful work format by Marcia McFee – to widespread affirmation. This way of being in holy conference and in local church conferencing will be in evidence once again in 2015 as our gatherings are framed by the worship service that Marcia has written.

Also this year, many of the church conferences will be **led by elders within our districts, active and retired**

. This “experiment” – similar to practices being tried in many other conferences – seeks to share leadership within our districts as our stories of ministry and mission are shared among our churches. [We are counting on your feedback as we see what shape this practice will take beyond 2015.] ***The District Superintendents will still be meeting with each local SPRC on a different schedule, but many of the church conferences themselves will be facilitated by others.***

That leads to the part about the DS spending time in local churches differently. In our conversation as a Cabinet, we still want to come and visit the churches to hear the dreams, visions, plans, and purposes of each church at least once a year. It might be sharing a meal and having a conversation, or being a part of a mission focused congregational event, leading a cluster study, resourcing a local church need, preaching on Sunday, holding open conversations, or a time together to dream God’s dream for our ministries.

We would like your ideas and comments about how the district superintendents can support the congregation’s ministry and mission in the world. Please be in touch with your district superintendent with ideas and opportunities to worship, serve, and vision with you and your communities. Also, if you have any questions about the fall church conferences, don’t hesitate to ask.

Blessings

David Calhoun

AN INVITATION TO OUR YOUTH

If any of the young people in our congregation have a summer story they would like to share with us they can email in to the office at :

umcd@snet.net

We would love to put your pictures and publish your fun summers in the next bulletin.

Oct 4

Liturgist Cyndi Perkins
 Usher Betsy Kneeland
 Greeter Bev Fedorowicz

Oct 11

Liturgist Cyndi Perkins
 Usher Anthony Castillo
 Greeters Vernis Kelly & Amanda Castillo

**Oct 18**

Liturgist Dorothy Emblidge
 Usher Joyce Davis
 Greeters Bev Fedorowicz & Cranston Briggs

Our Bell Ringer is
 Kevin Payne

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
Floater are:	Kendra Collins Cathy McNeill Barbara Schreier

**PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET ON
 THE BULLETIN BOARD UPSTAIRS TO
 CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING FOR
 LITURGIST, USHERS AND GREETERS
 AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.**

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Pastor meeting available upon request 860.779.2018