



Mt. Carmel Congregational Church, 3285 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

**The Mt. Carmel Congregational Church
(A United Church of Christ)
Newsletter for July, 2021**

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been great to finally worship in our sanctuary. In many ways it is a slow opening because summer is usually a slow time at the church. We have been trying to collect birthdays but we know we have missed some people, so please send us your birthday if you would like to be listed.

Happy Birthday wishes go to the following:

Dave Jurkiewicz	July 1
Sara Kroon	July 7

You can either email me at hayes641@comcast.net or call the church office. We will have a birthday cake to honor our members and friends each month.

We need a list of people that will be willing to usher and to provide Coffee Hour. Please sign up at church or contact me by phone 203-641-1638 or email.

Let me know if you would like a visit or a call.

We are working on getting a new secretary but thank Tom Duffy and Sandee Martin for filling in.

Blessings for a lovely summer.

Peace,
Rev. Olivia Robinson

PASTORAL VISITS

If you are planning on having a procedure done at one of the local hospitals, please let Reverend Olivia know so that she can plan a pastoral visit - (203) 248-7408. Hospitals no longer call local churches with information about their patients. The church depends on others letting us know, and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

Our July Worship

July 4, 2021	Sixth Sunday in Pentecost Happy Independence Day! Holy Communion
Scriptures:	Psalm 123 Mark 6:1-13
Sermon:	“Sent With Power”
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July 11, 2021	Seventh Sunday in Pentecost
Scriptures:	Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29
Sermon:	Rick Terry is Preaching
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July 18, 2021	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures:	Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-44
Sermon:	“Compassionate Community”
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July 25, 2021	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures:	Ephesians 3:14-21 Psalm 145:10-18
Sermon:	“Rooted And Grounded In Love”

From the Treasurer: If you have any questions, I can be reached at treasurer@mccucc.com. Ellen

JUNE, 2021

Income:	Pledges and Offerings:	\$4,641.00
	Other Income:	\$2,182.00
	Total Income:	\$6,823.00
Expenses:	Total Expenses:	<u>\$6,978.00</u>
Net Income (Loss):		(\$155.00)

Deacons.

The Board of Deacons will meet on Wednesday, July 7, at 7:00 pm.

Tag Sale

Our church Tag Sale held on June 12th was quite successful, considering a rainy start. We netted \$712.00, to be used to pay bills. Thank you to all who participated. We were given a small air conditioner which is still available, presently in the church basement. See Sally Jaynes if you are interested.

The next tag/cheese sale is scheduled for October 16th.

The Craft Committee will meet all summer at 10:30 am each Wednesday morning. Thank you, The Craft Committee

Church School News

It is not too soon to start thinking about church school for this fall. If you are interested in helping out in some manner, please call the office. Also, if you have questions about enrolling you child, please contact the office as well. 203/248-7408. Thank you.

Pastor Search Committee Update

The Pastor Search Committee thanks the forty-plus members who returned surveys.

Coffee Hour Servers

Now that we are getting back to church and our coffee hour, please continue to use up the Styrofoam supplies. We will eventually switch to paper products but we have an abundance of Styrofoam to use up first. Thanks, Housekeeping Committee.

In-church Worship

For the month of July, 10:00am worship services will be in the Parish House.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joys and Concerns. If you wish to have a joy or concern announced during worship, please email Rev. Olivia at Hayes61@comcast.net or call the church office at (203) 248-7408.

Bible Study Group. The Bible Study group has finished meeting for the summer and will resume meetings in September.

Committee Openings. These committees need volunteer members to meet their minimum requirements as specified by the bylaws: Deacons-2 more; Trustees-1 more; Music Committee-3 more. If you would like to try our a committee (attend a meeting with no obligations), please contact the committee chair(s): Leon Fiftal-Music; Bev Jurkiewicz-Deacons; Val Duffy and Diane Scott-Trustees.

Funeral for Owen Gardner.

The funeral for Owen Gardner will be on July 24th at 10:00 am in the church. All are welcome.

Church Secretary.

We are now actively conducting interviews for a church secretary. The job is for three hours per day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. If you would like to see the complete job description, please let us know.

We the People

BITS and PIECES

Jane and Al Stolzenberg

Jane Stolzenberg - Things I remember from my childhood- they may be familiar to some of our older members

When I was a very young girl I lived with my parents on the second floor of a three family house in Westville. Each week the ice man came to deliver ice my mother had a large card marked on the sides- EXTRA LARGE, LARGE, MEDIUM, SMALL. She put the card in the front window with the marked side up of the size of the piece she wanted. The ice man brought the piece up the

back stairs and put it in the insulated top section of our wood ice box. While the ice man was delivering on the street the children ran to the back of the truck to get slivers of ice. (This was a real treat)

I remember the milk man came every day and put the quart bottle of milk in the milk box outside our back door. The bottles had a neck about 2 inches tall that held the cream. My mother poured the cream off to make whipped cream. I remember the Dugan bread man, the vegetable man, the dry cleaner who came once a week to take items to be cleaned. Jane Stolzenberg

Al Stolzenberg – Church History. I was first inside the Church in the fall of 1949 to attend a classmate's wedding. Jane's first appearance was as a guest soloist during her college summer vacation. In the fall of 1955 we bought and moved into a new house on South New Road. Soon our daughter was in Sunday School and we became involved, becoming members in 1959.

At that time south of the Church was 2.85 acres of land with a red colonial house on it, in which Mrs. Morton lived. To the left of the big house just west of the Church was Sherman Ave. coming down and going between the Church and Parish house to Whiney Ave. North, past the Short house and opposite the Church entry, Railroad Ave. branched off from Sherman Ave. to the railroad station. North of the parish house on Whitney Ave. was the Parsonage, a concrete commercial building, and then a large barn with Hamden Feed and Grain printed on it. The addition to the Parish House was not there, the ramp along the side of Church was not there, and there was no siding on the buildings. Inside the Church the side sconces were not there nor the overhead fans. It had a different organ. The wall behind the pulpit was not built and the open area provided a place for the Girl's Choir.

There were 1000 members, 150 in the Sunday school, 15 Deacons, 9 Deaconesses, Senior Choir, Girls Choir, and Men's club. Miss Ives was the Clerk, and Joe Peters, Minister. Joe was a community person. He was Chaplain to several Fire organizations, was on the school board, and Chaplain at the Cheshire Reformatory, where he conducted a service every Sunday. The only comment he made about the reformatory was "there are some just bad boys."

Two services were held on Sunday. On Easter and other special occasions folding chairs were placed in the aisles to accommodate an overflow. Cars parked on both sides of Whitney Ave. A Hamden Policeman came at end of service to help people safely across the street to their cars.

Time changes things, but we are still a friendly and caring congregation.

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