



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

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

Dear Friends and Members,

We welcomed our new office administrator Aren Alberico on July 20th. The office will now be open from 9am-12pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please forward any prayer concerns or announcements to be included in the weekly bulletin to Aren by Thursday at 9am by phone or by the Church email at mountcarmelchurch1@gmail.com. In addition, please send any newsletter articles to him by the last Sunday of the month, that being August 29th. A note from Aren: ***Hello all! I am excited to join the team here at MCCC, and I look forward to meeting all of you. If you happen to stop by the parish hall, feel free to pop into the office and say hi!***

Happy Birthday wishes go to the following:

Rowen O'Neil	August 3 rd
Keith Amato	August 4 th
Eric Grantz	August 19 th
Russell Olson	August 19 th
Rick Terry	August 25 th

If you would like to add your name to our birthday list, you can contact Aren by phone or by the Church email. As always, we will have a birthday cake for everyone to celebrate August birthdays on the last Sunday of the month, August 29, at coffee hour. Feel free to stop by and celebrate with us! ***Note: To clarify, cake will not be provided by the Church, but instead will be donated by**

volunteer staff each month. Cake/cupcakes may be store-bought or baked, whichever is more convenient for volunteers.

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

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 August Worship

We will be holding worship for the month of August in the parish hall, which is air-conditioned. Please join us!

August 1st, 2021	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion
Scriptures:	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6: 24-35
Sermon:	“Speaking The Truth In Love” - Rev. Olivia Robinson

August 8th, 2021	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures:	1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51
Sermon:	Keith Amato will be preaching (Rev. Olivia will be at the Star Island Family Conference)

August 15th, 2021 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: To be announced.

Sermon: Sara Kroon will be preaching

August 22nd, 2021 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Joshua 24:1-29, 14-18
Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon: “Putting on the Armor of Christ”
- Rev. Olivia Robinson

August 29th, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Birthday Cake at Coffee Hour!

Scriptures: James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Sermon: “Doers of the Word”
- Rev. Olivia Robinson

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

JULY, 2021

Income:	Pledges and Offerings:	\$4,098.00
	Other Income:	\$1,929.00
	Investment Income:	\$5,000.00
	Total Income:	\$11,027.00

Expenses:	Total Expenses:	<u>\$12,613.00</u>
Net Income (Loss):		(\$1,586.00)

Deacons.

We are still looking for 2 new deacons. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please do not hesitate to contact us. The next meeting for the Board of Deacons will be on Wednesday, September 1st, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Try us out!

Tag Sale

The next tag/cheese sale is scheduled for October 16th from 9am-2pm. Table spaces are \$20 cash. Please call (203) 239-7135 to make a reservation.

We will be selling Cabot cheese and will hold a NO BAKE bake sale. There will also be a snack bar, church craft, and tag tables.

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

Christian Education News

It has been busy downstairs as we are preparing to start a new year in our Sunday School. Rooms are getting cleaned, toys wiped, windows and curtains washed, and all the cobwebs have been vacuumed up!

We hope to have a cook out on Rally Day, September 12th. Our Boy Scout Troop will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. The Church will provide the food. Details to follow later.

Speaking of the Boy Scouts, they have started using the theater room downstairs for their meetings. They are very happy with the new arrangement and so are we. They are very willing to help the Church with projects as part of their community service. The Girl Scouts may also use the art room downstairs once in a while and will be organizing that room for their community service.

Church school sessions will be limited to once or twice a month, at least in the beginning, the reason for this is we have very few children and only 3 of us who will be teaching. That is ok, we can certainly build on what we have!

If your child would like to start Sunday School, and is not yet registered, please come at 9:30 am on September 12th.

If you would like to help in any way, please see Debbie Wooley.

Pastor Search Committee Update

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

Parish Hall Rentals

If you or anyone you know would be interested in renting out our parish hall to host a meeting, service, or a small private event, please feel free to contact our office by phone or email for scheduling, rates, and conditions.

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 August, 10:00am worship services will be in the Parish Hall. We will be returning to the Sanctuary for worship in September.

Rally Day

Rally Day this year falls on Sunday September 12th, after which we will be holding a picnic to celebrate the start of the new liturgical year.

Search Committee Potluck

On August 24th, there will be a potluck dinner for the search committee at 6:30pm.

Social Media

We have a new Facebook Page and a new Instagram! Please check us out at:
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mountcarmelchurch1/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Carmel-Congregational-Church-104002948638641>

GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS

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 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 out 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.

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