



THE BELL TREE
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A Newsletter for the Month of
SEPTEMBER 2022

The Mount Carmel Congregational Church
(A United Church of Christ)
3285 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Please join every Sunday at 10am in the Church for service! Note: Weekly scripture readings are subject to change.

<p>September 4th, 2022 Holy Communion with Rev. Susan Owen <i>Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scripture: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 Luke 14: 25-33 Sermon: “An Evolving Identity” Aren Alberico</p>	<p>September 11th, 2022 Rally Day <i>Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost</i> Scripture: TBA Sermon: Reverend Vance Taylor <i>*Potluck Luncheon Directly Following Service*</i></p>																		
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<p><u>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u> <i>Happy Birthday Wishes Go to the Following:</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Diane Scott</td><td>September 3rd</td></tr> <tr><td>Gordon Williams</td><td>September 9th</td></tr> <tr><td>Lynn Campo</td><td>September 12th</td></tr> <tr><td>Katie O’Neil</td><td>September 20th</td></tr> <tr><td>George Peet</td><td>September 21st</td></tr> <tr><td>Muriel Tiedemann</td><td>September 23rd</td></tr> <tr><td>Bev Churchill</td><td>September 24th</td></tr> <tr><td>Karen Amato</td><td>September 24th</td></tr> <tr><td>Lee Campo</td><td>September 28th</td></tr> </table>	Diane Scott	September 3 rd	Gordon Williams	September 9 th	Lynn Campo	September 12 th	Katie O’Neil	September 20 th	George Peet	September 21 st	Muriel Tiedemann	September 23 rd	Bev Churchill	September 24 th	Karen Amato	September 24 th	Lee Campo	September 28 th	<p><u>Protocols for In-Person Worship</u></p> <p>Masks are optional for Church Worship. You can find our updated protocols on in-person worship by visiting our website at https://mccucc.tiny.us/protocols. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.</p> <hr/> <p>← If you would like to add your name to our birthday list, please contact our office.</p>
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FINANCIAL REPORT: JULY 2022

Following is the financial report for July 2022. If you have any questions, Ellen can be reached at treasurer@mccucc.com.

Income:	Pledges and Offerings:	\$5,703.00
	Other Income:	\$2,413.00
	Total Income:	\$8,116.00
Expenses:	Total Expenses:	\$9,003.93
Net Loss:		- \$887.93

Hope Rides With Us: The 2022 Closer to Free Ride

On September 10th, 2022, the Closer to Free Ride returns in full force. Five scenic, professionally supported routes. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers taking care of every detail. A poignant Opening Ceremony and an exhilarating Finish Line Festival at the Yale Bowl. And the opportunity to ride remotely wherever you may be. As always 100% of the dollars raised by Riders and Volunteers go to research and care at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. This is bigger than one person on one bicycle. Because so much is riding with us.

Courage Rides With Us. Determination Rides With Us. People We've Lost Ride With Us. People Undergoing Treatment Ride With Us. The Next Generation Rides With Us.

And above all... **HOPE RIDES WITH US**.

For more information or to register, visit our website at www.rideclosertofree.org. We are in need of volunteers on ride day at both the Yale Bowl and out the route. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kristen Alves at kristen.alves@ynhh.org.

A Message from Lynda

Thank you for the cards and condolences you have sent for the loss of my brother, Peter. He was a unique individual. He played football in high school and college and eventually ended up coaching high school football. He was a math teacher for 25 years until he went into a very successful business in Green Bay selling Packer Clothing. After he retired, he spent a lot of his time on the golf course. We will miss him, but we rejoice in his life knowing that he is at peace now. I was very privileged to be there for his passing and was able to help my sister-in-law through her grief.

Rally Day Potluck Luncheon!

We will have a pot-luck luncheon immediately following the church service on Sunday, September 11th. Olivia's farewell luncheon was such a success we want to do it again for Rally Day! Please let Aren, Debbie, or Bev know if you will be attending so we can get a head count. Also, the food assortment we had that day was wonderful so let's repeat those dishes for Rally Day as well. Hope to see you there!

-MCCC Staff

Faith Formation News

We will kick off the fall with Rally Day on Sunday, September 11th, 2022. Church school will start that day for all children Nursery to High School age. Please see Debbie Wooley before church to register your child if they are not already in our program. Children and their families will go to church at the beginning of the service. We will leave before the lesson readings to go over to the parish hall for church school. The curriculum this year comes from Kids Sunday School.

-Debbie Wooley

Bell Choir Returns!

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin on September 18th at 8:30am and run until 9:30am. If you are interested in play with us this year, please talk to me after church.

-Lynda Pedersen

Outreach

Neighbors in Need (NIN). Neighbors in Need is the next church wide mission project we participate in. We will receive the offering on October 2nd which is World Communion Sunday. NIN supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries. Please make check out to the church and put "NIN" in the memo line. Thank you for your offering.

ARK Banks: Keep the ARKs floating!!! Bring in your filled bank, drop in offering plate, pick up new one in narthex.

-Debbie Wooley

Fall 2022 Tag Sale

The next tag/craft sale is scheduled for October 15th from 9am-2pm. Table spaces are \$20 each. Please call Vera at (203) 239-7135 to make a reservation. As per usual, we will be selling delicious Cabot cheese and will be holding a NO BAKE (monetary donations only) bake sale. There will also be a variety of church craft and tag tables. We hope to see you there!

Thank you,
The Craft Ladies

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest Preachers. During every Sunday in August and September, we will be having either Lay Preachers or guest Ordained Ministers in charge of our worship. The Board of Deacons are asking that you support them as much as possible by attending worship if you can. It truly makes a difference if the church service has a good attendance.

Ushers. We are always looking for more Ushers – no experience necessary! Please see Dave or Bev Jurkiewicz, or Debbie Wooley, for more information!

Joys and Concerns. If you wish to have a joy or concern announced during worship, please forward to them to Aren at office@mccucc.com or call the church office at (203) 248-7408.

Pastoral Support. If you require pastoral support or guidance, please contact the office and our office administrator will put you in contact with someone who can help.

Committee Openings. Looking to get involved? There are several Committee Openings for Deacons (2 openings), Faith Formation (3 openings), and Music (3 openings)! If you would like to try out a committee (attend a meeting with no obligations), please contact the office and Aren will put you in touch with the committee chair!

Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour volunteers are needed for the months of August and September. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please contact the office directly or use the signup sheet now located at the entrance of the Parish House.

Altar Flowers. Altar flowers are needed for the months of August and September. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday, please contact the office directly or use the signup sheet now located at the entrance of the Parish House.

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 visit our website for scheduling, rates, and conditions.

Food Bank. Donations for the Food Bank are still needed if you are able to contribute. Non-perishable items such as canned beef stew, hearty soups, canned fish, peanut butter, mac and cheese packages, and oatmeal would be greatly appreciated.



WHERE:

MOUNT CARMEL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
3284 WHITNEY AVENUE, HAMDEN CT 06518

WHEN:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
9AM-2PM

WHAT:

TAG/CRAFT TABLES!
SNACK BAR!
NO BAKE (MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY) BAKE SALE!
CABOT CHEESE!
& MORE!

BOOK NOW:

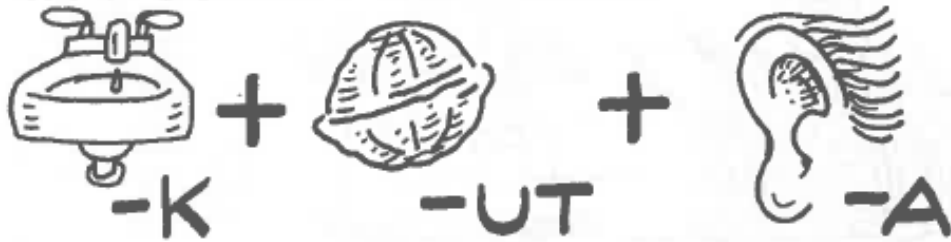
TABLES ARE \$20 EACH AND CAN BE BOOKED NOW BY CALLING
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MASKS FOR THE EVENT ARE OPTIONAL AT THIS TIME.

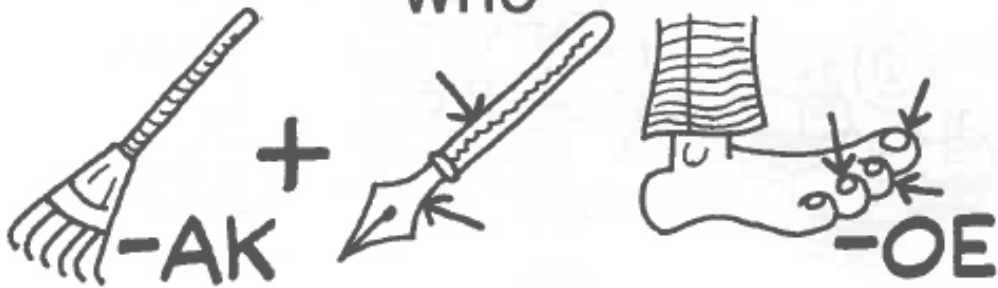
REPENT!

Read Luke 15:4-7. Work the rebus to fill in the blanks and complete the verse about repentance.

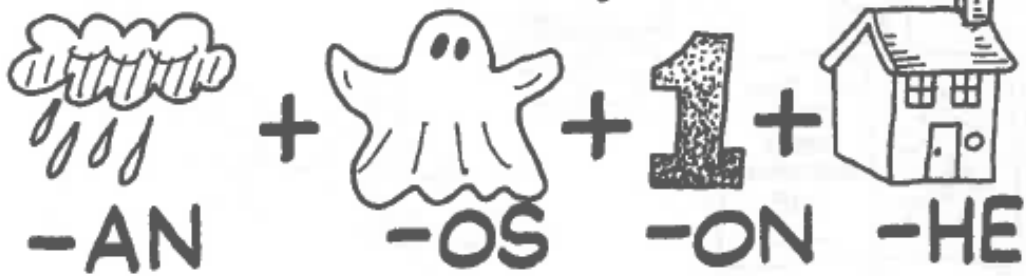
There will be more rejoicing
in heaven over one



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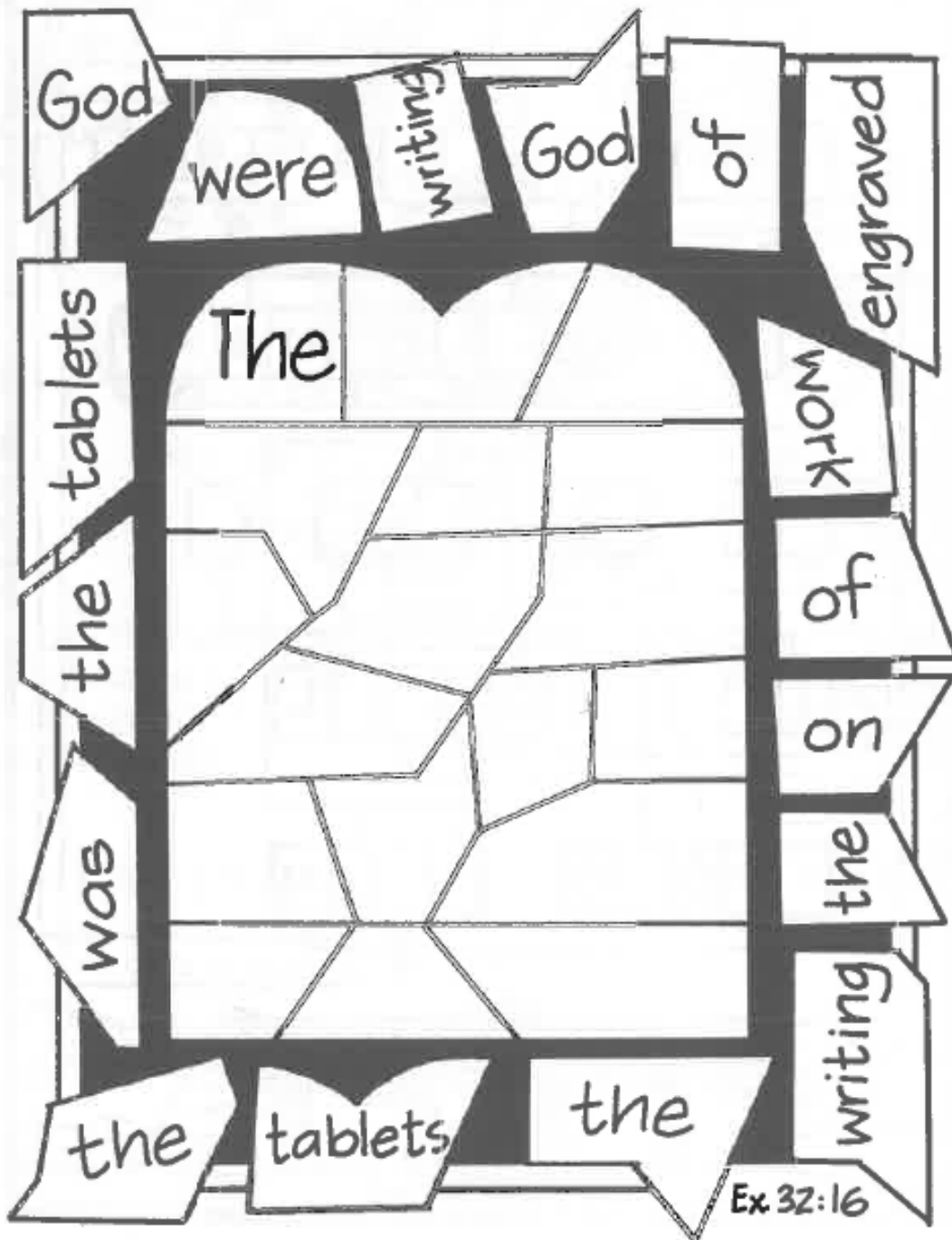
than over ninety-nine



persons who do not need
to repent. (Luke 15:7)

WRITTEN IN STONE

Match the words in the shapes with the same shapes in the tablet. Read Exodus 32:1-6, 15-20.



A Puzzle for Adults!

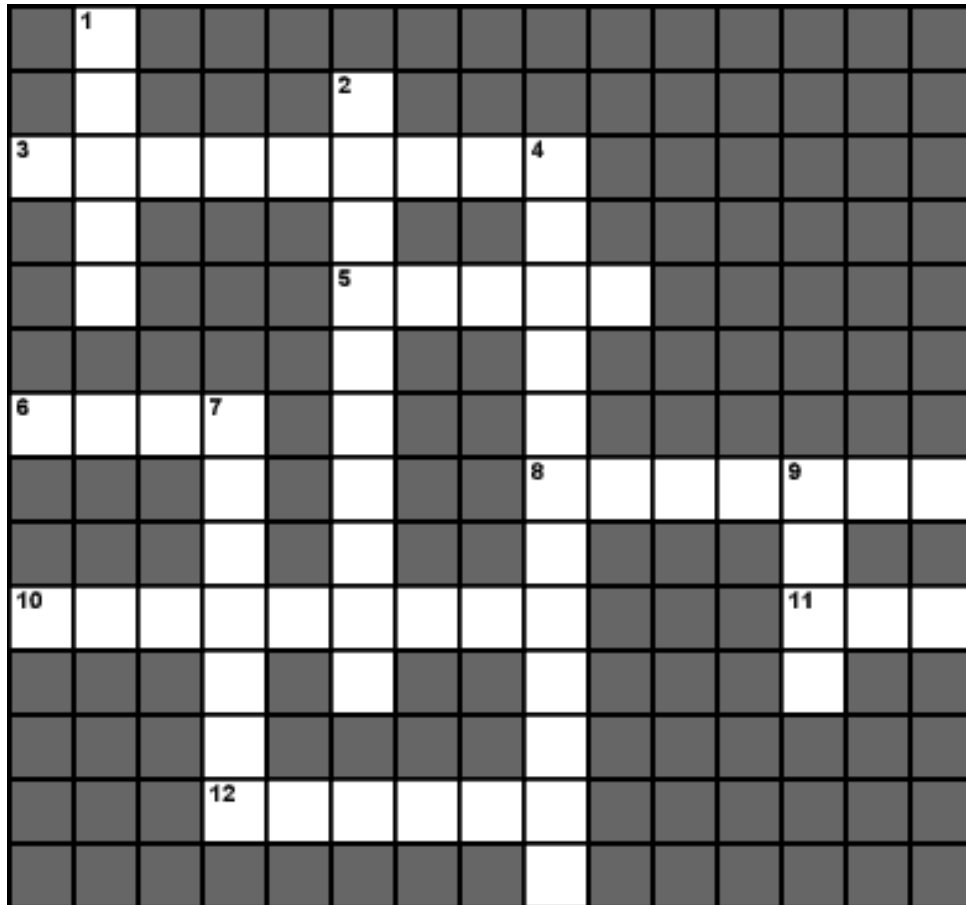
Based on the First Letter to Timothy Chapter 1

Across

- 3 Who is the Law not made for?
- 5 Who was Alexander handed over to?
- 6 What comes from pure heart?
- 8 Who was Paul's true son of faith?
- 10 Where had Paul gone into when he urged Timothy?
- 11 What do those don't know what they are talking about, want to be teachers of?
- 12 What did Paul say he was the worst that Christ Jesus came to save?

Down

- 1 What have the shipwrecked rejected?
- 2 Paul said he was what as well as a violent man?
- 4 One of those the law is made for? (5,7)
- 7 Where did Paul say to Timothy to stay in Macedonia?
- 9 What meaningless action have some turned to?





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