

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday

(Sponsored by the New York Annual Conference)



GHUMC'S Vision Statement:

“We are called to connect all people with Jesus in loving, faithful, and authentic relationships.”

Sunday Worship Experience - Let us gather and worship the Lord together!

Scripture readings for the Week of 2/14/21:

*Psalm 50:1-6; *Mark 9:2-9

*Used in Order of Worship

9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Experience

You are invited to join us prior to Worship Service on ZOOM -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87951753982?pwd=NzV2RDZKS0JCRVVRVHFMVDBXK3JIQT09>

this Sunday at 10:25 for a special worship prelude of videos and sounds from YouTube.

You may also dial into the Zoom Conference Call at +1 (646) 558-8656

using Webinar ID 879 5175 3982# and Webinar Password 210. Worship Service can now also be seen on **Facebook Live** on Golden Hill UMC's Facebook page.

(For Dial In - put in Webinar ID, hit Pound# and join as an Attendee. To ensure a clear audio experience for everyone, phones will automatically be muted as you join the Webinar.)

~Grace Notes~

Sunday Worship Experiences: All worship information will be sent to you in a separate email. It will entail all needed information to access the Webinar as an attendee along with your worship bulletin.

Ash Wednesday: This Wednesday – February 17th is Ash Wednesday; there will be a 12:00 p.m. and a 7:00 p.m. Zoom Service. Please remember to have your *Ashes* on hand for a time of prayer and to receive the imposition of ashes.

Virtual Coffee Hour: Join us on Zoom for virtual coffee hour so we can do some catching up with one another! After Sunday's worship service log out of Zoom and then log back in at 12:30; bring some food and a beverage. All are welcome, so I hope to see you there!

Special GHUMC Zoom Link Recording of last Sunday's Service: If you missed last Sunday's (2/7/21) Worship Service follow this link to view it on Zoom –

- https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/EJNBTZ-IVJegO2BMAXqgI292ivFi1Y1BX8Nn91TGZhHX7AXPqp114oJ0GzDSe_t8.bQk_tDYWfV9-rQxV

Black History Month: one of my favorite times of the year. The history is so rich, the cry for justice is not only heard but felt in the hearts of many. We are nowhere near where we should be and it is my hope through this month; Perhaps through the efforts of individuals and groups at Golden Hill UMC, we can make strides toward a more loving community where all of God's children can excel and feel loved and appreciated.



Black History Month Music 2021

On Dan Pettit's You Tube channel there is a playlist called Black History Month 2021. Here is a link: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtO6tBdcxJICWwBYWb_Wgbv6BWY-s6O9

As I discover new music and videos, I will add them to the playlist. A highlight this week is a video about Spirituals by this incredible group from the UK. It is titled "The Black History Project- Featuring the Spirituals | Negro Spirituals Reimagined". Link is:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MfcIVXS5_o&t=1464s On February 14th I will show the entire 30-minute video for the Gathering Music starting at 10:15 am but for now Enjoy - Dan

Lenten 2021: We have two exciting Lenten opportunities for you to participate in during this special season.



1) The theme for this year's Lenten Season is "*Reflections on the Heart*" by Illustrated Ministry. We are invited to intentionally focus on the spiritual discipline of evaluating what our heart treasures, why we store treasures, and the power these treasures have in our lives. This theme falls into place with our current Stewardship theme "*Faithfully Serving God in Uncertainty*". If you and your family are interested in obtaining a copy of the resources for this study, please contact the church office at (203) 336-0152 or by email office@goldenhill.org.

2) **Journey with Jesus through Lent:** By Glenn E. Porter

Join friends of Golden Hill church to follow Jesus' footsteps on the road to Jerusalem and the cross. This Lenten study guide includes seven weeks of meditations. Each daily devotion includes a scripture reading from the Gospel of Luke and an African Proverb or other sayings. Weekly themes include: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Bible Study, Service and Gratitude.

Our seven-week study begins Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom on **February 22nd** or on Sunday mornings via teleconference at 9:15 a.m. on **February 21st**. We will also have the option of a daytime study lead by Byron Crosdale starting on Tuesday, **February 23rd** at 11:00 a.m. If you can contribute \$12.00 toward the cost of the book (for yourself or others), we are grateful! If that is not an option, we are also grateful for you to join us and participate in the study during this special season of the year. Since we were unable to get the Advent Study Books, for those of you who already contributed, your contribution will be forwarded to this study. Please confirm your interest by calling the church office at (203) 336-0152 or emailing Beth Collins at aocollins47@optonline.net and let us know which day you are interested in.

Covenant Groups: Are continuing to meet regularly; please consider joining a group to explore and develop your spirituality. We realize that no one can attend a session every week, but if you can commit to 2 or 3 sessions per month, you and the other members of the group will benefit from your participation. Groups meet:

Saturdays	8:30 a.m. (605) 475-4756	Leader Beth Collins
	Access Code: 899169	
Tuesdays	7:30 p.m. Virtual group	Leader Jane Wakeman
	(Your advisor will provide the link)	

Daily Inspiration: You are invited to join us daily at 7:30 a.m. and 12 noon to listen to a brief devotional message, scripture reading and prayer from the Upper Room series. Call from any phone **(605) 475-4756**; listen for the instructions to enter the **pass code - 899169** and then the pound # sign. To ensure a clear audio experience for everyone, please put your phone on **mute**. If you do not have a mute feature, please call from a quiet location with no background noise like pets, TV or people talking. You can conference call in if you are interested in being a reader, please contact Beth Collins at (203) 521-1467.



Stewardship Journey

Theme: Faithfully Serving God in Uncertainty

We are now on our stewardship journey with the theme: *Faithfully serving God in Uncertainty*. What does it mean to tithe our time, our talent, and financial treasure during a time of uncertainty? What does the Bible say about giving? What call to action is God calling You to participate in...

Tithes and Offerings: These are critical and important times in the life of the church and world. We recognize that for many, these times are challenging. As you are able, we invite you to mail in your check for your tithes and offerings to:

**Golden Hill United Methodist Church
210 Elm Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Online Giving - As the situation around COVID-19 continues to evolve, we want to provide an opportunity for you to give electronically. We are using Vanco Payment Solutions which is a partner of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). By using Vanco, it will allow us to easily link your church donations into the giving platform, Servant Keeper.

What is the cost to the church?

The cost is 1% for a direct ACH transfer from a checking account and 2.75% for using a debit or credit card.

You can use the link below to give your tithes and offering or make a donation. It can also be accessed from our website at www.goldenhill.org:

[Golden Hill e-giving link](#)

Your financial gifts help us continue to engage in ministry and care for our church. We are grateful for your continual support of our church's ministry.

Please share any feedback you have with the process at egiving@goldenhill.org.

Weekenders: We are once again blessed with the opportunity to be God's hands in the community as we put together 24 bags of food for students each weekend. We are currently looking for the following items: juice boxes, individual pasta, mac and cheese cups, condensed soup, Vienna sausage and snacks. Please feel free to drop off items during the church's office hours. Thank you so much!

Updated Covid Vaccine Info: Those 65 and older have now been added to the Phase 1b statewide rollout plan. For more information on eligibility and access to the vaccine, please contact ct.gov/Covidvaccine or call 1-877-918-2224. This is the most recent information from the CT Dept. of Health on scheduling the Covid vaccine.

Children's Messages: Due to copyright infringement legalities we are no longer able to provide videos during our Children's moment. We are looking for volunteers to record Children's Messages in their own homes for inclusion in Sunday's Worship Service. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at (203)336-0152 for more information.

Tower Update: Information on an event for April 1st, should be received by Thursday, 2/25/21 to reflect in March's Tower. Please send Tower information to office@goldenhill.org or call the church office at (203)336-0152 if you have any questions.

Book Donations: We are looking for Literature, Novels, etc.. to be donated to distribute during Community Supper. If you have books that are in good condition and you would like to donate them, please contact the church office by email office@goldenhill.org or call (203) 336-0152.

Grace, Hope & Love Encouragement Ministry: Let us find ways to give grace, share hope, and extend love during these times.

Call and Connect - Are you willing to help us call and connect with your GHUMC Brothers and Sisters in Christ? Members of this ministry will call to check in with you and your family. If you are interested, in being a part of this ministry, please contact Beth Collins.

Helping Hands - Are you in need of assistance? Are you willing to shop or pick-up medicine for our elderly and sick or shut in? If so, please contact Melodye Merola.

Care Ecards & Social Media - Send an inspirational message, share a song, etc.

Prayer Chain: If you or anyone you know of is in need of prayer, please reach out to Melodye Merola at outreach@goldenhill.org.

Worship Attendance for last Sunday Service, February 7th: 42*

February 6th: 8:30 am Covenant Group: 5

February 7th: Adult Sunday School: 6

February 10th: Community Supper: 24

(*Zoom Attendance based on number of log in phone numbers and emails)

Ministry Opportunities This Week: February 14th – February 20th

Sunday 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Service - Zoom
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12:30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7016290965?pwd=Y0tQb2l0RGJYblRFYWRqaXk0TGyvdz09>
Dial In: +1 (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 701 629 0965#
Passcode: 210

Monday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12:00 Noon Daily Inspiration - (605) 475-4756
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Tuesday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12:00 Noon Daily Inspiration - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

7:00 P.M. Worship Committee Meeting – Zoom

7:30 P.M. Virtual Covenant Group
(Your Advisor will provide the link)

Wednesday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12 Noon Ash Wednesday Service - Zoom
Dial In: +1 (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 848 3956 8040
Passcode: 210

5:00 P.M. Community Supper (Take-out Dinner)

6:30 P.M. Troop 34 Scout Meeting – Locke Hall

7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service – Zoom

Dial In: +1 (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 882 4713 1883

Passcode: 210

Thursday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756

(Access Code: 899169)

12 Noon Daily Inspiration - (605) 475-4756

(Access Code: 899169)

12 Noon Open & Affirming Meeting – Zoom

Friday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756

(Access Code: 899169)

12 Noon Daily Inspiration- (605) 475-4756

(Access Code: 899169)

Saturday 8:30 A.M. Covenant Group – Beth Collins (605) 475-4756

(Access Code: 899169)

(All meetings and groups will occur via ZOOM video conferencing and Conference call. Your ministry leader will contact you with the needed information.)

For the 2021 CT District Resource Webinars you can register by going to:
<https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/2021CTDistrictResourceDays>.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

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| Finance Chairs & Members | SPRC Chairs & Members | Pastors |
| Trustee Chairs & Members | Nomination Members | Lay Leaders |

Leadership is the key to successful ministry. The CT District is offering four webinars to help you build solid committees.

Learn more about..

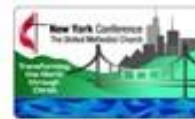
- The function of the specific committee
- The “do’s and don’ts”
- How to recruit new members
- And much more helpful information

Take your church leadership to the next level!

To Register simply go to:

<https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/2021CTDistrictResourceDays>

Please note these webinars will be recorded for future



SPRC

February 18, 11:00 am–12:00 noon



Presented by
Rev. Alpher Sylvester
CT District Superintendent

Trustee’s

February 25, 11:00 am–12:00 noon



Presented by
Rev. Angela Redman
Pastor, New Rochelle UMC

Nominations & Lay Leadership

March 4, 11:00 am–12:00 noon



Presented by
Rev. Tim Riss
NY/CT District Superintendent

Finance

March 11, 11:00 am–12:00 noon



Presented by
Ross Williams
NYAC CFO

Questions? Office Phone: 914-615-2227

*In Connecticut, After God, We Put People

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Bergeau Pierre, Parking Attendant

Office hours: Tuesday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Wednesday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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