

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 11, 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter



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 4/11/21:

***Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1: 1-2:2; *John 20: 19-31**

***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/83874459356?pwd=dzJPNTZocTNZWwc0cHhtRTUrb04wZz09>

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 Meeting ID 838 7445 9356# and Passcode 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.

Prayer Request: For prayers of joys and concerns or to lift up someone in prayer, please reach out to Melodye Merola at outreach@goldenhill.org

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 (4/4/21) Easter Worship Service follow this link to view it on Zoom –

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/frNoU9WFmIJ-YHRL7iNhfH2qm4uH2iGGOYnaDQYZ5r-XIUeQFH83oPQdMFVrWNG.xNsLReLvzhICFDms>

Troop 34 Thank You to Golden Hill UMC! Attached is a letter of appreciation to Golden Hill UMC's Parishioners for the donation presented to Troop 34 by Pastor Rhonda on March 31, 2021!

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: individual pasta, chunky soup, cold cereal, juice boxes, chocolate milk, individual fruit cups, Vienna sausage and full-size canned pasta. Please feel free to drop off items during the church's office hours. Thank you so much!

Updated Covid Vaccine Info: As of April 5, 2021, the COVID Vaccine is now available for ages 16 and up. For information on eligibility and access to the vaccine, please contact: www.ynhhs.org/covidvaccine or call 833-ASK-YNHH (833-275-9644). Also, every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Unity Park in Trumbull, there will be COVID-19 screenings.

Pastoral Care: If you ever need to speak with Pastor Rhonda for consultation or a confidential one-on-one basis, please contact the church office at (203) 336-0152 to schedule a time with Pastor Rhonda.

Tower Update: Information or an event for July 1st, should be received by Tuesday, 5/25/21 to reflect in June's Tower. Please send Tower information to office@goldenhill.org or call the church office at (203)336-0152 if you have any questions.

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.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH REOPENING TEAM:

After a year of worshipping online, some congregations are beginning to resume in-person services. We are hoping to resume in-person services. Golden Hill's Reopening Team met on Wednesday, March 31 to review its Reopening Policy. The team also created an In-Person Guideline to help parishioners know what to expect when they resume in-person worship service.

We fully understand that many of you want to go to church again; but whether it is now or later, we cannot expect that things will be as they were before the pandemic. Your safety is of the utmost importance to us.

The team will be providing you with updates, as well as, making an official announcement as to when the church will be open.

We thank you in advance for your patience! It has certainly been a long road, but we will get through this together. Stay encouraged! Below are a few things that can help you cope with COVID fatigue.

- Meditate on God's Word
- Pray
- Exercise
- Practice Mindfulness
- Express Yourself
- Watch What You Are Watching
- Stay Physically Distant, Not Socially Distant
- Seek a Therapist or Counselor

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.

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)	



Tech Help Wanted! Do you have technology skills that you could share with your UMW sisters who may be technology impaired? Your conference team would like to gather a group of volunteers who would be able to, as needed, assist local units, district teams, or the conference team with virtual meetings some may need help finding an appropriate program.

Some may need coaching to learn how to be a participant. Some may need someone to host a particular virtual meeting and get all the digital pieces in the right places. Extra tech help is needed whenever UMW sponsors a large virtual event. If you are interested in helping please contact me at pknebel@yahoo.com.

CT Rental and Utility Payment Assistance: A recent COVID-19 relief package has made up to \$10,000 per household in funds available for rental and utility payment assistance for qualified Connecticut households. [UniteCT](#) is an online program that will process applications from eligible landlords and tenants to distribute a total of at least \$235 million in much-needed assistance.

[Click here to apply for rental and utility payment assistance.](#)

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.

Worship Attendance for last Sunday Service, April 4th: 60*

April 3rd: 8:30 am Covenant Group: 4

April 4th: 9:15 am Lenten Study: 5

April 5th: 7:00 pm Lenten Study: 7

April 7th: Community Supper: 29

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



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.

Ministry Opportunities This Week: April 11th – April 17th

Sunday 9:15 A.M. Adult Study - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Service - Zoom

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Passcode: 210

12:30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7016290965?pwd=Y0tQb2l0RGJYblRFYWRqaXk0TGZvdz09>

Dial In: +1 (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 701 629 0965#

Passcode: 210

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

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)

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

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

7:00 P.M. Combined Finance, SPPRC, and Trustees Meeting - Zoom

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

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

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.)

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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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