

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter / Native American Ministries Sunday



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 3:12-19; *1John 3:1-7; *Psalm 4; *Luke 24:36b-48

*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 Meeting ID 879 5175 3982# 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 (4/11/21) Worship Service follow this link to view it on Zoom –

- https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/t3Fn2bJ4VnLwphRLiFkbd_6uy6jFNhc23C5LPiql4S0qOPWBuhPRxMuCoIbcHdA.-XAHuPVXnnXp9fwU

Native American Ministries Sunday is this Sunday - April 18th: This offering helps to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries and The General Board of Global Ministries.

If you would like to donate online, please click on this link [Golden Hill e-giving link](#) and under Targeted Donation please specify "Native American Ministries".

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Native American Ministries offering!

Fundraiser To Benefit Our Community Outreach Programs:

Jennifer Dale is running an online fundraiser through **Sipology by Steeped Tea**.

To participate:

- Visit Jennifer's site at <http://www.sipology.com/jenniferdale>
- Click Events in the upper right (by her picture) and choose Golden Hill Fundraiser to begin shopping.
- Your order will be delivered directly to you, no need to arrange a pickup at the church.

20% of sales (pre-tax and shipping) will benefit Golden Hill UMC. This online event is open to everyone in the continental US and runs through Tuesday - April 27, 2021. If you have questions, email Jennifer at jendalesells@att.net or visit the Golden Hill website.



Mother's Day 2021: This year for our Mother's Day Worship Service, we are inviting you to send us a picture of your mom, or a picture of the person who was/is currently the mother figure in your life. Please scan/email or take a picture of your picture and send it via email to the church office at office@goldenhill.org by 10:00 am on April 30th.

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 via phone call or Zoom with Pastor Rhonda.

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.

Tower Update: Information or events scheduled for the month of June, should be received by Monday, 4/26/21 to reflect in May's Tower. Please send Tower information to office@goldenhill.org or call the church office at (203)336-0152 if you have any questions.

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!

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 Access Code: 899169	Leader Beth Collins
Tuesdays	7:30 p.m. Virtual group (Your advisor will provide the link)	Leader Jane Wakeman

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 11th: 40*

April 10th: 8:30 am Covenant Group: 4

April 11th: 9:15 am Adult Bible Study: 5

April 14th: Community Supper: 31

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



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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 18th – April 24th

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

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Service - Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87951753982?pwd=NzV2RDZKS0JCRVVRVHFMVDBXK3JIQT09>
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12:30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7016290965?pwd=Y0tQb2l0RGJYblRFYWRqaXk0TGZyvdz09>
Dial In: +1 (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 701 629 0965#
Passcode: 210

7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting – Zoom

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

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

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. Congregation Growth and Evangelism 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)

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

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

7:00 P.M. Protocol Reopening Team 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)

7:00 P.M. Trustees Committee 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.)

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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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