

# THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2, 2021

5<sup>th</sup> 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 4/18/21:

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; \*1John 4:7-21; \*John 15:1-18

\*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/88262988355?pwd=N2tjOWxBNk11NjhjZ3M2TVlxbzNVZz09>

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 882 6298 8355# 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](mailto:outreach@goldenhill.org).

**Communion Sunday:** This Sunday – May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Communion Sunday; please remember to have your Grape Juice and Bread or Crackers for worship service.

**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 (4/25/21) Worship Service follow this link to view it on Zoom –

- [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/RLqTkjlkCm83O0PeLoZ0-W-3QnLOtumb8Cpz3yYOvCBf8\\_rCVI31zwYQaIwpGbIC.1b9pJPTAK4Ge23Yj](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/RLqTkjlkCm83O0PeLoZ0-W-3QnLOtumb8Cpz3yYOvCBf8_rCVI31zwYQaIwpGbIC.1b9pJPTAK4Ge23Yj)



**Mother's Day 2021:** We are looking forward to seeing all the moms/mother figures in your life for our Mother's Day Worship Service on Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much to everyone that contributed a photo!!!

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCH REOPENING TEAM:** 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

**Updated Covid Vaccine Info:** Yale New Haven Health will hold a COVID Vaccine Clinic on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:00 PM at St. Matthews Baptist/First Baptist Church - 126 Washington Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. Appointments can be made through their Call Center at (833) 275-9644. Please forward the information to community members, friends, and family members who are 16+. The Pfizer vaccine will be provided.

## **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](mailto:jendalesells@att.net) or visit the Golden Hill website.

**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.

**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](mailto: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, chocolate milk, individual pudding and full-size canned pasta. Please feel free to drop off items during the church's office hours. Thank you so much!

**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)	

**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 Melody Merola.

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

**Worship Attendance for last Sunday Service, April 25<sup>th</sup>: 47\***

April 24<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 am Covenant Group: 5

April 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:15 am Adult Bible Study: 5

April 28<sup>th</sup>: Community Supper: 29

(\*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](http://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](mailto:egiving@goldenhill.org).

**Summerfield UMC Mother's Day Celebration:** Summerfield United Methodist Church presents a virtual and in person Mother's Day Celebration on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. Featuring the anointed Pastor and Singer Jabez and many more. Tickets \$15.00 payments – Cash App \$SUMMERDIST or Quickpay with Zelle to (718)216-9478 or cash at the door. Zoom link to follow.

For more information Contact: Barbara Harris Tel. No.: (718) 216-9478 or Loraine Richards Tel. No.: (914) 960-8301.

Thank you!

Geraldine Nelson ~ Secretary

**Ministry Opportunities This Week: May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday** 9:15 A.M. Adult Study - (605) 475-4756  
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10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Service - Zoom  
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Dial In: +1 (646) 558-8656  
Meeting ID: 882 6298 8355#  
Passcode: 210

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

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

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

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(Access Code: 899169)

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

7:00 P.M. Nominations – Lay Leadership Meeting – Zoom

**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

**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. Church Council 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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**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**

**Office Phone: (203) 336-0152**